

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



Christ in the Wilderness, Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoi, 1872

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 32

*Please stand as
you are able.*

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Vårlåter: Lys vårmorgen (Spring Tunes: Spring Morn), Op. 44

Øistein Sommerfeldt (1919-1994)



Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning
all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried
up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will
confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn

*Vs 1 All,
vs 2 Women,
vs 3 Men
& vs 4 All.*



O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW #810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Kyrie
*Assisting Minister
begins & Congregation
echoes.*



P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sing to the
above music.*

*Christe, christe eleison
Christe, christe eleison*

Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Please sing to the
above music.*

*Kyrie, kyrie eleison
Kyrie, kyrie eleison*

Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Please be seated.

Imposition of Ashes



Lenten Verse

*Please stand as
you are able.*

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community, as God speaks to us
in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

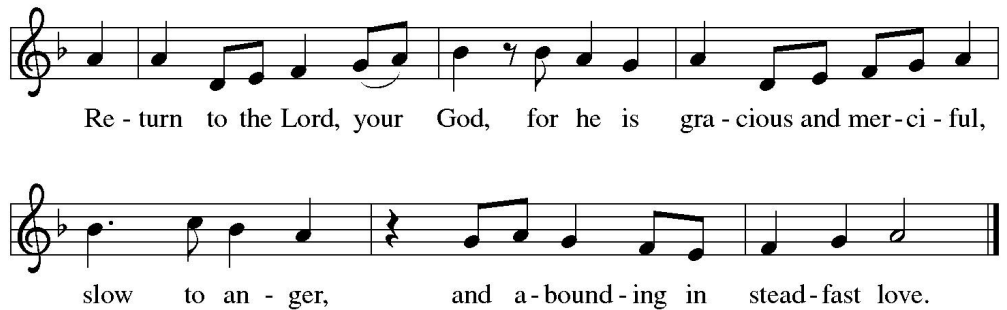


Jesus Loves Me

*Ann B. Warner/William B. Bradbury
arr by Michael Hassel*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Jesus loves me, this I know, He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.*

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





Gospel

Matthew 1:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please be seated.



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand
as you are able.*



O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days

LBW #99



- 1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
- 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
- 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
- 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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Prayers of the Church

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and
wisdom to bishops... Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

☒ Offering ☒

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week.

We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Raymond H. Haan

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey,

I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow;

I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I am dying, Lord, walk with me; when I am on my bed of sorrow,

O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Offertory

*Please stand as
you are able.*



Create in Me a Clean Heart

WOV #732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

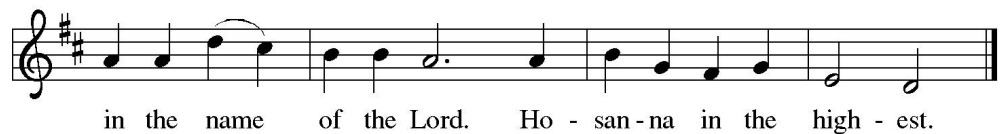
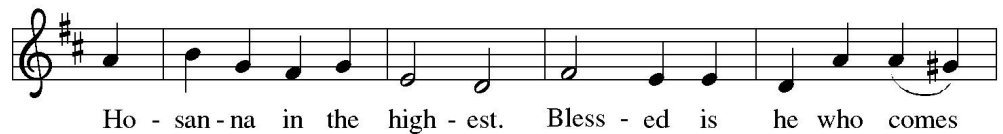
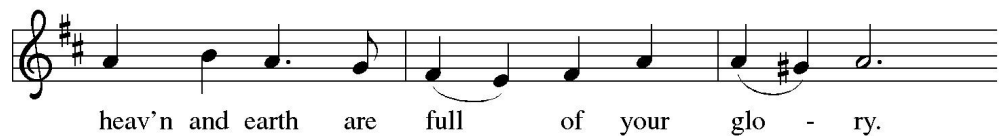
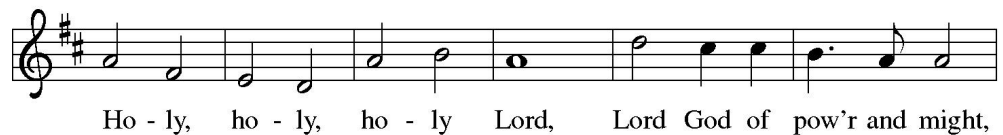
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

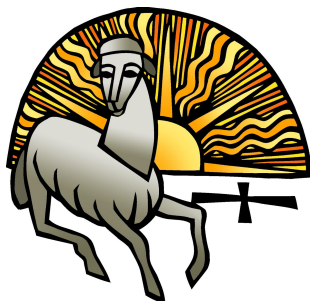
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



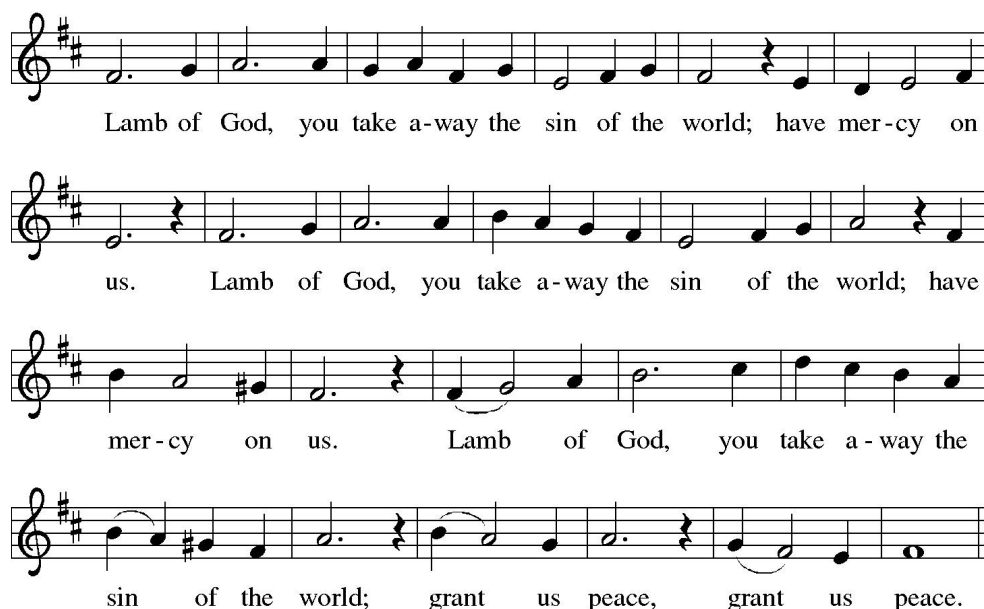
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Invitation to
Communion**
Please be seated.

Lamb of God



P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
The table is ready. All are welcome.



Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Distribution Music

String Quartet in G minor, Mvt 2 & 4, Scherzo and Finale

Vasyl Barvinsky (1888-1963)

Special thanks to the Isles Ensemble for performing the work of Ukrainian composer Vasyl Barvinsky. This serves as a preview of the benefit concert on Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 PM at The Women's Club of Minneapolis.

**Post-Communion
Blessing**

*Please stand
as you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

**Post-Communion
Prayer**

A: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus
for the sake of the world God loves.*

Print Thine Image Pure and Holy

Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness

Lord of Grace;
can ef - face. Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -

tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-*

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

Announcements

Please be seated.

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God

Postlude***Echoes of Joy***

Hans-André Stamm (b. 1958)

WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PastorRev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist.....Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
FluteDr. Rachel Haug
Worship AssistantMarty Carlson
Communion Assistant.....Kathy Hering
Altar ServersDavid & Carolyn Hagford
Usher.....Ellie Holmquist
Coffee Hour HostsCasey & Andrea Christy

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
		<i>& Sunday School.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
	5:00 PM	<i>Janse Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality Group.....</i>	Christy Room/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study.....</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:30 PM	<i>Staff Meeting.....</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Lenten Service.....</i>	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	<i>Confirmation.....</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:30 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal.....</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, MARCH 2	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, MARCH 5	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
		<i>& Sunday School.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 PM	<i>Fundraiser for Ukraine Benefit Concert</i>	The Women's Club

SCAN TO GIVE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Trygve Svard; Elena Glück & family, niece of Renate Amann; **Barbara Koester**, niece of Phyllis Dahl; **Maureen Allen**, friend of Carol Kuehn; **David Zarling**, friend of Kathy and Mark Hering; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; **Allison Peterson**, friend of Susanne Haas; **Bunny & David Anderson**, sister and brother-in-law of John Bergford; **Anne Vaaler Richardson**, friend of Jana Lindberg & Michael Kavoukjian; **Nathan Anderson**, nephew of Rick Pepin; **Geof Witrak**, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Kathy Sawyer**, niece of Philip Friedlund, **Mike Mueller**, brother of Kathy Fredell; **Joey Juras & Fitz Loula**, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn; **Sylvia Johnson**, mother of Twyla Hobbs.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Lenten Devotions 2023

Pick up your copy of *Water & Spirit; Devotions for Lent 2023*. They are available at both entrances.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rick Gripentrog 2/26 Thomas Madson 2/27
Michael Huttner 2/27 Edward Olson 2/27
Ellie Holmquist 2/28 Kristi Brownson 3/4

New Members

Sunday, March 5th

We will receive new members into the congregation on this day. If you would like to become a member, please contact [Linda Nelson](#) or (612) 377-5095.

Lutheran World Relief

You can rush aid to neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey.

Your generous gift to our emergency response fund will deliver urgent support, like temporary shelter and critically needed care and supplies for families who lost their homes.

You will reach children, women and men with the care they need RIGHT NOW, helping them endure immediate hardships and easing their suffering.

Thank you for sharing your God-given spirit of love.

[Lutheran World Relief](#)

Lenten Services

Wednesdays

7:00 PM

Sanctuary & YouTube

Throughout the Lenten season, we will offer one midweek service.

Fundraiser for Ukraine Benefit Concert

Today, Sunday, March 5th

2:00 PM

The Women's Club of Minneapolis

LOTI, the musical home of The Isles Ensemble will once again co-sponsor a benefit concert for Ukraine with The Women's Club of Minneapolis.

The ensemble will perform chamber music by Ukrainian composers & will feature guest speaker, *Ambassador Eric Rubin*, President, American Foreign Service Association.

This year all funds will be received through LOTI & distributed to:

- ❖ [The Protez Foundation](#)
- ❖ [Ukrainian American Community Center](#)
- ❖ [Caritas – Transcarpathia](#)

Donate online at [Vanco](#) or

by check to LOTI with *for Ukraine* in the memo line.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 16th

7:00 PM

Library

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by *Beth Moore*.

[Deb Gilroy](#) [LOTI Groups](#).

Saint Patrick's Celebration

Sunday, March 19th

9:30 AM

Sanctuary

We will celebrate the missionary life of St. Patrick in our worship service. Irish music will be performed by Tom Klein, a master uilleann piper. The uilleann pipes are a unique Irish bagpipe. Instead of standing and playing, performers sit and pump a bellow with their elbow.

LOTI Women's Book Club

Friday, March 31st

5:00 PM

Home of Deb Gilroy

This month's selection is *Faith of My Fathers*, by *Lynn Austin*. Join us!

Bring a snack to share if you like.

[Deb Gilroy](#) [LOTI Groups](#)

Our Saviour's Housing Meals

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a meal for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Our meals are provided by donation, which the shelter orders & serves. Cost is \$250.

Thank you to *Mary & David Goplen* for February.

2023 Schedule

MAR *Ellie Holmquist, Heather Jacoby,
Ruth Lee, & Gretchen Robertson*

APR *Rick Gripentrog*

MAY *Chanda & Lars Olson*

JUN *Jim Olson*

JUL *Debby & Dr. Remi Pizarro*

AUG *Denise Wilkens, Mary Jubenville,
Mary Flynn, Twyla Hobbs & Linda Nelson*

SEP *Kathy & Mark Hering*

OCT *Bruce & Jean Carlson*

NOV *Mary Sabatke*

DEC *Elizabeth Hansen*

Contact Cheri Moe moeclana@aol.com or
(952) 431-5226 to sign up

[Our Saviour's Community Services](#)



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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

