

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

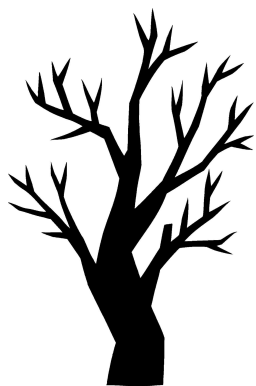
MARCH 12, 2023

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well, Angelika Kauffman, 1796

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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 95

*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.

Andante religioso from Sonata IV in B-Flat Major, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.**

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



Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com-pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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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.

Kyrie
All.

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



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
previous music.*

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

**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

Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

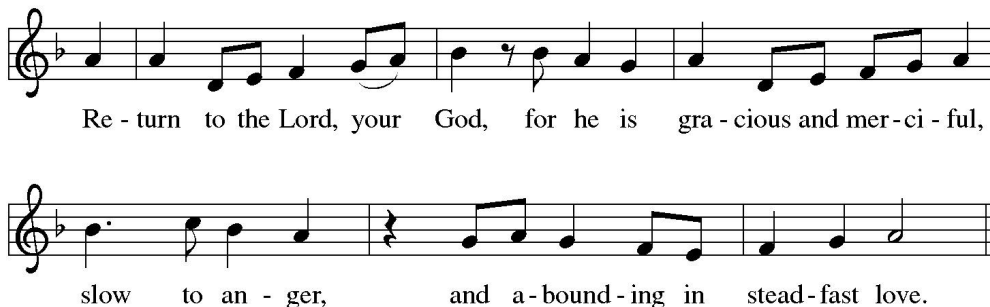
Please be seated.

Lenten Verse

*Please remain seated
for the verse and
reading of the gospel.*

✠ Word ✠

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



Gospel

John 4:5-30, 39-42

*Jesus defies convention
to engage a Samaritan
woman in conversation.*

*Her testimony,
in turn,
leads many others
to faith.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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.*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

LBW #497



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

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: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and
inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational...
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.

C: 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.

Anthem

Offertory

*Please stand as
you are able.*



✠ 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.*

Come to the Water

John B. Foley, S. J./ Jack Schrader

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.*

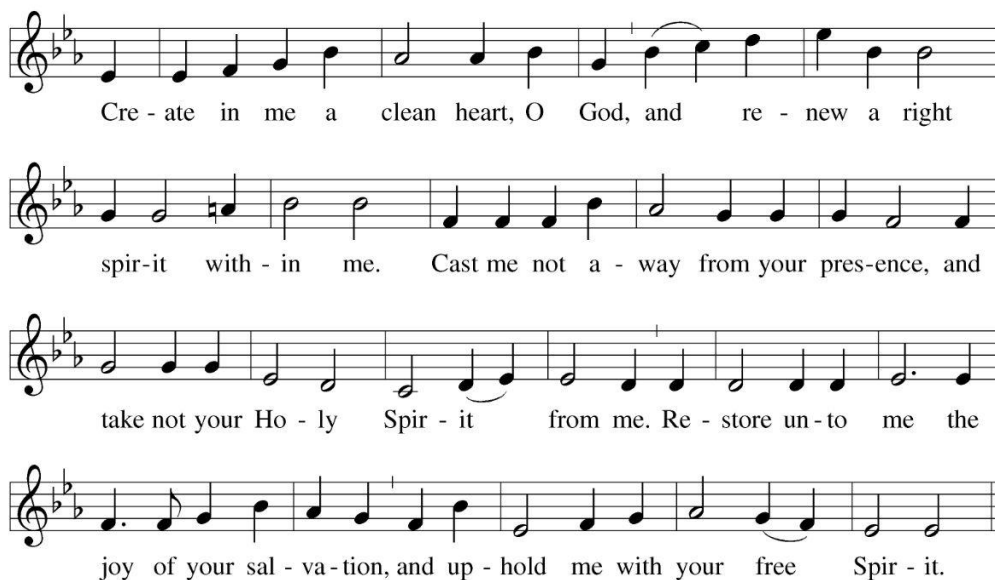
*Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.*

*Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.*

*How can the soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all who are poor, let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are lade, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.*

Create in Me a Clean Heart

WOV #732



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

Offertory Prayer

A: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of the gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

✠ 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.

Great Thanksgiving



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...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution



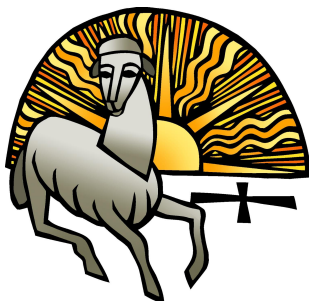
Lord's Prayer

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.

Sheet music for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major (one sharp). The music is written on four staves. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace."

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

Allegretto from Sonata IV in B-Flat Major, Op. 65

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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: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

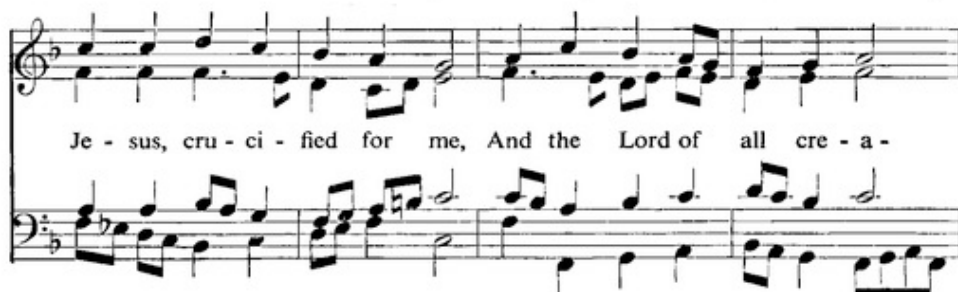
Sending Hymn



✠ 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



*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-1970*

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

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata IV in B-Flat Major, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

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
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ReaderNicole Olson
Coffee Hour HostsMary Flynn & Twyla Hobbs

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 12	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, MARCH 13	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 14	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 15	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Lenten Vespers</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	7:30 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:30 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, MARCH 16	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	Library
	7:00 PM	<i>Linden Hills Orchestra Rehearsal</i>	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, MARCH 18	2:30 PM	<i>Before Bach's Birthday Bash</i>	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, MARCH 19	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

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Worship is live-streamed each week & remains available for viewing on www.youtube.com/@LOTICchurch.

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:



Pat Nortwen, 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 & 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, **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; **David Nelson**, nephew of Dave & Carolyn Hagford; and **Lenore Raykovich**.

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.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



Sunday School Spring Break

Today, Sunday, March 12

We are off for spring break today. Programming will resume next Sunday, March 19.

No Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Today, Sunday, March 12

Parents with little ones are welcome to use the Nursery, as needed. Ushers can help you with directions or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary. The livestream of the service will be playing in the Christy Room for you to view.

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!

*Sam Reisberg 3/16 Kristina Rizzotto 3/16
Tom Connors 3/18*

Lenten Services

Wednesdays

7:00 PM

Sanctuary & YouTube

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

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 16th

7:00 PM

Library

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

[Deb Gilroy LOTI Groupss.](#)

Easter Flower Orders

Due by Wednesday, March 15th

Selections include:

\$10.05 Easter Lilies, 6": *White*

\$10.65 Mums, 6.5": *Pink/purple, yellow or white*

\$18.75 Hydrangeas, 8": *Pink or blue*

We have had to change our usual supplier for this year (*Lynde Greenhouse & Nursery*) because a fire at their facility last fall made it impossible for them to fill orders for Easter.

Order online at [My Vanco](#) OR contact [Church Office](#) (612) 377-5095 & pay by check.

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 with which performers sit and pump a bellow with their elbows.

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 Groupss.](#)

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](#)

Fundraiser for Ukraine Benefit Concert

LOTI, the musical home of The Isles Ensemble, once again co-sponsored a benefit concert for Ukraine at The Women's Club of Minneapolis, last Sunday.

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

[Watch the concert](#)

Donations are being received through LOTI & distributed to:

[The Protez Foundation](#) was established in 2022 by Minnesota-based Ukrainian doctor Yakov Gradinar to provide prosthetics for Ukrainians.

[Ukrainian American Community Center](#) (UACC) coordinates local efforts to support refugees escaping the war in Ukraine.

[Caritas – Transcarpathia](#) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that has operated in Ukraine since 1998, providing services to those with special needs.

Donate online at

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Make checks to Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church ("for Ukraine" in the memo line).

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

