

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

MARCH 19, 2023

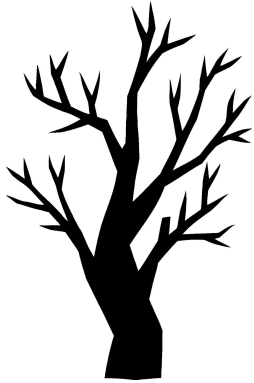
Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Today we commemorate St. Patrick, Missionary to Ireland, who died 461.



Christ Healing the Blind Man, Eustache Le Suaer, 1645

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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 23

*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.

Special Music this morning is performed by Tom Kleinn on the uilleann pipes.

*~ The March of the Meenatoiteen Bull ~ The Bugle Hornpipe ~
~ The Meenatoiteen Bull ~*

traditional Irish



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 Harmony,
vss 5 & 6 All.*



The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW # 502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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
Sung Twice

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
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
previous music.*

***Kyrie, kyrie eleison
Kyrie, kyrie eleison***

**Words of
Absolution**

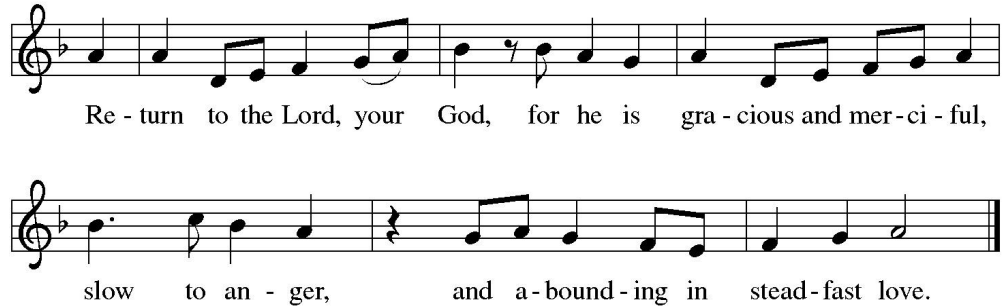
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through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

Prayer of the Day

Lord Christ, **bend your ear to our prayers and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

☒ Word ☒

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



Children's Message

Please be seated.

Lenten Verse

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

Gospel

John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born
blind, provoking a
hostile reaction that he
regards as spiritual
blindness to the things
of God.*



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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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 Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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.

Greeting of Peace

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

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

Christ be With Me

St. Patrick's Breastplate by Hal H. Hopson

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort, Christ to care.
You, O Christ, now hear my call. Be my hope and stay.*

Where e're I go, whate'er I do, Christ be with me.

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in all, yes, all I am.*

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

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.**

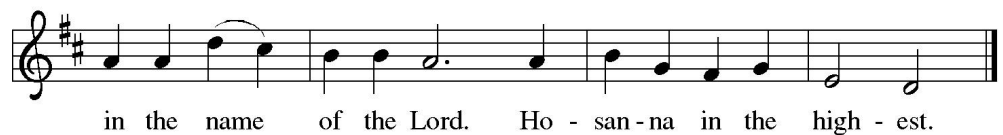
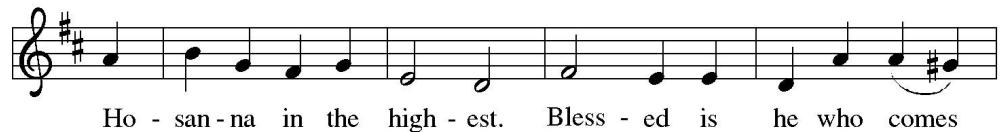
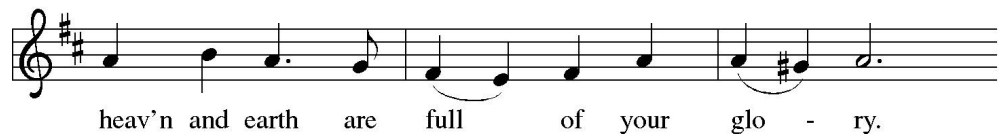
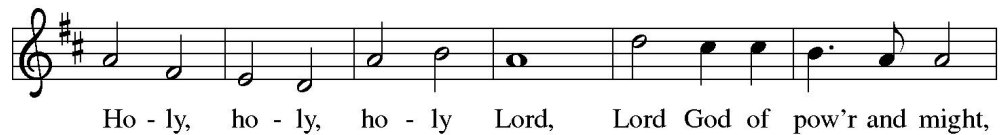
P: Lift up your hearts.

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...



Words of Institution

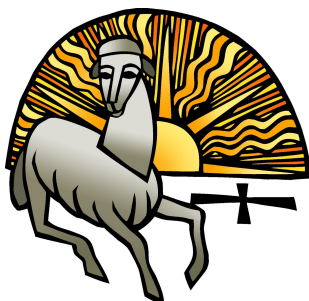


Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

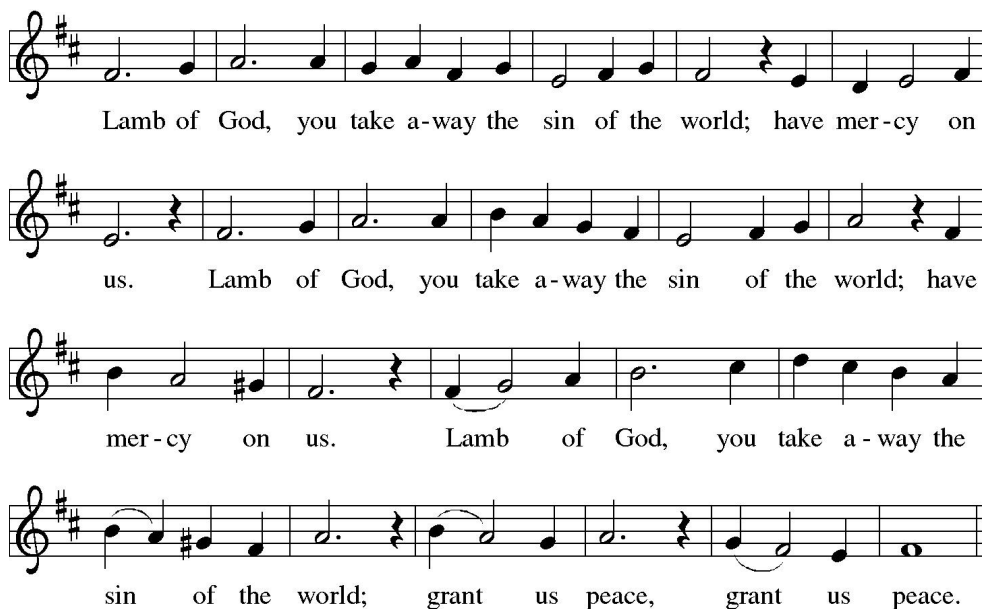
Please be seated.

Lamb of God



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.

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

Port na bPúcaí

traditional Irish

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

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

*~ Her Golden Hair Flowing Down Her Back ~ Number 5 ~
~ Madam Maxwell ~*

traditional Irish

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

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CALENDAR

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
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry.....</i>	Zoom
MONDAY, MARCH 20	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 21	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 22	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>Choir Rehearsal.....</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, MARCH 23	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Growlers & Theology.....</i>	Parsonage
SUNDAY, MARCH 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

SCAN TO GIVE



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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 and 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; **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 and Carolyn Hagford.

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!

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.

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](#)

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 13th

7:00 PM

Library

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

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

Luther Park 2023 Summer Camp

Thinking about summer? So are we! Check out the summer camp opportunities at Luther Park in Danbury, WI. There's something for everyone! Go to [Luther Park](#) for registration and details.

Elementary Camps (Grades 1-6)

Cabin Camp – June 18-23, June 25-July 2, and July 23-28; Choice of Half week (Gr 1-4) or Full week (Gr 3-6). Half weeks end on Wed instead of Fri.

Beginners Horse Camp (Gr 4-6): June 25-30

Intermediate Horse Camp (Gr 4-6) July 16-21

Youth Camps (Grades 7-12)

Treehouse Camp – June 18-23 or July 23-28

Canoe Trip – July 9-14

Beginners Horse Camp June 25-30

Intermediate Horse Camp July 16-21

Family Camps

Both camps have choice of cabins, log house, retreat center, treehouses or campgrounds

Grand Camp – July 16-19 for Grandparents and grandchildren

Camp Getaway for Families – All dates are

Friday-Sunday: June 23-25, June 30-July 2, July 7-9, July 21-23 or July 28-30

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 three organizations:

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

Donate online at

[My Vanco](#) OR

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

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Office Hours:

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

