

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life..

Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.



Parable of the Two Sons, Andrei Nikolayevich Mironov, 2013

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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 25

*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.

Flute of Grace

Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1942)



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you;

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

**remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

You are gracious and upright, O LORD;

therefore you teach sinners in your way.

**You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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.**

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, **you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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



Children's Dismissal Song

Change My Heart, O God W&P #28

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART. Eddie Espinosa

Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4,

25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

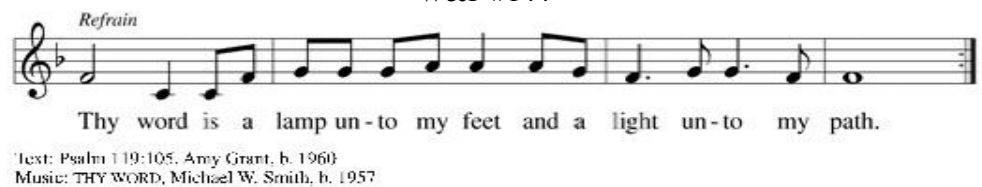
R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
*Please stand
as you are able.*



Thy Word
W&P #144



Gospel
Matthew 21:23-32
*After driving the
moneychangers out of
the temple (21:12),
Jesus begins teaching
there. His authority is
questioned by the
religious leaders, who
are supposed to be in
charge of the temple.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe 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

Vss, 1, 3 & 5

*Please stand as
you are able.*



At the Name of Jesus

ELW # 416

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true,
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

Prayers of the Church

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

A: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of 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.

✠ 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

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love!

William Walsham How/ Robert J. Powell

Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all other names above!

Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth in the fallen ones of earth,

For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall his people save."

Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Human Name of God above

Pleading only this we flee, Helpless, O our God, O our God to thee.

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.



Give Thanks W&P #41

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

A: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

You Are Holy
ELW #525



✠ 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...

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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

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



As The Deer

W&P #9



Distribution Music

Heart of Peace

Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1942)

Communion
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.

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: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

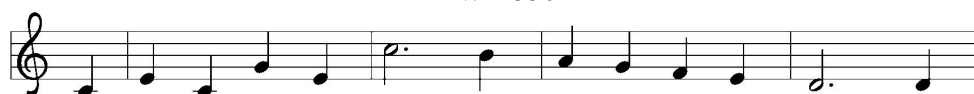


✠ Sending ✠

*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.*

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW # 550



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fantasia pro organo pleno, Op. 1170

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.

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	Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Organist.....	Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
	Worship Assistant.....	Marty Carlson
	Communion Assistant.....	Mary Sabatke
	Altar Servers.....	Mary Flynn & Linda Nelson
	Reader.....	David Ackerman
	Usher.....	Linda Nelson
	Coffee Hosts.....	Lars & Chanda Olson
	Worship Tech Assistant.....	Jim Olson
CHURCH OFFICERS	President.....	Marty Carlson
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	Secretary.....	Charlie O'Brien
STAFF	Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Director of Music.....	Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
	Office Manager & Children's Ministry Director.....	Diane LaMere
	Worship Technical Director.....	Joseph LaMere
	Design & Communication Director.....	Michelle McCreery
	Custodian & Caretakers.....	Sarah & Trevor Skorburg

SCAN TO GIVE



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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCT 1	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... & Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
	5:00 PM	<i>Water the Lawn Fundraiser</i>	Home of the Reisbergs
MONDAY, OCT 2	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club</i>	Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	<i>7th/8th Grade Confirmation</i>	Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Group</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, OCT 3	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, OCT 4	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>9th Grade Confirmation</i>	Christy Room
THURSDAY, OCT 5	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Punschklubben</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA Group</i>	Christy Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	Library
FRIDAY, OCT 6	5:00 PM	<i>Our Saviour's Shelter Meal</i>	Our Saviour's Housing
SATURDAY, OCT 7	9:30 AM	<i>Priscilla Circle</i>	Christy Room
SUNDAY, OCT 8	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 AM	<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	Patio

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:



Remi Pizarro; Kathy Dahl, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Marta Brown**, daughter of Liz & Mike Brown; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Trygve Svard; David Zarling**, friend of Kathy & Mark Hering; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan & Mary Poulsen; **Bunny & David Anderson**, sister & brother-in-law of John Bergford; **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; **Alison Reagon**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn, **Amanda Frahm**, sister-in-law of John & Alyson Frahm; **Nancie Nelson**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **the family** of Alexander Morris; **the family** of Mary Jo Thorsheim; **Vonnie Norum**, mother of Lizbeth Brown; **Kathy McCarthy**, friend of Steve & Paula Hoyt.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. Visitors may 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.

Nursery in the Christy Room Today

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.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

David Coplen 10/3 Anna-Lena Skold 10/3
Kristie Eklund 10/4 Cindy Huttner 10/5
Brenda Weigel 10/6 Jean Carlson 10/6

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.

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.

Priscilla Circle

Saturday, October 7th

9:30 am

Come for the camaraderie and fellowship in the Christy Room (no knitting skills required!)

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 5th

7:00 – 8:30 PM

We have switched to the first Thursday of the month and will begin our new study reading... *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*, by Beth Moore. Join us!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8th

10:45 AM

Patio/Cloister

This event is for all ages! Bring your live animals and/or your most favorite stuffed/plush animals for a special blessing by Pastor Haug. If the weather is rainy, we will take turns under the cloister.

Guest Pastor Mark Ditmanson

Sunday, October 15th

Pastor Mark and Janet Ditmanson will visit LOTI! Pastor Mark served Lake of the Isles from 1991-2001. He then accepted a call to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Grand Marais, where he served until his retirement in the summer of 2022. We look forward to welcoming the Ditmansons!

Isles Ensemble Concert ~ *Exodus*

Sunday, October 15th

2:00 PM

Sanctuary

Join Isles violist, Ken Freed, as he takes us on a personal journey of faith and hope that spans centuries of prayer, memory, and the eternal. Newly uncovered arrangements of music from Auschwitz will serve as the counterpoint to the music of Bruch, Mendelssohn, Bloch, Ravel and Golijov.

Isles musicians: Stephanie Arado, violin;
Natsuki Kumagai, violin; Kenneth Freed, viola;
Tom Rosenberg, cello; Laura Sewell, cello.
Guest musicians: Miryana Moteva, piano;
Gabriel Campos Zamora, clarinet



Our Saviour's Housing Meals

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church provides a meal for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Our monthly meals are provided by donation. The shelter orders & serves the meal. Cost per meal is \$250.

Thanks to Kathy & Mark Hering for September.

Current Schedule

OCT Jean & Bruce Carlson

NOV Mary Sabatke

DEC Andrew Wallin & Elizabeth Hansen

JAN David & Mary Goplen

For information or to sign-up for 2024, contact the Church Office at 612-377-5095.



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Friday, 9:00 AM – Noon

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