

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

OCTOBER 8, 2023

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Today, we commemorate, as well, St. Francis of Assisi, Renewer of the Church.

His feast day is traditionally marked on October 4th.



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, Codex Aureus of Echternach, 11c

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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 80

*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.

Pavane, Op. 50

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)



Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

**Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

behold and tend this vine;

preserve what your right hand has planted

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



The God of Abraham Praise

ELW # 831



- 1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
- 2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
- 3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
- 4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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

Make Me a Servant

W&P #96

F Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷
 Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.

Gm⁷ Bb/C C⁷ Bb/F F F^{sus}⁴ F A
 Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

Dm Dm/C G²/B Bbm⁶
 And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

F/A Gm⁷ F/A Gm⁷
 Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

F/C C⁷^{sus} F²
 make me a ser - vant to - day.

Text and music: Kelly Willard

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Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

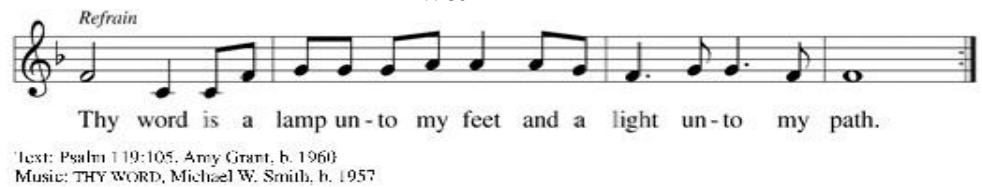
Gospel Verse
*Please stand
as you are able.*

Gospel
Matthew 21:33-46
*Jesus tells a parable to
the religious leaders
who are plotting his
death, revealing that
their plans will,
ironically, bring about
the fulfillment of
scripture.*



Sermon
Please be seated.

Thy Word
W&P #144



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



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.*



Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness

LBW # 378

1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness a vine - yard grows with
2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; his vine with love he
3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, and though we feel the
4 From him we draw the juice of life, for him sup - ply his

prom - ise green, the plant - ing of the Lord him - self.
plant - ed here, to bear the choic - est fruit for him.
dress - er's knife, we are the ob - jects of his care.
win - er - y with fruit from which true joys de - rive.

5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your
branch, with your rich life in me.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
Music: GRANTON, Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

Blessing of Old Testament Windows

P: Throughout the generations, men and women have confessed your mystery and love and power. Today we witness again to our faith and trust in you.

C: **"We believe in God: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius, and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.**

We believe in Jesus: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.

We believe in the Holy Spirit: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favored mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus. Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.

We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond understanding. Therefore we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation. Blessed be God forever."

Prayers of the
Church

P: Accept these windows which we offer in thanksgiving; as the light which shines through it is transformed into still greater splendor, so may our lives show the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace. Amen.

A: God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself ,.... 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



Make Me a Channel of Your Peace ~ Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple arr. Mark Hayes

*Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, And where there is doubt true faith in You*

*Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light, And where there's sadness ever joy*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul*

*Make me a channel of your peace, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive, And in dying that we are born to eternal life*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul*

*Make me a channel of your peace, Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light, And where there's sadness ever joy*

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
We will sing twice.
First time in unison.
Second time:
Lectern side will
start with Part 1
Pulpit side will start
with Part 2



✠ 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.

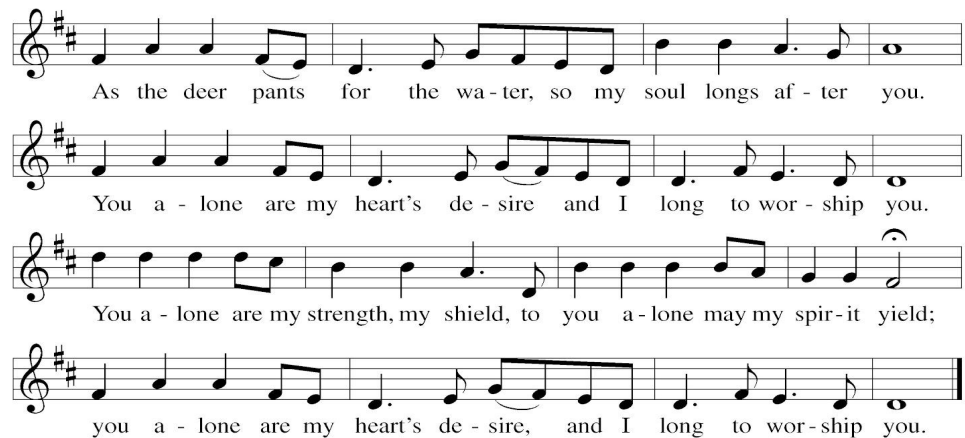
Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated

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

Kol Nidrei, Opus 47

Max Bruch (1838-1920)

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
Hymn attributed
to St. Francis
Verses 1 & 7



✠ 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.*

All Creatures of Our God and King

LBW # 527

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise Father, praise the Son,
And preside the Spirit, Three in One
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Schwanengesang, D.957, N° 4: Ständchen (Serenade)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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
	Viola.....	Kenneth Freed
	Worship Assistant.....	Mark Duff
	Communion Assistant.....	Michelle McCreery
	Altar Servers.....	David & Mary Goplen
	Reader.....	Mary Sabatke
	Usher.....	Mary Flynn
	Coffee Hosts.....	Frahm/Gallop families
	Worship Tech Assistant.....	Jim Olson
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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 8	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
MONDAY, OCT 9	10:45AM	<i>Blessing of the Animals.....</i>	Patio
	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	<i>Isles Ensemble Rehearsal.....</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Group.....</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, OCT 10	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality.....</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, OCT 11	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal.....</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, OCT 12	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Ward 7 Candidate Forum.....</i>	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, OCT 15	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>Isles Ensemble Concert.....</i>	Sanctuary

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 & Debby 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; and **Nancee Nelson**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **Vonnie Norum**, mother of Lizbeth Brown; **Kathy McCarthy**, friend of Steve & Paul Hoyt.

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.

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.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



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.

Blessing of the Animals

Today
After Worship
Patio

This event is for all ages! You can 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!

Dixieland Music

Sunday, October 15th

Join us for worship next Sunday as we welcome guest musicians of the Flagstone Dixieland Band, including members of the former Twin Cities award-winning Barbary Coast Band, and the Mouldy Figs. Immediately following the service, a celebration coffee hour will be held for Don Waldeland's 88th birthday and his son Mark's 67th birthday.

Isles Ensemble Concert ~ *Exodus*

Sunday, October 15th

2:00 PM

Sanctuary

Join Isles violist, Kenneth 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.

Admission is \$25 for individual tickets, or pay what you are able. Children and students are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in person at the door, or online at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



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Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;
Friday 9:00 AM – Noon

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