

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY ✠

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice.

We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.



Salvator Mundi, Leonardo da Vinci, 1499–1510, oil on walnut panel

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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.

Dignus est Agnus

Introitus for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honor; to Him be glory and empire for ever and ever.

Give to the King, O God, Thy justice, and to the King's Son Thy judgment.



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

Verses 1 & 2 All,

Verse 3 Women,

Verse 4 Men,

Verse 5 All.



Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW # 855



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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

O God of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

Children's Dismissal Song Verse 3 only.



✠ Word ✠

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



Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love WOV #765

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.
Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

Reading
Ephesians 1:15-23
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
*Please stand
as you are able.*

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46
*Jesus compares himself
to a king who moves
among his subjects to
see how he is treated:
what is done for the
least of those who
belong to his family is
truly done for him.*



Sermon
Please be seated.

Thy Word
W&P #144



Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960
Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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.



Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

ELW # 435

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once comes for our sal - va - tion slain;
comes in in sol - emn - splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:
thrill to the trum - pet sound to hear:
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome.
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 \$7,900 in offerings each week.

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

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch/Jack Schrader

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're are goin' to see the King!

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

Offertory Prayer

A: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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, 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.

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

Alleluia: Potestas eius

Antiphon for the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Alleluia

His power is an everlasting power that shall not be taken away;
and his kingdom shall not be destroyed.

O Divine Redeemer (Repentir)

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn



✠ Sending ✠

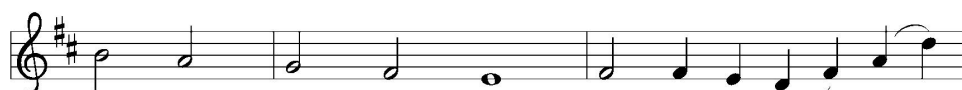
*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

ELW #848



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

Marche Triumphale

Gedymin Grubba (b. 1981)

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 Guest Pastor.....Rev. Gary Anderson
Organist.....Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
Soloist.....Sean Lundquist
Worship Assistant.....Marty Carlson
Communion Assistant.....Michelle McCreery
Altar Servers.....Cathy Carlson
Reader.....Mary Sabatke
Usher.....David Hagford
Coffee Hosts.....Pierre & Diane LaMere
Worship Tech Assistant.....Jim Olson

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Worship Technical Director.....Joseph LaMere
Design & Communication Director.....Michelle McCreery
Custodian & Caretakers.....Sarah & Trevor Skorburg

SCAN TO GIVE



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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV 26	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... No Sunday School Today</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, NOV 27	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, NOV 28	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, NOV 29	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, NOV 30	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, DEC 1	5:00 PM	<i>Our Saviour's Shelter Meal</i>	Our Saviour's Housing
SATURDAY, DEC 2	9:30 AM	<i>Priscilla Circle</i>	Home of Jean Carlson
	11:00 AM	<i>Schmidt Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	<i>SWEA Event</i>	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, DEC 3	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
	3:00 PM	<i>VASA Christmas Party</i>	Fellowship Hall

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, 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 Stenberg Skold; Trygve Svard; Cecelia Morris**, 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; **Phyllis Thomson**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **Donna Shroyer**, cousin of Linda Nelson; **Judy Hentges**, friend of Mary Sabatke; **Avery Beckley**, friend of Jana & Michael Kavoukjian and **Shannon Morell**.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vitali Haug 11/30

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.

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.

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 Mary Sabatke for November.

Schedule

DEC Anonymous Gift

JAN David & Mary Goplen

FEB Anonymous Gift

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

Priscilla Circle

December 2nd

9:30 AM

Home of Jean Carlson

Come for the camaraderie & fellowship! This will be a fun kickoff to the holiday season - thank you, Jean for hosting us in your home!

No knitting skills required.

1st Sunday of Advent ~ Saint Nicholas

December 3rd

9:30 AM

Sanctuary

This Sunday will feature Buxtehude's Advent Cantata performed by LOTI choir & guest musicians, as well as our visit from Saint Nicholas

Vasa Christmas Party

December 3rd

3:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

The Vasa Order of America invites you to attend their annual Family Christmas Party featuring the Vasa Junior Folk Dancers. The group will present a Lucia pageant, and group singing of Swedish and American Christmas music. Traditional Swedish refreshments will be served. Free will offering.

Women's Bible Study

December 7th

7:00 PM

Library

Our new study reading is *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*, by Beth Moore. Join us!

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Sancta Lucia

December 10th

9:30 AM

Join us for Finnish & Swedish inspired music with the *ASI Lilalag* fiddlers and our annual appearance of Sancta Lucia.

Bakers Needed

December 10th

Bakers are needed to make Lucia buns. Recipe will be provided. Please contact the church office if you can help and to get the recipe.

Women's Book Club

Friday, December 15th

Home of Deb Gilroy

Next up is *The Gentle Art of Blessing*, by Pierre Pradervand, who shows that the practice of blessing has the power to create more than just a momentary change. It unleashes tangible benefits throughout your entire life—through your daily interactions, your relationships, and how the laws of positive expectations and unconditional love can open the doors to a more peaceful world.

Join us! Bring a snack to share if you like...

3rd Sunday of Advent & Christmas Tea

December 17th

9:30 & 10:45

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Our worship will feature Lessons & Carols as well as our Sunday School children's portrayal of the Nativity. Immediately after the service we will gather for our annual festive tea, including cookie sales.

Growlers & Theology

December 21st

7:00 PM

Parsonage

Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug leads the informal study of theology and *adult beverages*.

Christmas Caroling!

Sunday, December 17th

6:00 PM

Home of the Reisbergs

You are invited to join the caroling chorus!

We will gather at the home of Michelle & Bernie Reisberg to sing Christmas carols around the neighborhood before returning to the Mary Tyler Moore House for refreshments.

Please bring an appetizer to share.

RSVP to pastor@loti.org

Christmas Eve ~

Morning Worship & Family Worship

December 24th

9:30 AM & 4:30 PM

Sanctuary

Our morning service will feature Hymnus Angelicus under the direction of Paul McKenzie.

The evening family service will include the Christmas mass of Gesu Bambino by Italian composer Pierto Yon with strings, flute, and chimes, as well as our live nativity.





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