

# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

*This morning, we hear again the familiar story of the fall and the promise of God's redemption in the English tradition of a Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The worship service follows an order that was written a century ago in 1918 by the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White. He had served as a chaplain in the trenches of World War I, and wanted to comfort his fellow soldiers with the Christmas gospel.*



*Winter Morning, Ivan Choultsé, [1874-1939]*

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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 &  
Announcements

Lighting of the  
Advent Wreath

*Please stand  
as you are able.*

*Isaiah 65:18*

Advent Song

## ✠ 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 prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

*I Wonder as I Wander*

arr. Celeste Avery



On the First Sunday of Advent we lit the candle for Hope. Last Sunday we lit the candle for Peace. Today we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of Joy. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord:

**But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.**

Let us pray:

**We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.**

**Dear Jesus, lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.  
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.  
Our Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.  
A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.  
O Mary, favored one of God, For us the Child you bore.  
With joyful light, we honor you, Blessed Mother of our Lord.**

## ⌘ A Festival Service of Lessons & Carols ⌘

Solo

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

Choir

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior Holy.

Choir

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

All

*Please stand  
as you are able.*

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.**

Bidding Prayer &  
Lord's Prayer



Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:



**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: The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

## ✠ Word ✠

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

### First Lesson

*Genesis 3: 8-15,  
17-19*

*God tells sinful Adam  
that he has lost the life  
of Paradise and that his  
seed will bruise the  
serpent's head  
Please be seated.*



Andrew Ulland

They heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals and among the wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." And unto Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; and in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Choral Anthem

*Carol from an Irish Cabin*

Dale Wood

The cold wind blows over the heather,  
The salt wind blows over the sea  
The harsh wind blows down from the mountains  
And blows a white Christmas to me.  
The clean snow falls softly, falls softly  
The snow crystals cover the moor.  
Let wanderers often grown weary  
Find shelter at my cabin door  
So let there be no fear of darkness  
And let there be no fear of sleep  
Let the star guide the lost and forsaken  
Safe over the moorland to me.  
The cold wind blows over the heather  
The salt wind blows over the sea.  
The harsh wind blows down from the mountains  
And brings a white Christmas to me.



Second Lesson

David Hagford

*Genesis 22: 15-18*  
*God promises faithful*  
*Abraham that in his*  
*seed shall the nations*  
*of the earth be*  
*blessed.*

The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself have I sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

All



*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy**

**From God our Heavenly Father, A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds, Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by Name.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**And when they came to Bethlehem, Where our dear Savior lay,  
They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas, All other doth deface.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Third Lesson**

*Isaiah 9: 2b, 6-7*

*Christ's birth and  
kingdom are foretold  
by Isaiah.*

Mary Sabatke

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem



## Fourth Lesson

*Micah 5:2-4*

*The prophet Micah  
foretells the glory of  
little Bethlehem.*

All

*Please stand  
as you are able.*



*Please be seated.*

## *What is This Lovely Fragrance?*

Old French Carol arr Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting Like to the scents of flowers in spring!  
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, Hear you not heavenly caroling?  
What is this lovely fragrance wafting Like the scents of flowers in spring.

What is this light so fair, so tender Breaking upon our wondering eyes?  
Never the Morning Star so radiant Followed his course o'er eastern skies.  
What is this light so fair, so tender, Breaking upon our wondering eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps Seek the Savior, born today.  
Low at His feet we lay our treasure, Heart's adoration, love for aye.  
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps Seek the Savior, born today.

Michael Huttner

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, and the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

## Fifth Lesson

*Luke 1:26-38*

*The angel Gabriel  
salutes the Blessed  
Virgin Mary.*



Lynn Wehrman

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem

### *In Dulci Jubilo*

Johann Sebastian Bach/ Douglas E. Wagner

In dulci jubilo ~ Let us our homage show  
Our hearts's joy reclineth- In praeseptio.  
And like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio  
Alpha es et O! In dulci jubilo.

## Sixth Lesson

*Luke 2:1-7*

*St. Luke tells of the  
birth of Jesus.*



David Ackerman

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger No crib for a bed  
 The little Lord Jesus Lay down his sweet head  
 The stars in the bright sky Look down where he lay  
 The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay  
 The cattle are lowing The poor baby wakes  
 But little Lord Jesus No crying he makes  
 I love thee Lord Jesus Look down from the sky  
 And stay by my cradle 'Til morning is nigh  
 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
 Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in they tender care,  
 And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



Seventh Lesson

*Luke 2:8-16*  
*The shepherds go*  
*to the manger.*

Mary Flynn

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem



All  
Please stand  
as you are able.



*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/ Silent Night*

arr Marty Haugen

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;**



Gospel of the  
Incarnation

*John 1:1-14*

*St. John unfolds the  
great mystery of the  
Incarnation.*

Pastor Arden Haug

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## ✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us pray: Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus,  
visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that  
they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ,  
the banquet of heaven here on earth. **Amen.**



*Please be seated.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠ Offering & Distribution ✠

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.*

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

*Angels We Have Heard on High/ O'Carolan's  
Tàladh Chrìosda (The Christ Child's Lullaby)  
O Christmas Tree arr. by Richard Walters*

Collect for  
Christmas

*Please stand  
as you are able.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen.**



All

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**

**Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;**

**Come and behold him born the king of angels:**

***Refrain:* Oh come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,**

**Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,**

**Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;**

**one of the Father now in flesh appearing!**

***Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God... In...the .. highest:**

***Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee born this happy morning,**

**Jesus, to thee be... glory giv'n!**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing**

***Refrain***

Benediction

P: May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, + be upon you and remain with you always.

*Please be seated.*

**C: Amen.**

Announcements



Postlude

*Noël Nouvelet/Italian Christmas Lauda*

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

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## WELCOME

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*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.*

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Organist.....	Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
	Trumpet.....	Dr. Ben Alle
	Harp.....	Andrea Stern
	Flute.....	Laura MacKenzie
	Worship Assistant.....	Michelle McCreery
	Communion Assistant.....	Mark Duff
	Altar Servers.....	David & Carolyn Hagford
	Usher.....	Eric Amann
	Christmas Tea.....	Priscilla Circle
	Worship Tech Assistant.....	Jim Olson
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## CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, DEC 17	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:45 AM	<i>Christmas Tea .....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	<i>Caroling, Caroling!.....</i>	Home of the Reisbergs
MONDAY, DEC 18	4:30 PM	<i>Confirmation.....</i>	Zoom
	6:30 PM	<i>Hymnus Angelicus Rehearsal.....</i>	Large Group Room
	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry.....</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, DEC 19	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery &amp; Spirituality.....</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, DEC 20	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study.....</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting.....</i>	Christy Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Fitzpatrick Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal.....</i>	Library
THURSDAY, DEC 21	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	<i>Hymnus Angelicus Rehearsal.....</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>Growlers &amp; Theology.....</i>	Parsonage/Zoom
SUNDAY, DEC 24	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	4:30 PM	<i>Christmas Eve Family Worship.</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube

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SCAN TO GIVE



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



**The family of 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; **Avey Egsgaard**, friend of Jana & Michael Kavoukjian; **Shannon Morell; Vonnie Norum**, mother of Liz Brown; **Mary Ann Wastweet**, sister of David Hagford and **Debbie Daline**, friend of Michael & Jana Kavoukjian.

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### Meditation

LOTI sanctuary 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.

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### Loved Ones In The Military

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



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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*Marty Carlson 12/18 Kim Olson 12/18  
Hayden Nelson 12/20 Lars Olson 12/21  
Gus Frahm 12/22*

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Poinsettias

If you ordered a poinsettia, you may take it home after the Christmas Eve Family Service or any time the church is open beginning Tuesday, December 26th.

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### The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. End of the year gifts to LOTI must be received by Sunday, December 31st. If you would like to know your YTD pledge at giving, please contact Diane LaMere [diane.lamere@loti.org](mailto:diane.lamere@loti.org)

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## Christmas Tea

Today, Sunday, December 17th

10:45 AM

### Fellowship Hall

Immediately after the service we will gather in Fellowship Hall for our annual festive tea.

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## Caroling, Caroling!

Today, 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, dessert or beverage to share.

RSVP to [pastor@loti.org](mailto:pastor@loti.org)

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## 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*.

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## 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 Pierro Yon with strings, flute, and chimes, as well as our live nativity.

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## 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.

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

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*Office Hours:*

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM – Noon



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