

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT ✠

December 3rd, 2023

Today we begin the new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent, which means coming, is a season of hoping, waiting, yearning and preparing, but for what and for whom? In many old Lutheran liturgies, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was the gospel story read on this Sunday. It was a colorful reminder that it is not simply a baby in Bethlehem entering into our story, but it is a savior who comes in the name of the Lord.



The Procession in the Streets of Jerusalem, James Tissot, 1886-1894

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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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✠ 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.

Prelude

Concerto for 2 Trumpets in C RV 537 Mvt I

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Welcome



✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

Penitential Rite
*Please stand as
you are able*

P: Throughout the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to receive the King of glory anew. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of
Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Verse 1 All,
vs 2 Women,
vs 3 Men,
vs 4 & 5 All.



Lift Up Your Heads

HFW #717



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold, the
2 Oh, blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - reign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
rul - er is con - fessed! Oh, hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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

Eternal God, **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

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

Children's Message



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of hope. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

Let us pray:

Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

Dismissal Song

**Dear Jesus lead us to your bed,
In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord,
To Guide us on our way.**

Advent Gradual *The Choir sings.*

Hosianna

G. J. Vogler

Sing Hosanna, David's Son! O, welcome him with song!
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sing Hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna in the highest.
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord.



Gospel
Matthew 21:1-9

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Please be seated.



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Hymn of the Day
Please stand as
you are able.



O Zion Acclaim Your Redeemer

With exaltation

1. O Zi - on ae-claim your Re-deem-er! Je - ru - sa-lem, wel-come your King
 2. He comes from the joys of the a - ges, He leaves His do-min-ion sub-lime,
 3. He comes as a ran-som most ho - ly, He dies on the cross for the world;
 4. He comes from the tomb as a Vic-tor, The shad-ows of death clear a - way;
 5. He comes to the sor-row-ing bos-om And life is re-newed by His hand.

Strew palms on the way for the Sav-ior, His prais-es ex-ult-ant-ly sing.
 From glo - ry to Beth-le-hem's man-ger He comes in the full-ness of time.
 Re-demp-tion from sin is ac-com-plished, His ban-ner of light is un-furled.
 The slum-ber-ing saints are a - wak-ened, A-roused from their sleep in the clay.
 He comes to es-tab-lish a king-dom That shall through e-ter-ni-ty stand.

REFRAIN

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice in your Sav-ior and King! Re -
 joice! Re - joice! Ac - claim Him your Sav - ior and King!

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Prayers of the Church

P: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

A: Call your church into holy fellowship 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.*

Rejoice, Beloved Christians, BuxWV 51

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Sinfonia



Soprano Solo

Beloved Christians, now rejoice,
Sing joyously with hearts and voice,
For soon the Son of God will come
And take us to His heav'nly home.

Chorus

Hear ye! Hear ye!
The Lord cometh with many thousands of angels!
Pronouncing His judgment upon the nations.

Fanfare



Bass Solo

Behold! I come!
I come quickly and my reward with me.
I soon shall come.

Trio

O Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come, do not delay,
O quickly come, Through cloven skies descending,
O come, Thou of our hearts the strength and stay,
Of evil make sweet ending.
O Come, Jesus come, and tarry not!
That we, in realms of heav'nly day,
May bring Thee praise unending.

Soprano Alto Duet

Amen.

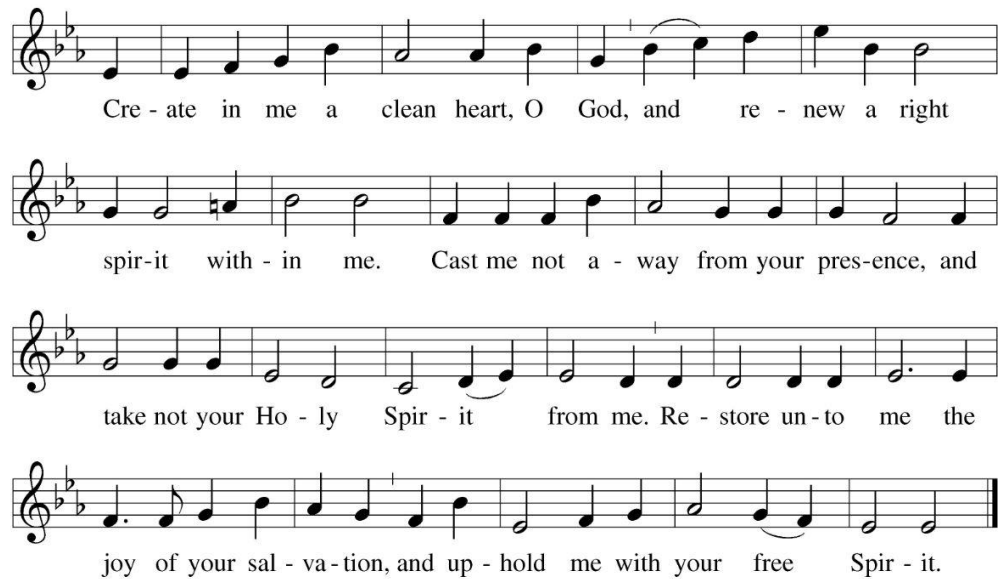
Chorus

O Lord, our God, vouchsafe Thy grace,
May we behold Thee face to face,
And praise the glorious Trinity,
Throughout a glad Eternity. Amen.

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.



Create in Me a Clean Heart
WOV #732



Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Long expected Jesus, as you came once long ago as a child to Bethlehem, and as king to Jerusalem, we know that you are coming again. You are the desire of every nation; you are the joy of every longing heart. Prepare us again to welcome you anew. By your all sufficient merit, you have raised us and you will raise us yet again. So let every Amen we pray, with gratitude and anticipation, rise before you in honor of your loving and triumphant name.

Words of Institution



Lord's Prayer

Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated.



C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

LBW #103

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Distribution Music

Organ Concerto in F, The Cuckoo and the Nightingale, HWV 295
Organo ad libitum & Larghetto

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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: Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to
see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news
of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

✠ 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.*

Closing Hymn

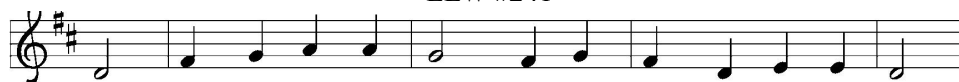
Verses 1 & 4.

Sing to the tune

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW #241



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite
Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



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

Concerto for 2 Trumpets in C RV 537 Mvt III

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

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
	Trumpet.....	Dr. Ben Alle & Dr. Jonathan Brandt
	Strings.....	Lake String Quartet Carol Margolis, Violin Nanette Goldman, Violin Ingrid Koller, Viola Daryl Carlson, Cello
	Soloists.....	Laurel Drevlow, Soprano Debra Gilroy, Alto Sean Lundquist, Tenor Arden Haug, Bass
	Worship Assistant.....	Steve Hoyt
	Communion Assistant.....	Kathy Hering
	Altar Server.....	Linda Nelson
	Reader.....	David Hagford
	Usher.....	Linda Nelson
	Coffee Hosts.....	David & Carolyn Hagford
	Worship Tech Assistant.....	Jim Olson
CHURCH OFFICERS	President.....	Marty Carlson
	Vice President.....	Steve Hoyt
	Treasurer.....	Ross Bartels
	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

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC 3	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	3:00 PM	<i>VASA Christmas Party.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, DEC 4	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	<i>Floyd Dahl Funeral.....</i>	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	<i>Confirmation.....</i>	Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry.....</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, DEC 5	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality.....</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, DEC 6	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
THURSDAY, DEC 7	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Women's Bible Study.....</i>	Library
	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Christy Room
SATURDAY, DEC 9	9:30 AM	<i>Priscilla Circle.....</i>	Home of Jean Carlson
	11:00 AM	<i>Schmidt Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club Dinner.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, DEC 10	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
	1:00 PM	<i>Low Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary

SCAN TO GIVE



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; **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!

Lenore Raykovich 12/4 Kate Mechels 12/5

David Brost 12/7 Steve Hoyt 12/8

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.

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.

Vasa Christmas Party

Today

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.

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.

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!

Priscilla Circle

December 9th

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Sancta Lucia

December 10th

9:30 AM

Join us for Finnish & Swedish inspired music with the *ASI Lillelag* fiddlers along with our annual visit from 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 scene.

Immediately after the service we will gather in Fellowship Hall 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*.

Caroling, 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 Pietro Yon with strings, flute, and chimes, as well as our live nativity.



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Office Hours:

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

