

# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

⌘ ASH WEDNESDAY ⌘

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024

11:30 AM AND 7:00 PM

*Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. God's people of God are invited to reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.*

*This Lenten Season, Pastor Haug will be preaching on 1ST CORINTHIANS & the theme of GATHERED INTO ONE. We will follow the order of HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER (HEP).*



*Temple of Apollo in Ancient Corinth*

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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

*Ground, ZD 221*

*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

*Please stand as  
you are able*

*Service of Light & Evening Hymn*  
HEP pp2-3

*Evening Thanksgiving*  
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Welcome



Psalmody  
*Psalm 141*

*Let my Prayer Rise Up Like Incense*  
HEP p4



Invitation to Lent

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent - self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love - strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Confession of Sin  
*Please be seated.*

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

Imposition of  
Ashes



P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Psalm 51*  
*7:00 PM only*

*Brighter Than Snow*

Ruth Elaine Schram

Wash me and I'll be brighter than snow.  
Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness.  
Wash me and I'll be brighter than snow.  
Create a clean heart in me, O Lord renew my spirit.  
Wash me and I'll be brighter than snow.

*Romans 14.8*

*Pari Intervallo*

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;  
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

**C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

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



Lesson  
*1 Corinthians*  
*1:1-15*

R: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

R: The light shines in the darkness.

**C: And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Sermon  
*Please be seated*



*The Annunciation & the Magnificat*

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*Litany & Prayer*

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Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*After the greeting of peace, 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.*

### *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW # 465



*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

### ✠ 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.*

## 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 is ready. All are welcome.**



*As the Deer*  
W&P 9



Text: Martin J. Nystrom  
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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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

*Variationen zur Gesundheit von Arinuschka*

*Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)*

Post-Communion  
Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post-Communion  
Prayer

A: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.*

*Final Blessing*

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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7:00 PM WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor ..... *Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug*  
Accompanist ..... *Dr. Kristina Rizzotto*  
Worship Assistant ..... *Michelle McCreery 11:30 AM*  
..... *Mary Sabatke 7:00 PM*  
Communion Assistant ..... *Kathy Hering*  
Usher ..... *Eric Amann*  
Reader ..... *Lynn Wehrmam*  
Altar Servers ..... *David & Carolyn Hagford*

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SCAN TO GIVE



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