

# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

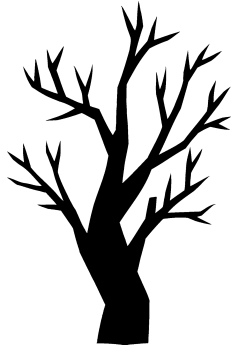
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*



*Christ in the Wilderness, Ivan Kramskoi, 1872*

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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

*Variationen zur Gesundung von Arinuschka*

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Welcome



Penitential Rite

*Please stand as  
you are able*

P: Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. 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

*Vs 1 All,  
vs 2 High voices,  
vs 3 Low voices  
& vs 4 All.*



## *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW #810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## 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

Holy God, heavenly Father, **in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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  
*Please be seated.*

Imposition of Ashes



*Psalm 51*

Lenten Verse  
*Please stand as  
you are able.*

Gospel  
*Mark 1:9-15*  
*The Spirit that comes  
upon Jesus at his  
baptism sustains him  
when he is tested by  
Satan so that he might  
proclaim the good news  
of God's reign.*

## ✠ Word ✠

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

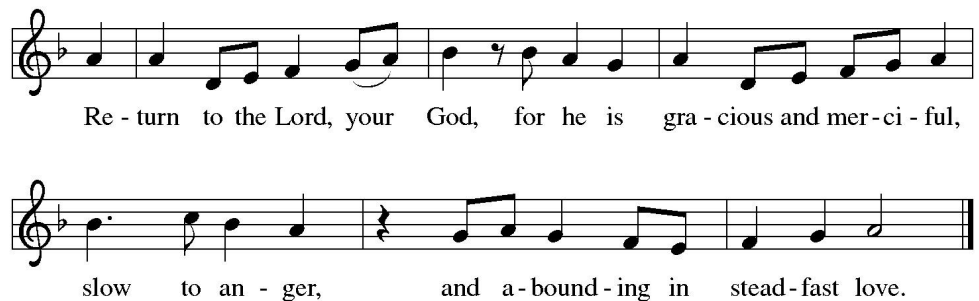


P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### *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.



R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

R: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Sermon



*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 Lord, Throughout these Forty Days* LBW #99



- 1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
- 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
- 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
- 4 Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth-ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
so teach us to de - ny our-selves that we may know God's love.  
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930  
Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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## ✠ Baptism ✠

Presentation

Henry Thomas Astrup

Robert Grant Crosby

Parents: Abigale & Thomas Astrup

Parents: Tyler & Jane Crosby

Sponsors: Robert Astrup & Claire Sekus

Sponsors: Lynn Astrup & Ryan Collins

Profession of Faith

*Please stand,  
as you are able.*



P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Thanksgiving  
at the Font



Baptism

**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

*Please join in  
singing this refrain.*

### *The Baptismal Song*

Lisa Holt Thompson



Prayers of the Church



Greeting of Peace

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Offertory  
*Please stand as  
you are able*



P: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions...  
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.**

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.*

*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.*

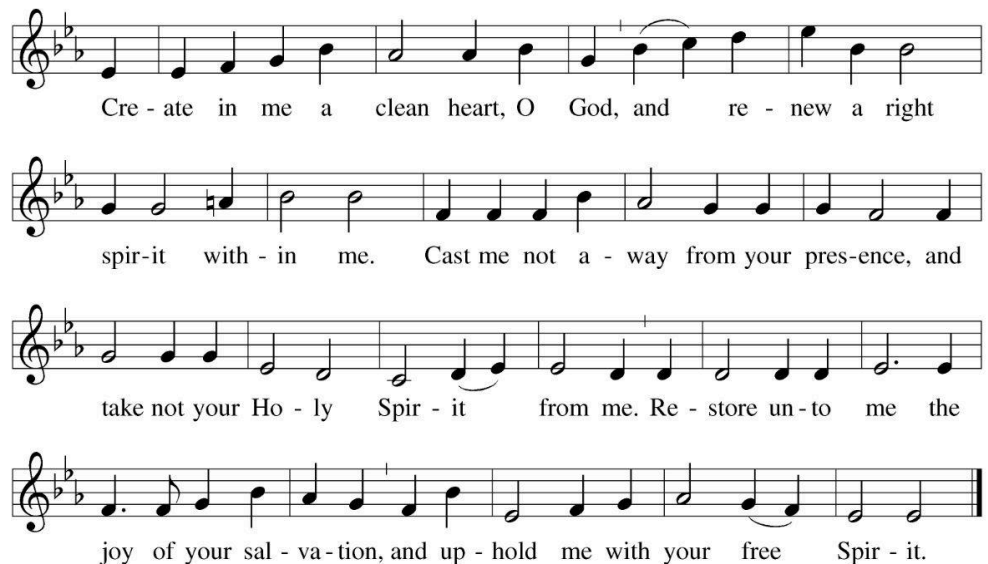
*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Joseph Hart/ Ronald Turner

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded sick and sore,  
Jesus, ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.  
Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh  
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms,  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

WOV #732



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

Offertory Prayer  
*Please stand as  
you are able.*

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

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.**

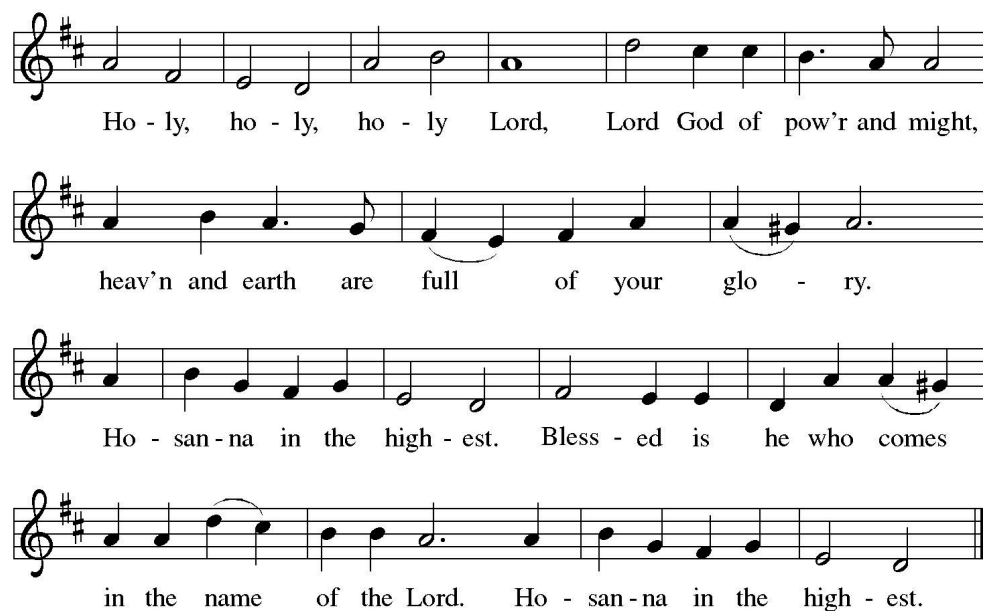
P: Lift up your hearts.

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...



Words of Institution

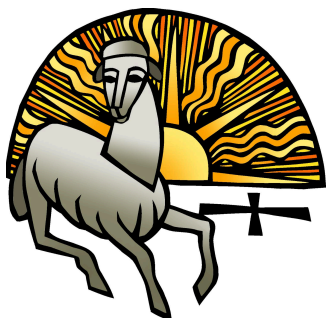
Lord's Prayer

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.*

Lamb of God



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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

*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

*Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**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.*

### *Print Thine Image Pure and Holy*

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## 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

*Introitus in D, Op. 1274*

*Carson Cooman (b. 1982)*

*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
	Baptismal Song.....	Kathy Hering
	Worship Assistant.....	Michelle McCreery
	Communion Assistant.....	Mark Duff
	Altar Servers.....	David & Carolyn Hagford
	Reader.....	Lorraine Spies
	Usher.....	David Hagford
	Coffee Hosts.....	Linda Nelson, John & Kim Olson
	Worship Tech Assistant.....	Jim Olson

<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President.....	Marty Carlson
	Vice President.....	Steve Hoyt
	Treasurer.....	Ross Bartels
	Secretary.....	Charlie O'Brien

<b>STAFF</b>	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.....	Vitali Haug
	Caretakers.....	Anthony Ramirez & Molly Dengler

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## CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, FEB 18	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... No Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, FEB 19	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club</i> .....	Library
	4:30 PM	<i>Confirmation</i> .....	Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i> .....	Zoom
TUESDAY, FEB 20	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery &amp; Spirituality</i> .....	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, FEB 21	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i> .....	Christy Room/Zoom
	11:30 AM	<i>Midday Lenten Devotion</i> .....	Library
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i> .....	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Holden Evening Prayer</i> .....	Sanctuary
	7:45 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> .....	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, FEB 22	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, FEB 23	5:00 PM	<i>Women's Book Club</i> .....	Home of Deb Gilroy
SATURDAY, FEB 24	10:00 AM	<i>RDO Board Meeting</i> .....	Christy Room
	2:00 PM	<i>Snyder Recital</i> .....	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, FEB 25	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... Sunday School</i> .....	Sanctuary Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 PM	<i>Music for Food: Winter Celebration...</i>	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

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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:



**Kathy Dahl**, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Matthew Moen**; **Anna Lena Stenberg Skold**; **Trygve Svard**; **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; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn, **Amanda Frahm**, sister-in-law of John & Alyson Frahm; **Donna Shroyer**, cousin of Linda Nelson; **Avey Egsgaard**, friend of Jana & Michael Kavoukjian; **Vonnie Norum**, mother of Liz Brown; **Mary Ann Wastweet**, sister of David Hagford; **Marion Eddelbuettel**, grandmother of Nico & Lauren (Rondestvedt) Eddelbuettel; **Judy Hentges**, friend of Mary Sabatke; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Suzanne Pepin; **Stephanie Forsyth & Melissa Rothe**, daughters of Don & Eileen Anderson; **Henry Arent**; **Timothy Moran**, friend of Michelle McCreery; and **JoAnne Reisberg**, mother of Bernie Reisberg.

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*Gathered into One:*

*Devotions for Lent 2024*

Pick up your copy today!

They are available at both entrances.

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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.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Don Holzschuh 2/18 Alyson Frahm 2/21**  
**Diane Stensrud 2/21 Matthew Moen 2/24**  
**Robert Brownson 2/24 Kenneth Larson 2/24**

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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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### No Sunday School Today

Children will remain in worship today.  
Sunday School resumes next Sunday, February 25th.

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### 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.

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Women's Book Club  
Friday, February 23rd  
5:00 PM

### Home of Deb Gilroy

Our selection this month is

*Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Garlough Brown.

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

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### Member Directory ~ Photographs Due Sunday, February 25th

To update your photo in our new member directory, please send it to [michelle.mccreery@loti.org](mailto:michelle.mccreery@loti.org) or she can photograph you after worship. We will publish the new directory later this month.

All tickets & donations support  
**CES** COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE

*Music for Food*

*Winter Celebration*

*Isles Ensemble*  
Guest Cellist, Käthe Jarka

Sunday, February 25, 2pm  
Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church  
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Beethoven Trio for Three Cellos | Emily Switzer, Natalia Moiseeva, violin  
Mozart Piano Trio "Kegelstatt" | Kenneth Freed, viola, Ivan Konev, piano  
Schumann Piano Quartet, Op. 47 | Tom Rosenberg, Käthe Jarka, Laura Sewell, cello

### Easter Flowers ~ Orders Due Sunday, March 3rd

An order form is in your bulletin today to order flowers for Easter. You may order online using the QR code or go to [myvanco.com](http://myvanco.com)

*Easter Lilies* – \$9.25

*Tulips (yellow, red, or purple)* - \$8.75

*Mums (white, yellow or purple)* - \$9.25

*Hydrangeas (pink)* – \$16.25

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### Music for Food: Winter Celebration Isles Ensemble Benefit Concert Sunday, February 25th 2:00 PM

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is partnering with Isles Ensemble, & Music for Food to host a benefit concert for CES ~ Community Emergency Services. Music for Food is a national organization which recently established a chapter in the Twin Cities. It is driven by the spirit of volunteerism, and it could not exist without the support of its musicians and its audience.

There are three components to its mission:

- 1) Musicians give performances and choose a local shelf to support.
- 2) Audience members donate
- 3) the designated food shelf receives 100% of the contributions.

Free will donation ~ visit

<https://cesmn.org/donation-form/> or at the door.

OR

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LOTI Congregation will host a post-concert reception.



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

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