

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

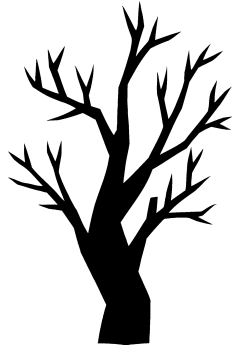
MARCH 10, 2024

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



The Brazen Serpent, Anthony van Dyck, 1618-1620

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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 107

*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.

Cloches au soleil (Bells in the sun)

Blanche Selva (1884-1942)



Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

**Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord
and you delivered them from their distress.**

You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

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

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

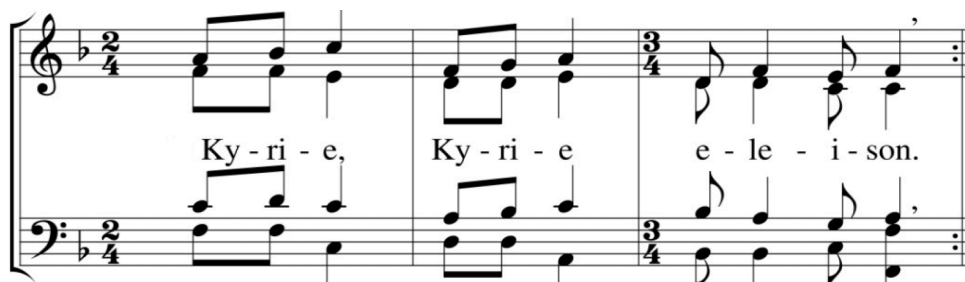
Apostolic Greeting

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.

P: Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Kyrie



*Sing to the
music above.*

**Christe, christe eleison
Christe, christe eleison**

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.

*Sing to the
music above.*

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison
Kyrie, kyrie eleison**

Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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.

Dismissal Song

✠ Word ✠

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



Change My Heart, O God

W&P 28

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

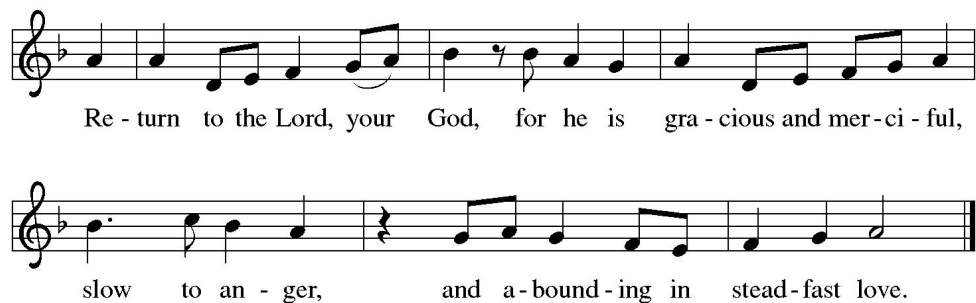
Reading
Numbers 21:4-9
Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse
Please stand as
you are able



Gospel
John 3:14-21
To explain the salvation
of God to the religious
leader, Nicodemus,
Jesus refers to the
scripture passage
quoted in today's first
reading. Just as those
who looked upon the
bronze serpent were
healed, so people will
be saved when they
behold Christ lifted up
on the cross.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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.

Sermon
Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand

as you are able.

Vs 1, All,

vs 2, Women's voices,

vs 3, Men's voices,

vs 4, Choir,

vs 5, All.



God Loved the World

ELW # 323

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Prayers of the Church

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: Gracious God, your love unites, 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.*

Offertory Anthem

What Wondrous Love is This

Southern traditional, arr Paul Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused that Lord of life To bear the heavy cross,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That Christ should lay aside His crown for my Soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,

Offertory
*Please stand as
you are able.*



Create in Me a Clean Heart

WOV #732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

Great Thanksgiving



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated.

✠ 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

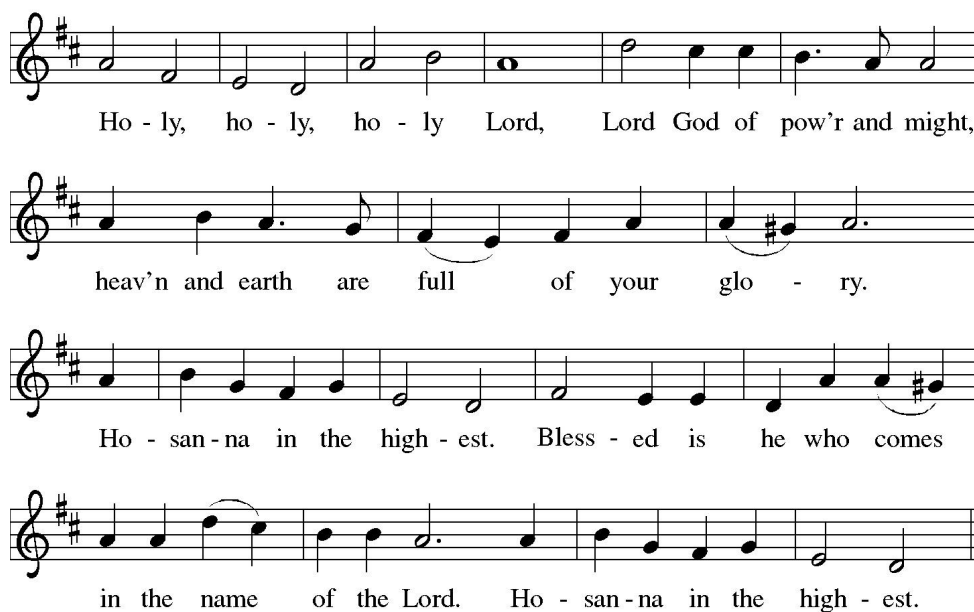
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

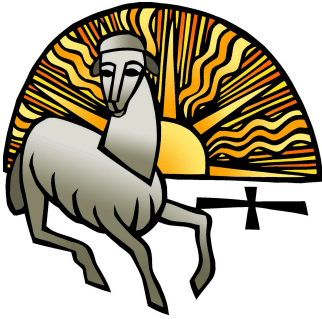
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...




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.

Lamb of God







 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

Cloches dans la brume (Bells in the mist)

Blanche Selva (1884-1942)

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.

✠ 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



Print Thine Image Pure and Holy



*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-*

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

Caprice sur les Grands Jeux from Suite du Deuxième Ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

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
Worship Assistant.....Mark Duff
Communion Assistant.....David Ackerman
Soloist.....Sean Lundquist
Altar Servers.....David & Mary Goplen
Reader.....Jean Carlson
Usher.....Eric Mechels
Coffee Hosts.....John & Alyson Frahm
Worship Tech Assistant.....Jim Olson

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Worship Technical Director.....Joseph LaMere
Design & Communication Director.....Michelle McCreery
Custodian.....Vitali Haug
Caretakers.....Molly Dengler & Anthony Ramirez

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAR 10	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary
		<i>Sunday School.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 PM	<i>Isles Ensemble Concert.....</i>	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, MAR 11	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, MAR 12	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality.....</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, MAR 13	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study.....</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	11:15 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>	Library
	7:45 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal.....</i>	Library
THURSDAY, MAR 14	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Growlers & Theology.....</i>	Parsonage/Zoom
SUNDAY, MAR 17	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary
		<i>Sunday School.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 AM	<i>First Communion Class.....</i>	Christy Room

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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:



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; **Marion Eddelbuettel**, grandmother of Nico & Lauren Rondestvedt Eddelbuettel; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Suzanne Pepin; **Stephanie Forsyth & Melissa Rothe**, daughters of Don & Eileen Anderson; **Timothy Moran**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **JoAnne Reisberg**, mother of Bernie Reisberg; **the family of Eleanor Ayers**, friend of Bill and Kathy Fredell; **Terry Carlstrom**, friend of Don and Eileen Anderson; **Brian Lundquist**, father of Sean Lundquist; **the family of David Mahrer**, friend of Mary Sabatke; **Rachel Rosenthal**, friend of Robin & Mark Bloom.

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!

Wesley Bartels 3/10 Sam Reisberg 3/16
Kristina Rizzotto 3/16

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.

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.

Our Saviour's Housing Meals

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church provides a meal for 40 on the second Saturday of every month. Our monthly meals are provided by donation. The shelter orders & serves the meal. Cost per meal is \$250. Thanks to Rick Gripenrog for the March meal.

Isles Ensemble Concert

Inspirado en España

Today

2:00 PM

Join us in March for a musical journey to Spain and the Spanish Diaspora. Experience the lush but rarely heard string quartet of Venezuelan Romantic-Era composer Teresa Carreno, as well as a duo for cello and piano by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. Enjoy Spanish composer Joaquin Turina's piano trio which blends French Impressionism with Andalusian folk elements. Finally, travel with us first class to Argentina with a tango by Astor Piazzola as well as a dynamic and rhythmic string quartet by Alberto Ginastera.

Isles Musicians ~

Emily Switzer, violin; Kenneth Freed, viola;

Tom Rosenberg, cello; Laura Sewell, cello

Guest Musicians ~

Hanna Landrum, violin; Nicola Melville, piano

Tickets are available on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
[islesensemble.org](https://www.islesensemble.org)

Growlers & Theology

Thursday, March 14th

7:00 PM

Parsonage

Pastor Haug leads this monthly gathering of bible study and adult beverages, in the tradition of Martin Luther. pastor@loti.org

Celtic Dreams

Sunday, March 17th

3:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

1400 S. Robert Street, West Saint Paul

Irish Suite (Selections).....Leroy Anderson

Irish Tune from County Derry.....Percy Grainger

The Burning Wisdom of Finn McCool.....

Kevin Kling/Victor Zupanc

Steve Amundson, Guest Conductor

Kevin Kling, Narrator

Tom Klein, Uilleann Pipes

Special Thanks to Concert Sponsor BankCherokee

Women's Book Club

Friday, March 22nd

5:00 PM

Home of Deb Gilroy

This month's selection is *Among the Gods*, by Lynn Austin. Join us! Bring a snack to share if you like...

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday Worship

March 24th

9:30 AM

Sanctuary

Pancake Breakfast

10:40 AM

Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt

Parsonage

Maundy Thursday Seder

March 28th

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Meal for First Communion families
& all Congregation members.

RSVP churchoffice@loti.org

Good Friday

March 29th

3:00 PM

Sanctuary

with Hymnus Angelicus

Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30th

8:00 PM

Cloister

Easter Morning Worship

Sunday, March 31st

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Sanctuary





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OUR HANDS

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

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