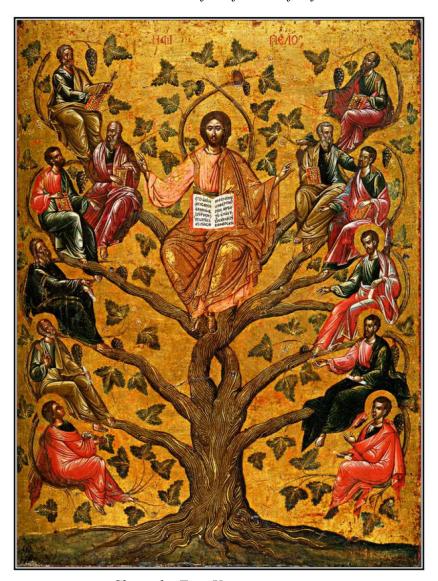
LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

¥ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ₽

APRIL 28TH, 2024

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table.

We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.



Christ the True Vine, 16c Greek icon

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 & Paschal Blessing Please stand as you are able.

# Baptismal Song of Thanks & Praise

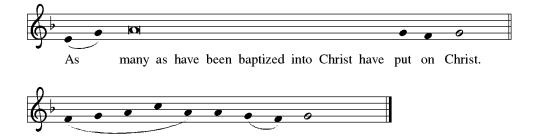
# ■ Gathering

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.

The Old Spagnoletta, from the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book Giles Farnaby (c. 1563-1640)

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



P: On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their face to the ground, the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

#### Gathering Hymn

Verse 1– All, Verse 2– Women's Voices, Verse 3– All, Verses 4– Men's Voices, Verses 5– All.



#### Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! ELW # 377



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

# 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

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 *Please be seated.*





### Dismissal Song

# Go in Peace and Serve the Lord W&P #46



Text: Handt Hanson

Music: GO IN PEACE, Handt Hanson

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# Reading

Acts 8:26-40 Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

R: <sup>26</sup> An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paschal Verse & Alleluia Please stand as you are able.



# Gospel

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

Sermon *Please be seated.* 

Hymn of the Day *Please stand as* you are able.



P: The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

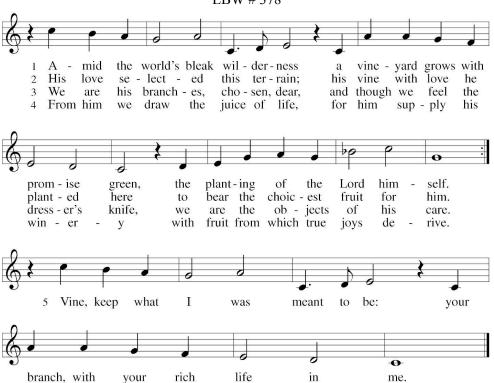
#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- P: Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ¹If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."
- P: The Gospel of Our Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

# Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness. LBW # 378



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: GRANTON, Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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# Prayers of the Church

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church around the world... 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.



Anthem

Now Sing We Alleluia!

Heinrich von Herzogenberg (1843-1900)

A hymn of glory let us sing,
New hymns throughout the world shall ring;
Now sing we alleluia!
The Lord of life is risen today,
Sing songs of praise along His way;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now sing we alleluia!

Good Christians all rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King;
Now sing we alleluia!
Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
Singing today in one accord;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now sing we alleluia!



Offertory Please stand as you are able.



Offertory Prayer

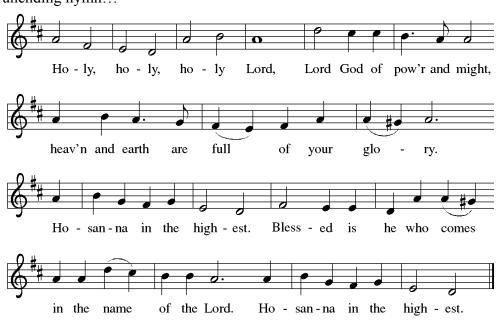
- A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C: Amen.

#### # 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.

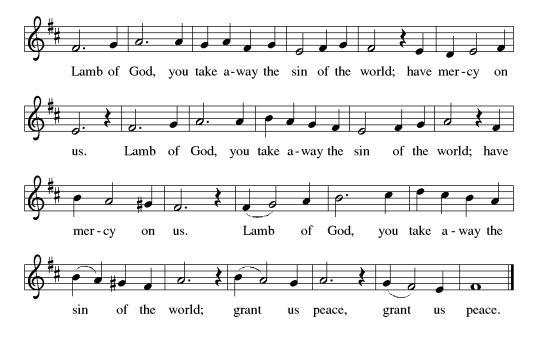
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Invitation to Communion Please be seated

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

#### Lamb of God





Distribution Music

Music for Lute

John Dowland (1563-1626)

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: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

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.







**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.** 



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.





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

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Gigue Fugue in G, BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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                             | Michelle McCreery               |
|                            | Communion Assistant                           | Mary Sabatke                    |
|                            | Altar Servers                                 | Cathy Carlson & Kathy Hering    |
|                            | Reader                                        | Marnie Huntley                  |
|                            | Usher                                         | Linda Nelson                    |
|                            | Coffee Hosts                                  | Scott & Julie Gallop            |
|                            | Worship Tech Assistant.                       | Jim Olson                       |
| Church Officers            | President                                     | Marty Carlson                   |
|                            | Vice President.                               | Steve Hoyt                      |
|                            | Treasurer                                     |                                 |
|                            | Secretary                                     | Charlie O'Brien                 |
| Staff                      | Pastor                                        | E                               |
|                            | 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                                    | Molly Dengler & Anthony Ramirez |

SCAN TO GIVE



# **CALENDAR**

| Sunday, April 28  | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School |                           |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                               | Fellowship Hall           |
|                   | 12:30 pm | Low Recital                               | Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall |
| Monday, april 29  | 11:00 am | Norwegian Glee Club                       | Library                   |
|                   | 4:30 pm  | Confirmation                              | Zoom                      |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | AA                                        | Fellowship Hall           |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Prayer Ministry                           | Zoom                      |
| Tuesday, april 30 | 4:00 pm  | Isles Ensemble Rehearsal                  | Sanctuary                 |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Men's AA                                  | Fellowship Hall           |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | AA/Recovery & Spirituality                | Christy Room              |
| Wednesday, may 1  | 10:00 AM | Bible Study                               | Christy Room              |
|                   | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting                             | Office/Zoom               |
|                   | 12:30 pm | Writer's Group                            | Christy Room              |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal                           | Library                   |
| Thursday, May 2   | 12:00 pm | Al Anon                                   | Fellowship Hall           |
|                   | 6:30 pm  | Punschklubben                             | Fellowship Hall           |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Women's Bible Study                       | Christy Room              |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Men's AA                                  | 2nd Floor Large Group     |
| Friday, May 3     | 9:00 am  | Pandemic Focus Group                      | Christy Room              |
| Saturday, May 4   | 9:00 am  | UMMF Recital                              | Sanctuary                 |
|                   | 9:30 am  | Priscilla Circle                          | . Christy Room            |
| Sunday, May 5     | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion               | Sanctuary & YouTube       |
|                   |          | Sunday School                             | Sunday School Rooms       |
|                   | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                               | Fellowship Hall           |
|                   | 2:00 pm  | Isles Ensemble Concert                    | Sanctuary                 |

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#### **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; Cindy Huttner; Sam Pederson, nephew of Jennifer Cook; Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench, friends of the congregation; Alison Regan, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; Natalie Mozey, daughter of Alan & Mary Poulsen; David Anderson, 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; 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; JoAnne Reisberg, mother of Bernie Reisberg; Terry Carlstrom, friend of Don and Eileen Brian Lundquist, father of Sean Anderson; Lundquist; Rachel Rosenthal, friend of Robin & Mark Bloom; Jane Scallen, sister of Mary Goplen; Karin Heidi Anderson, sister of Mark Sabatke.

#### Thank You!

Thanks to Pastor Arden, Brad Anderson, Mark Duff, and Dale Thomas for putting 367 plants in the ground for the new *Pollinator Gardens* on the 21st street side of the LOTI grounds.

## Loved Ones In The Military

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



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jason Hurliman 5/1 Carolyn Hagford 5/2 Jana Kavoukjian 5/4 Casey Christy 5/5

#### 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.

# National Lutheran Choir Spring Concert Today, 4:00 PM St Andrews Lutheran Church

#### Mahtomedi

Our final concert of the first season with Artistic Director Jennaya Robison celebrates women composers including Hildegard von Bingen, Mariana Martines and Minnesota composer, Jocelyn Hagen. For tickets & more information, visit NLCA.com.

#### Women's Bible Study

# Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00 PM Christy Room

We are studying *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*, by Beth Moore. Join us!

Priscilla Circle

Saturday, May 4th, 9:30 AM Christy Room

Join us for a time of camaraderie! No knitting skills required.

#### Isles Ensemble Concert

# Sunday, May 5th, 2:00 pm Sanctuary

This program explores works by some of the world's most famous composers, including Haydn, Puccini, Strauss, and Chopin. The twist is that none of the pieces included on the program (except one) are typical of any other work that particular composer ever created. Three of these great masters wrote many other monumental works outside of the chamber music realm, and one of them invented the most iconic of all chamber music forms. Join us as we explore what happens when creative geniuses go on an unexpected journey and *compose outside of the box*!

String Quartet Op. 1, No. 1

Franz Joseph Haydn

Crisantemi (Chrysanthemums) for String Quartet
Giacomo Puccini

String Sextet from Capriccio, Op. 85

Richard Strauss

*Trio for Violin, Cello, and Piano in G minor, Op. 8*Frederic Chopin

Natsuki Kumagai, Emily Switzer, violin Leslie Shank & Kenneth Freed, violin & viola Sifei Cheng, viola Tom Rosenberg & Laura Sewell, cello

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## Luther Park Bible Camp

Summer 2024 Danbury, WI

#### Cabin Camp (Grades 1-6)

Weeks of June 23 or July 21

Campers spend a half or full week in cabins. They will play games, create arts and crafts, hear stories and develop their faith.

#### Treehouse Camp (Grades 7-12)

Weeks of June 23 or July 21

Youth spend a week in rustic treehouses, cook over an open fire and work together to grow in relationship with God.

Horse Camp (Grades 4-12)

June 23 - 28

All the great things of camp, plus horses! Campers stay at Luther Park and are shuttled daily to Frontier Stables in Frederick, WI. All campers will be assessed on their first day of camp to better tailor the class for all participants.

### **Grand Camp**

July 14 - 17

All the fun things of camp with your grandparent/grandchild. All meals provided. Fun games and activities led by staff.

## Camp Getaway for Families

June 28 - 30

July 19 - 21

July 26 – 28

Aug 2-4

Aug 16 – 18

You choose your lodging option for the weekend. All meals and snacks included: 5 meals for 2 nights.

Visit <u>www.lutherpark.com</u> for more information & registration. Partial scholarships from LOTI pancake breakfast proceeds are available. Contact the church office for more information.

<u>churchoffice@loti.org</u> ♥ <u>pastor@loti.org</u> ♥ <u>loti.org</u> Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – Noon







