

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022

Thoughts from a Counselor

Madison Main

I've always felt that Luther Park was a second home. I'll never forget driving up the long driveway as a kid in the back seat with butterflies in my stomach waiting to meet my counselor. I was scared to leave home, but I knew I was going to have fun at camp no matter what. Even if I felt homesick, I was easily reassured by my counselors that everything was going to be okay. Only God knew that years later, I would be the counselor that was reassuring homesick campers. I came to know Luther Park through Anna Treague, who has served in various roles at camp for over 20 years. As a kid, I attended the same church as her and she encouraged me to come to camp. I'm so glad she did. I was a camper for many years until I veered away from camp and the church because life just "got in the way." The Holy Spirit has always nudged me to go back to camp. Encouragements from Anna like "Can't wait for you to apply to be a counselor when you're 18!" and "You'd be a great future staff member!" rang in my head as I grew older. Eventually, I went off to college and had a pretty rough start. During my freshman year winter break, I was watching some movie about camp and it all came flooding back. Another Holy Spirit nudge. I immediately messaged Anna and told her I was struggling with school and finding myself and asked if her 'offer' to work at camp was still open. She said absolutely and I applied right away! That following summer I felt welcomed, appreciated and comfortable, a feeling that I hadn't felt in awhile, and that gave me the space to challenge myself, experience new things and grow as a person. After my second summer on staff, life "happened again" and I was busy with college and other things. I graduated college in 2019 and that feeling of loss and confusion crept back in, until another Holy Spirit nudge happened. I was feeling drawn back to camp, so I applied for another summer. Oh, what an unexpected adventure to come! 2020 proved challenging to all of us, navigating how to do camping ministry amidst a pandemic. After much praying, conversations and adjusting, we had a very successful and rewarding summer with our Camp-In-A-Box and Camp Getaway for Families programs. I don't know what I would've done without camp and that positive light from God in such a dark moment. This summer gave me purpose and a new found passion and interest, I just had to continue to explore. Anna would often say, "Sometimes you need camp, and sometimes camp needs you." That has stuck with me every summer and always puts my priorities in perspective. I have needed camp and felt that camp needed me, my gifts and my time. I've made so many memories and have had incredible growth at Luther Park. I've been able to share God's love, grace and forgiveness with others. I've grown in my faith, my confidence, my adaptability (that's a big one!), and all-around life skills. Camp has been a huge influence on my life and has played a major role in who I am and am becoming today. I look forward to the ways God will push me to grow as a person, challenge my faith and become more hospitable to all who come to Luther Park.

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PRAYER CONCERNS Bob Aakhus, Marylin Anderson, Anne Gelein, John Mueller, Tom Schneiberg, Gene Tieben, Barb Umholtz, Dorothy VanPykeren, Michael Warner. Those fighting addictions, people in crisis, our deployed military and their families, our leaders and our children. Prayers for Ukraine!

TODAY'S SERVICE HELPERS

Greeters	Gene & Jeri Tieben
Ushers	Sandy Swanson, Brenda Wheeler
Lector	Danny Wheeler
Communion Assistants	Dave Swan, Danny Wheeler, Mick Peterson
Fellowship Servers	Sandy Swanson, Danny & Brenda Wheeler, Pat Dumke
Altar Guild	Sandy Swanson
Choir Director	Beth Peterson
Choir Accompanist	Julie Swan
Service Accompanist	Annette Arnold
Acolyte	N/A
Digital Video	Marshall Hoff
Recorders	Margy Rogers, Tom Schneiberg, Marshall Hoff
Webmaster	Tom Schneiberg
Counters	Laurie & Wayne Lundeen
Seasonal Office Support	Lois Haag
Office Administrator	Marsha Bruner
Ministers	All Members

Congregation Council: President Ken Busby Jr., Vice President Pat Sulander, Treasurer Daryl Sulander, Financial Secretary Kathy LeMay, Recording Secretary Marsha Bruner, Ken Dobson, Cris Kallas, Bonnie Niemi, Renay Jonjak, John LeMay, Dave Swan, Danny Wheeler. Pray for our leadership.

Call Committee: Chair Mick Peterson, Secretary Julie Swan, Ken Dobson, Laurie Lundeen, John LeMay, Jolyne Peterson, Anna Tregue. Pray that God will provide an installed pastor who will faithfully serve and lead.

WELCOME TO LAKESIDE We extend a warm welcome to those who have come to share our worship service. Please pass and sign the attendance sheet in the pews. We invite you to join coffee and fellowship following the service.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRELUDE / CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

GATHERING SONG *Son of God, Eternal Savior* ELW 655

Last verse, stand as you are able.

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
 you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
 fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE ELW page 184

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW page 187

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to
be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.**

Amen.

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHOIR ANTHEM "Set Down Servant"

WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir
and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's
promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be
afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram
said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir
of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no
offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of
the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very
own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward
heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to
him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and
the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be
God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their
great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength
it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for
your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of
famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our
trust.**

²²Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in
you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. *(pause)* **alleluia, Alleluia.**

Alleluia. *(pause)* **alleluia, Alleluia**

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Stand as you are able.

Jesus said: ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Leadership

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

PRAYER SONG: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* ELW 763

1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**
3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *Stand as you are able.*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name,
he recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING SONG *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* ELW 669

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

BENEDICTION ELW inside back cover

**May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the lord lift up his face to shine on you.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Scripture Readings for August 14, 2022

Jeremiah 23:23-29 *God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks*

Psalm 82 *Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)*

Hebrews 11:29--12:2 *The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses*

Luke 12:49-56 *Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized*

Transition Dynamics

Reflection

Heritage	Past	Where have we been?
Identity	Present	Where are we at?
Vision	Future	Where is God leading?

Action

Mission	Definition	What is God's purpose for this congregation?
Leadership	Operation	How is God's purpose to be carried out?
Connections	Cooperation	Who are the partners in mission God provides?

- Heritage appreciate how the past of the congregation informs the present
- Identity discover who the congregation is in the current context
- Vision discern what it is this congregation understands God is calling this congregation to be
- Mission define purpose and direction for the congregation in God's mission
- Leadership engage people of the congregation in God's mission
- Connections explore all the relationships a congregation shares beyond itself

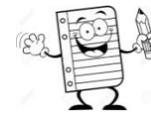
THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Monday, 08-08-22	6:00 pm Yoga
Tuesday, 08-09-22	9:00 pm Lakeside Mission Quilting
	10:00 am Worship & Music Committee
	5:00 pm Call Committee
	7:00 pm AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 08-10-22	9:00 am Yoga
	5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm Outdoor Worship Service
Thursday, 08-10-22	@ JoMama's 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Women's Coffee Fellowship
Sunday, 08-14-22	9:00 am Worship

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Pastor Hours: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.



NOTES

Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults will be observed on August 28 in the endeavor to help all worshipers to recognize each day as a day of grace and each year as a gift from God. Using the resources of The Association of Lutheran Older Adults, the service will affirm the worth of older adults and seek to challenge our seasoned folk for service to God, neighbors, and community.

Lakeside's Annual Meeting will be held October 16. In preparation for the Annual Report, the Finance Committee is asking that Committee Chairs provide them with a budget for 2023 by MONDAY, August 8. Please provide your annual committee report to Marsha by September 10.

We are collecting Webster School Supplies until August 21. A garbage can in the bell tower is for donations as well as the bin indoors by the mail area. A list of needed supplies is on the narthex table.

Lakeside is currently seeking a **Piano Accompanist**. We offer a competitive salary. The job application and descriptions are on our website or call the church office for copies.

Lakeside is currently seeking a volunteer to join the **"AV Producers"** Team.

Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays is at **5:30pm**. Anyone that can carry a tune is welcome to join the choir.

Baby Bundles: Please watch for new or gently used baby clothing to donate to new moms and babies born at the Rice Lake Hospital, St Croix Hospital, and the Pregnancy Help Center in Rice Lake. We are collecting items until September 5. Details can be found in the newsletter and on the narthex table.

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Church Office Approximate Hours: Monday – Wednesday: 7:30 – 2:30 pm.

Summer: Friday: 9:00-12:00-Noon