

**Lakeside Community Lutheran Church**  
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**Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults**  
August 28, 2022

**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**

***We Have Seen the Years***

Music: Tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves" *Last verse, stand as you are able.*

- 1 Singing in the morning, singing songs of gladness;  
And again at noontime, To our Lord and King.  
Singing in the evening As the day is ending;  
We shall go on singing songs of love and praise.

**Refrain** We have seen the years, we have seen the years.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, Thank you for our years. (2X)

2 We are known as seniors by young and old folks too;  
This makes us most special, As we'll prove to you.  
Life's a special blessing From childhood through the years;  
Even though youth's over, We are not in tears. **Refrain**

3 Do not be discouraged, For as the years go by;  
You are loved most dearly, Apple of His eye.  
When He comes to call you To live with Him above;  
Thank Him most sincerely, Thank Him for His love. **Refrain**

### **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**

**Bless the Years**  
O God, whose children we are, help us recall all the ways and times you have  
proved to be our loving parent;  
**for it is you, Lord, who provided us with those who cared for us in  
infancy, affording shelter, protection, nourishment, and care, while we**

**neither realized these were our needs nor knew who they were who  
gave us such care.**  
O God, whose children we are, help us recall the joys of our childhood;  
**for it is you, Lord, who has surprised us with the color of sunsets, the  
brightness of stars, the fragrance of flowers, and the songs of the birds,  
the laughter of friends, the warmth of beds that welcomed us after  
exhausting play, and the soft voices of those who spoke with us our  
evening prayers.**

O God, whose children we are, help us recall your protecting hand attending us  
as years have passed;  
**for, it is you, Lord, who gave your Son for us, who knows and feels our  
every loss, assuring us that you will never leave us nor forsake us in  
our heavyheartedness.**

O God, whose children we are, help us to see the gift that is ours in this  
community of faith we call church;  
**for it is you, Lord, who looked beyond what we have been and are, who  
in the waters of baptism marked us as your very own, members of your  
family, to be and behave as loving sisters and brothers of one another.**  
O God, whose children we are, help us as we grow older,  
**to grow wiser, to grow in our thankfulness, to grow in our sense of  
responsibility, that we may use the gifts of grace, experience, skill,  
time, and all our resources for service to you and our neighbor, through  
Jesus Christ, our brother and Savior. Amen.**

*Printed worship resources provided by the Association of Lutheran Older Adults.*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

#### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING Genesis 18:9-15**

A reading from Genesis.  
<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the  
tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife  
Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind  
him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be  
with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,  
"After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The

LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Psalm 92:12-15**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish <sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts <sup>1</sup> of our God;

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit <sup>1</sup> in old age;  
they shall be <sup>1</sup> green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>that they may show how up- <sup>1</sup> right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is <sup>1</sup> no injustice.

**SECOND READING Titus 2:2-3**

A reading from Titus.

<sup>2</sup>Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

<sup>3</sup>Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good,

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW page 188 *Stand as you are able.*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. *pause* alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Alleluia. *pause* alleluia, Alleluia**

**GOSPEL Luke 2:36-38**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her

marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Borning Cry* ELW 732**

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

**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**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**SENDING SONG**     *Oh, Bless the Years*

Music: Tune of "O Savior, Precious Savior"

- 1 Oh, bless the years forthcoming, As you have in the past;  
Through childhood's years of pleasure, And youthful hopes were cast.  
Your love continue onward Through all the passing years;  
Continue, Lord, we pray you to banish all our fears.
- 2 Your grace is all surpassing As years and years roll by;  
And in our middle ages Your blessings multiply.  
Oh, Lord, how can we thank you, Our hearts to you we bring.  
We bow in adoration, Oh, hear us as we sing.
- 3 'Tis our prayer, dear Father, For all our years of life;  
From infancy to old age, Preserve us from all strife;  
Then shall we sing your praises As through the years you bless;  
And fill our lives with goodness, And love and happiness.
- 4 Now as the sun is setting, On all those whom you love;  
Prepare a place in heaven To live with you above;  
Where with the King of Glory, They will forever be;  
All through the countless ages, Through all eternity.

**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 September 4, 2022

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20** *Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

**Psalms 1** *They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

**Philemon 1-21** *Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

**Luke 14:25-33** *Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross*

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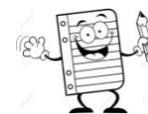
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**Congregation Council:** President Ken Busby Jr., Vice President Pat Sulander,  
Treasurer Daryl Sulander, Financial Secretary Kathy LeMay, Recording  
Secretary Marsha Bruner, Ken Dobson, Cris Kallas, Bonnie Niemi, Renay Jonjak,  
John LeMay, Dave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

**Call Committee:** Chair Mick Peterson, Secretary Julie Swan, Ken  
Dobson, Laurie Lundeen, John LeMay, Jolyne Peterson, Anna  
Treague. Pray that God will provide an installed pastor who will  
faithfully serve and lead. This committee will meet with the synod  
minister on August 31 to review the Ministry Site Profile.

**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!



## NOTES

### TODAY'S SERVICE HELPERS

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

### THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Monday, 08/29/2022	6:00 pm Yoga
Tuesday, 08/30/2022	9:00 am Lakeside Mission Quilting
	7:00 pm AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 08/31/2022	9:00 am Yoga
	5:00 pm Call Committee 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 pm Outdoor Worship</b>
Thursday, 09/01/2022	@ JoMama's 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 am Women's Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 am Property Committee
Sunday, 09/04/2022	<b>10:00 am Worship/Communion</b>

**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.

**The last Mid-Week Outdoor Services** until next summer is on August 31.

**Sunday, September 4** this congregation begins Sunday services at 10am.

**Faith in Daily Life on September 4.** Labor Day weekend provides an opportunity to reflect on faith in daily life. In Baptism, God calls us as "fellow workers in the kingdom of God." Worship will be a time to explore the ways in which we employ our faith in daily life.

**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.

**Blessing of Teachers and Students on September 11.** Show your support for our youth and education ministry by your presence on Sunday, September 11 when a blessing of teachers and students will be offered.

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**The flowers today** are given by Linda and Dave Speidel in celebration of their 42 years of marriage. Happy anniversary Dave and Linda!

**Pastor Bolstad to attend Boundary Training** at the synod office at Luther Park Bible Camp of Chetek on August 30.

## **Senior Adult Ministry: Growing Aging Disciples**

In Psalm 71: 17-18 it is written, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the nations to come."

In this Scripture, the Psalmist cries out to the living God not to neglect him in his old age, as he still has the opportunity to share the Lord to future generations. And this message is timelier than ever. America is aging at a rapid rate. By 2040, over 25% of the population will be over 65 years of age. The leading edge of the Baby Boomer generation, (the 78 million born between 1946-1965) is turning 60+. This "age wave" has also impacted upon the church, as the average age within an ELCA congregation stands around 55 years old.

But instead of looking at the "graying church" with uneasiness, we should focus on "growing disciples." Because even as we age, we can share Jesus and his saving love with others. As a local congregation begins to pray and vision about Senior Adult Ministry, may they consider these initial steps:

1. Invite those 55+ together to discuss the aging needs within the church and community.
  2. Develop a Senior Adult Ministries Team.
  3. Use the 5'S of Senior Adult Ministry to develop a balanced program.
- \*Spiritual - Develop bible studies, prayer groups, retreats, and worship services for seniors.
  - \*Study - Provide learning through educational forums, book clubs, classes, and discussion groups.
  - \*Social - Plan dinners, travel, recreational outings, game days, movie nights, and "field trips."
  - \*Service - Initiate a visitation ministry, a tutoring program, and encourage community volunteers.
  - \*Self - Promote light exercise (Seniorcise), walking groups, and relationships with local mental health agencies. Consider developing an adult day care, and planning intergenerational ministry activities.

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Microsoft Word - senior adult ministry.doc ([elca.org](http://www.elca.org))

## **Adult Lutherans Organized for Action**

Our nation is aging. The "graying of America" is a reality in all areas of life, the result of three persistent trends: we are living longer; there are fewer births; and "the boomer generation" will swell the ranks of seniors by 76 million over the next 25 years.

ALOA was formed in the early 1990's by a group of LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) and ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) church leaders to help prepare the church for "the age wave."

ALOA's focus was and continues to be:

1. To help congregations strengthen their ministry with and for older adults; and
2. To encourage older adults to affirm their gifts and use those gifts in service to family, church, community and the world.

[About - Adult Lutherans Organized for Action \(aloaserves.org\)](http://aloaserves.org)

## **Congregational Help for Ministry with and for Older Adults**

The demographic of 65 and older is a large and very diverse group. A 'healthy' ministry with and for older adults can look very different from one congregation to the next. However, ALOA has identified [5 Ministry Areas](#) that generally affect everyone. They provide excellent opportunities for significant ministry among your church members as well as opportunities to connect the community in which you serve. We've attached excellent [Resources](#) to each Ministry area so you can get right to work in a meaningful way.

Walk step-by-step through the ALOA framework for ministry to older adults. To support this work, ALOA is developing a toolkit of practical resources to support older adult ministry leaders in navigating the challenges and opportunities of aging in 4 focus areas: spiritual, educational, social (community building) and intergenerational. This hands-on guide, loaded with a variety of resources, will help congregations of all sizes develop and expand ministry to older adults.

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**Thank you for your participation in and support of the life and mission of this congregation.**