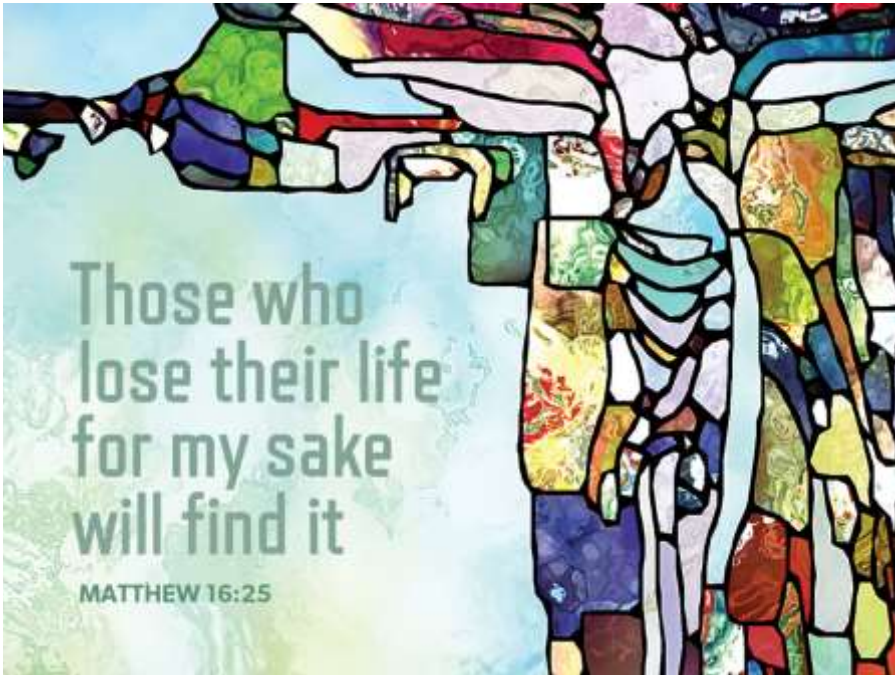


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Lakeside Worship
September 3, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.*

*Big Bend, Borgund, Immanuel, Kviteseid,
Minnesota Valley, and Zion Lutheran Churches*

Milan Beach Resort - Lac qui Parle Lake

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to our joint worship service at Lac qui Parle Lake.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River"

Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

Verse 2

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. *Refrain*

GATHERING PRAYER

P From all our life's pathways, you have called us to this place, O Lord. Be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Guide our steps and guard our lives that we may serve you more effectively in this broken world. Amen.

PSALM 150:1-2, 6

P ¹Praise the LORD!

C **Praise God in his sanctuary;**

P praise him in his mighty firmament! ²Praise him for his mighty deeds;

C **praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

P ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

C **Praise the LORD!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

C **We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see;
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!
We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.**

**He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us.
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 2

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow’r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

Verse 3

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Jesus Christ overcame evil with good *Rom. 12:21*
so that all people might be saved from sin.

Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God’s forgiveness.

**C God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, *Matt. 16:23–26*
we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus’ forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

P Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. *Matt. 16:24–26*
In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

- L ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
 I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- C ²**Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**
- L ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- C ⁴**I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- L ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
- C ⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
 that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- L ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- C ⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
 and the place where your glory abides.**

HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

MESSAGE

Pastor Linda Wimmer

HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 3

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

Verse 4

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

SHARING THE PEACE

p The peace of the Lord, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

Verse 3

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

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**OFFERING PRAYER

All Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: In Gratitude To You, O Lord

Response to each petition: we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

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.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

Verse 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

Verse 2

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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— WELCOME —

to all those joining us today for Lakeside Worship

Serving You Today

Pastor Kristine Isder — Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches

Pastor Linda Wimmer — Zion, Minnesota Valley, and Borgund Lutheran Churches

Pastor Linda Estling — Immanuel Lutheran Church

Today's undesignated offering

will be given to food shelves in Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Swift counties.

Please join us following worship for coffee and fellowship.

Free will donation for coffee and goodies provided by Randall's.

ANNOUNCEMENT

“Tailgating for Spencer Thorsland” Benefit

Burger Feed on Friday, September 8th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Lac qui Parle Valley High School before the Lac qui Parle Valley vs. Dawson/Boyd football game. Free will donation. Other activities: silent auction (see www.FragodtAuctions.com) with bidding through 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 8th and a kid's bike raffle. Spencer is fighting a very rare form of sarcoma cancer. Funds raised will be used to assist Spencer and his family with expenses incurred due to ongoing medical needs. Spencer is the 12-year old son of Cory Thorsland and Lori (Koosmann) Huml and the grandson of Mark & Terri Thorsland and Roger & Lois Koosmann. All are invited to attend the benefit even if you don't plan to go to the football game. Donations for Spencer may also be sent to: Spencer Thorsland Fund, % Prairie Sun Bank, 250 N Miles St., Appleton, MN 56208.

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