

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Lakeside Worship
May 25, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.

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

Milan Beach Resort - Lac qui Parle Lake

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at the lake — Children of God, siblings of Christ: The Holy Spirit has called and gathered us here. Let us worship together.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY LITANY AND PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Verse 1

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Verse 2

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Verse 4

O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come, one and all. For this is the day of the Lord!

C **Let's gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is blessing forever!**

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.

P From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all God's people!

C **And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters!**

Hymn

Verse 3

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Refrain**

P Our journey brings us to God's wonderful river of Life!

C **Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light.**

HYMN

Verse 4

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

PRAYER

How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river from God's throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. Amen

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Do not let your hearts be troubled, *John 14:27*
but confess your sins and God will give peace.

C **Loving God,** *John 14:23.24*

**We confess that we are anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace
and reflect your love in the world;**

through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

P Let your hearts be still,
For God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.

Beloved, receive the peace of Christ. Amen *John 14:24*

HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Verse 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy, clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

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

P Let us Pray.

C **Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: ACTS 16:9-15

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A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

PSALM 67

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L May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C **² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

L **³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

C **⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L **⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

C **⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L **⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kristine Isder

HYMN

“When Peace Like A River”

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance
control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood
for my soul. *Refrain*

Verse 3

He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Verse 4

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

C **We believe in God - the Creator of all things - the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.**

We believe in Jesus Christ - the Son of God - true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin, that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit - the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God - His people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

OFFERING

****OFFERING PRAYER**

C All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

THE 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

John 14:23-29

**P Hear the words of Jesus:
"If you love me, then listen to my voice and do what I say.**

And I and my Father will draw close to you,
and will make our home within you.
I am leaving you with a gift—a gift the world cannot give:
peace of heart and mind.
So do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.”
Go from here to love and serve the Lord,
confident in the peace that Christ offers to each one of us.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Verse 2

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

Verse 3

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Verse 4

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia

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WELCOME

to all those joining us today for this Lakeside Worship

Serving You Today

Pastor Kristine Isder Kviteseid and Big Bend 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.*

Please mark your calendars and join us again on:

Sunday July 6 (Fourth of July Weekend)
at 9:30 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Sunday, August 31 (Labor Day Weekend)
at 9:30 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Remember to bring a lawn chair!



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