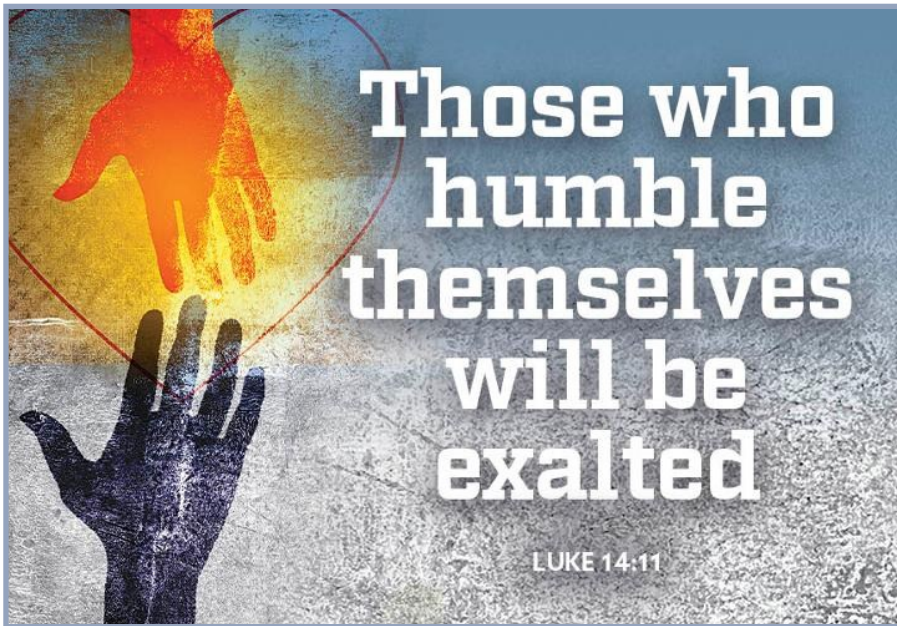


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Lakeside Worship
August 31, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.

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

Milan Beach Resort - Lac qui Parle Lake

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at the lake — *Friends and guests, as the end of summer nears, it's a delight to be together to praise God and share in his love. Welcome!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we gather to worship the LORD today, let us do so with reverence. Let us recognize the greatness and glory of the one we worship. Let us celebrate that we can come just as we are, and yet, let us come before him with humility. It is no small thing to worship the LORD our God. Let us worship in gratitude and awe. "Come, let us bow down in worship. Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker."

--Based on Psalm 95:6.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

BASED ON PSALM 133

P We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

C **How good it is to worship together in unity!**

P We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

C **How good it is to worship together in unity!**

P We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

C **How good it is to worship together in unity!**

HYMN

"We Gather Together"

Verse 1

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
the Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!

Verse 3

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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!

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Invited and inviting – that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

P How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? We bow humbly in your divine presence to beseech you not to remember against us our iniquities, but rather to let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake, and we now confess our sins before you.

Prayer of Confession

C God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the Light of the World, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that your sins have been forgiven.
May we be strengthened in all goodness.
Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Thanks be to God.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us Pray.

C **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

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PSALM 112

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The righteous are merciful and full of compassion

Blessing of the Righteous

L ¹ Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

C ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

C ⁴ **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice..

C ⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever.**

L ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

C ⁸ **Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

L ⁹ They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

C ¹⁰ **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

READING: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15- 16

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1,7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW # 492

Verse 1

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret;
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Verse 2

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Verse 3

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

Verse 4

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that God alone can give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

MESSAGE

Pastor Linda Estling

HYMN

“Blest be the Tie That Binds”

LBW #370

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

HYMN

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

LBW #370

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*

OFFERING PRAYER

C **Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you
all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our
words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P In Gratitude to You, O Lord
C **we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.**
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

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.**

Verse 1

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Trav’ling thru this wilderness. Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Trav’ling thru this wilderness

Verse 2

Thanks we give and adoration For the gospel’s joyful sound. May the fruits of thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found. Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME

to all those joining us today for this Lakeside Worship

Serving You Today

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.*



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