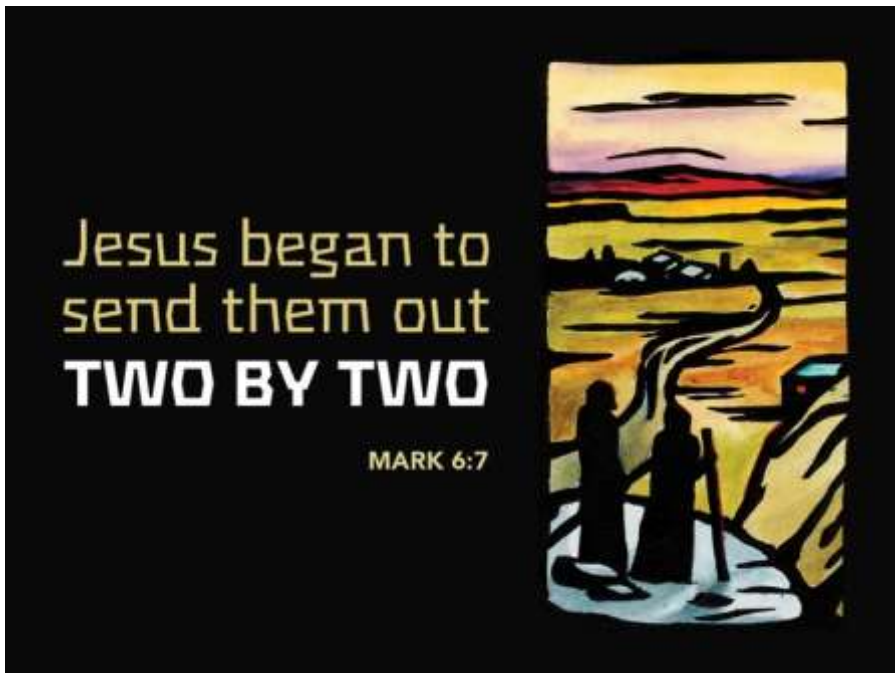


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



*Lakeside Worship
July 4, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

Milan Beach Resort - Lac qui Parle Lake

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at the lake. By the Lord's goodness and mercy we live in a land of freedom. We enjoy many blessings from God. Today we thank and praise our Lord for the gift of freedom, democracy, and all that we have as we live our lives under His care and guidance.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We gather to worship and praise God this day for the blessings we enjoy as Christians living in the United States.**

P The Lord our God has placed us in a good land where we lack nothing and are richly blessed.

C **Let us praise the Lord our God for the good land that he has given to us.**

P What does the Lord require of you?

C **He requires that we act justly, live honestly, walk in truth, and bring glory to him in all that we do.**

P May the Lord bless you and our nation, giving us leaders in our government who will walk in his ways and lead us along paths that are pleasing to him.

C **Justice gives a nation stability, and faithful leaders serve as God's representatives to do good to all mankind.**

P Be with us, Lord, as we live for you. Bless us, Lord, as we serve you.
Take us, Lord, to one day be with you.

C **We put our trust in you, for you have been our God through all generations. Be with us while we live here on earth and eternally in heaven.**

LITANY

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance.

C **May Your unfailing love rest on us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in You.**

P Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

C **We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.**

P We worship in the name of the Father—the Creator of the nations of this world; of the Son (†)—the Redeemer of the peoples of this world through the cross, and of the Holy Spirit—the Giver of Life to all mankind, whether physical or spiritual.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“God Bless our Native Land”

1. God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save
by thy great might.
2. So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies, on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry:
God save us all!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

C **Lord God, Ruler of the Nations on Earth and King of the Heavenly Realm:
We come before Your throne repenting of our individual sins as citizens and
of our collective sins as a nation on earth.**

As individuals, we do not always honor and respect authority and government. We have not prayed for our parents and leaders in Church and State as You would have us, nor have we consistently treated our fellow citizens with humble love and generosity.

As an earthly nation, we have erred and strayed from Your holy will. Selfishness and materialism, corruption of all kinds, envy and jealousy, lust and greed, cheating and stealing, not telling the truth and neglecting faithful worship have drawn us away from You.

We, indeed, deserve Your just anger and punishment.

Forgive us for the sake of Your eternal Son, Jesus Christ. Continue to convert us and our earthly nation back to You. Renew us in our love and allegiance to You and in honor for the authorities of our country.

With humble and penitent hearts, we bring our confession before You, our merciful, patient, and forgiving God.

P Dear Citizens of Christ's kingdom, as well as citizens of this earthly nation: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son (†), and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN "This Is My Song"

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 66:1-9

L ¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

C ²**Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

L ³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

C ⁴**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

L ⁵Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C ⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

L ⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

C ⁸**Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

L ⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "God of Our Fathers"

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CROSS

C I pledge allegiance to the cross of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, truly God, with grace and mercy to all.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

P Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

P You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

P Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

P Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic. Send us the gift of rain to replenish the soil and save the crops.

C Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

P Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C **Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty. Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and this creation.

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 May the Lord bless you and keep you...

C **As he has in years gone by, generation after generation.**

P May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you...

C **As he has in years gone by, generation after generation.**

P May the Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C **As he has in years gone by, generation after generation. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing:
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

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Today's undesignated offering will be given to the Appleton and Madison
Food for our Learning Youth (FLY) backpack program.

Please join us following worship for coffee and fellowship.
Free will donation for coffee and goodies provided by Randall's.

Please mark your calendars and join us again on

Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

at 9:00 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Remember to bring a lawn chair!