

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Lakeside Worship
May 29, 2022 | 9:00 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 worship at the lake. The Spirit invites all: “Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life” (Revelation 22:17, NLT).

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

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22

- P The Spirit of God bids us, “Come.”
Let everyone who hears within their hearts “Come.”
Hear the whole earth rejoice and the coastlands sing of our God's steadfast love.
- C **We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God.**
We give thanks for God sets us free!
- P Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit “Come.”
Let anyone who wishes “Come,” and receive the water of life as a gift.
- C **We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God.**
We give thanks for God's steadfast love that brings joy to our hearts
in the night, lights our lives like the dawn, and sets us free. Amen.

****CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and beg God's mercy
for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

C **Gracious God, you call us to your everlasting springs
to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you.
We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you.
Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due,
and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen.**

P In the compassion of the God who prays for us,
with us, and in us, you are forgiven,
for the sake of the one who was sent to show us the face of love
and who died and rose, one with the Father and with us. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "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 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us
love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the
changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

Teresa Olson

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

PSALM 97

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- L ¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- C ²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**
- L ³Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.
- C ⁴**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**
- L ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
- C ⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**
- L ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- C ⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- L ⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- C ¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
- L ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.
- C ¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

LESSON: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Art Wiese

HYMN OF THE DAY

“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.

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our 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.**

****CHARGE**

P Your chains are broken; your prison doors are open.
Go forth, then, with joy to live as one
with the God who sends you out.
Let the hope that is in you, free you daily
that through you, the Holy Spirit may free others.

****BLESSING**

P Now may the power that is in Christ Jesus,
the strength of the Holy Spirit to baptize and save,
and the fierce love of God, the Creator,
keep you in grace and truth.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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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 this Lakeside Worship.

Serving You Today

Pastor Kristine Isder — Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches
Pastor Art Wiese — Borgund, Minnesota Valley and Zion 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.

The poppy bouquet placed here today is from the American Legion Auxiliary.
It is in memory of our veterans and in honor of our men and women in the military.

*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 July 3 (Fourth of July Weekend)
at 9:00 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend)
at 9:00 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Remember to bring a lawn chair!



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