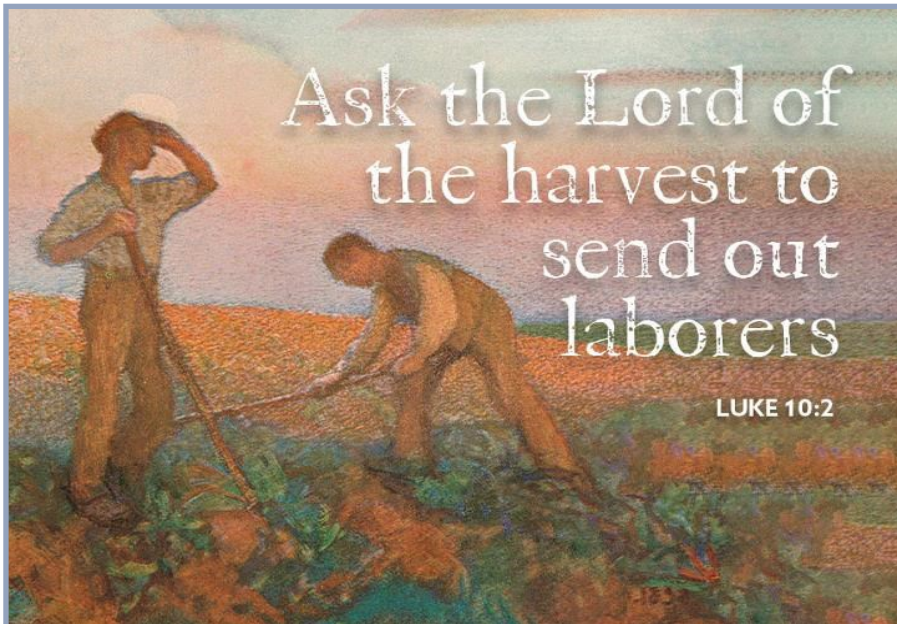


Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Lakeside Worship
July 6, 2025 | 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 worship at the lake — Today we thank and praise our Lord for the gift of freedom, democracy, and all that we have as we live our lives under God's care and guidance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

ELW # 888

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER ON A NATIONAL HOLIDAY:

P On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 249th birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government and our fellow citizens.

P The earth is the Lord's,

C **And all who dwell in it.**

P God is king over the nations:

C **God sits on his holy throne.**

P He rules by his might forever.

C **His eyes keep watch on the nations.**

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C **For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.**

P O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

C And make your face to shine upon us.

P May your ways be known upon the earth,

C Your saving power among all peoples.

P Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

HYMN

“God Bless our Native Land”

LBW # 569

Verse 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.

Verse 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 the
state!

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!

INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

C O God of people and nations , *2 Kings 5:1-.14*
we are ignorant and arrogant about our own prosperity and might.
When we forget how much we have, remind us of our abundance.
When we take pride in our status and think ourselves better than others,
grant us humility. When we use wealth and power to get our own way at the
expense of others, correct us.

Heal us, we pray, that we may be a force for wholeness. With all that we
have, we pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

P Hear the good news: God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights
in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are
forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

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 **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: 2 KINGS 5:1-14

Judy Thompson

PSALM 66:1-9

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L ¹ Be 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 ³ Say 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 ⁵ Come 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 ⁷ Ruling 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 ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

READING: Galations 6:7-10,14

Judy Thompson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Linda Estling

HYMN

“We Are All One in Mission” ELW #576 Tune of ELW #805

Verse 1

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Verse 3

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of 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

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.**

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”

ELW #884

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

C 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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“God of Our Fathers”

LBW # 567

Verse 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

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

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. Amen.

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 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, 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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