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**Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
February 8, 2026
Rev Roxie Davis, presiding**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1)

Leader: Let us worship in spirit and in truth, offering our hearts to the God of truth.

People: **We come to God, acknowledging God's greatness, and enduring truth.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life,"

People: **Lord God, guide us in Your truth, for You are the God of our salvation!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please stand if you are able

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #260

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, we come before You, acknowledging that You are Truth. Yet, we confess that we have often chosen to walk in the darkness of lies, half-truths, and deceit. Sometimes we have allowed our lips to speak dishonestly to avoid consequences, or to make ourselves look better, in the eyes of others. Lord, forgive us and give us the courage to live with integrity, and to speak the truth in love. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Only God can create a clean heart in us.

People: **Only God can renew a right spirit within us.**

Leader: We trust in God's mercy to wash away our sins.

People: **We trust that, through God's love and forgiveness, God can empower us to be people of the Truth. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES **Genesis 2: 15-17;** ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 3: 1-7 **1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” **2**The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3**but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” **4**“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5**“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6**When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7**Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Matthew 4: 1-11

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6**“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” **7** Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the

test,⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

SERMON “What Is Truth?”

Please stand if you are able

HYMN “Our God, Our Help In Ages Past” #210

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O LORD”

Hear our prayer, O Lord

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Incline Thine ear to us

And grant us Thy peace

THE OFFERING

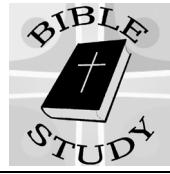
DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN “God of Ages Whose Almighty Hand” #262

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

 <p>Sue Dykstra Roger Sheldon Debi Singer</p>	<p>Barb Wismer (belated) Mike Bergeon Steve Anderson</p> 	 <p>Sunday Mornings 9 am – 9:45 am</p>
<p>Meetings & Events</p> <p>2/10 Stewardship & Mgt 10am PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME</p> <p>2/11 Chili Meal 4pm</p> <p>2/12 Worship 12:30pm Session 1:30pm</p> <p>2/18 4pm</p>  <p>Followed by potluck meal</p>	 <p>2/8 – Team 2 Kathy Pennanen Jackie Bolman Janet Saxon Sandy Hunwick</p> <p>2/15 – Team 3 Sharon Nash Lana Gerrow Rick Murray Jessica Bade</p>	