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**Lakeshore Presbyterian Church**  
**July 5, 2026**  
**Pastor Bill Davis, presiding**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 145:3-6)

One: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**ALL: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

One: On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**ALL: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

One: Let us worship the LORD, GOD ALMIGHTY.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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 “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” #561**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear LORD, YOU have created everything in the heavens and the earth. You have blessed us with a marvelous world and our beloved land. YOUR goodness leaves us inspired to serve YOU all the days of our lives. Forgive us when we let our personal greed influence our behavior. Forgive us when we let our selfishness shove YOU into the background. We desire to praise and worship YOU. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### 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 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” #564

### SCRIPTURE Mark 8:34-38

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

### SERMON “Putting GOD First”

#### 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

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us

And grant us Thy peace

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

**HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #513**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is Risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The power of the Holy Spirit fills our Holy Communion with God’s presence and joins us with saints throughout the ages who have trusted the Holy Spirit for sharing the truth about Jesus Christ....

We gratefully thank the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for calling us, strengthening us, and granting us salvation. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**  
**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**


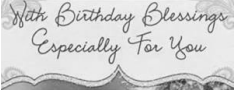
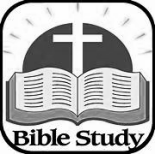

**HYMN**      **“God Bless America”**

God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home.  
God bless America, My home sweet home.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**FELLOWSHIP**

 <p><b>Sue Dykstra Roger Sheldon Debi Singer</b></p>  <p><b>Carol Lepien Gary Baxter</b></p>	 <p><b>Sunday Mornings 9 am – 9:45 am</b></p> <p><b>Thursdays 10:30 am</b></p> 
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# EVENTS

**7/8** Potluck 4pm  
**7/11** Craft Day 1-3pm  
**7/11** Concert William Henry Russell 6pm  
**7/19** Bring a friend to church 10am  
**7/25** Scrapbookers 10am-5pm  
**8/7, 8** Yard Sale Trail see Sue Dykstra  
for lot information



Stewardship & Mgt	<b>7/7</b>	<b>10am</b>
Deacons	<b>7/8</b>	<b>5pm</b>
Worship	<b>7/9</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>
Session	<b>7/9</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>