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**Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
September 20, 2026
Pastor Roxie Davis, presiding**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name."

All: We come to worship the God who forgives all our sins and heals the hurt in our lives.

One: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy for everyone.

All: We are here to worship the One who forgives, no matter what. Thanks be to God.

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #298

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,

Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice,

Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

Are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings

Have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader

Than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal

Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, You have shown us boundless mercy. We confess we are not like You. Our hearts hold onto hurtful incidents. We feed our grievances. We replay past wrongs. We refuse to release them to You. We withhold forgiveness for those who anger us. We prefer the power of resentment over the freedom of patience. Heal our bitterness, rid us of retaliation. By your Holy Spirit, give us strength to forgive those who trespass against us. Amen

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

One: Hear the words of forgiveness:

All : Ephesians 4: 32 says: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as, in Christ, God forgave you"

One: Hear the Good News: God does not treat us as our sins deserve.

Instead, in Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven all our sins.

All: 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 *"I Surrender All"*

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as

he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Matthew 18: 21-22

²¹ Then (Disciple) Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

SERMON “The F Word: Forgiveness”

Please stand if you are able

HYMN “Just As I Am Without One Plea” #370

**1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**4 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

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

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 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" #426

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

In living echoes of Thy tone;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek

Thine erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead

The wandering and the wavering feet;

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed

Thy hungry ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach

The precious things Thou dost impart;

And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

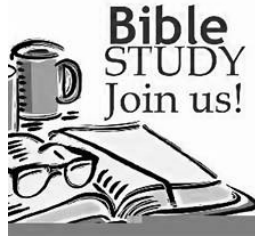
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

In Our Prayers

Loving Father, in times of illness, we seek your comfort and strength. Be with **Roger Sheldon, Mike Eppley, Kate Philips and Rosemary Bruce** in their time of need. Grant them strength, courage, and hope to face the challenges ahead. Let them feel your loving presence. Bless and strengthen **Mary-Beth** as she cares for Roger. Grant her patience, compassion, and endurance. Provide wisdom to the medical professionals involved and guide their decisions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Sunday
Mornings
9 – 9:45am**



*Lord
Hear
Our
Prayers*

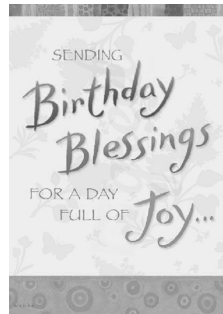
**Group Prayer
Thursdays
10:30am**

EVENTS

9/26	5pm	Harvest Dinner
10/10	1-3pm	Craft Day
10/11	11am	Pastor Appreciation Day
10/11	Noon	Crop Walk along river
10/14	4pm	Potluck
10/22	11am-2pm	Senior Celebratipon



10/1	11am	E&O
10/6	10am	Stewardship/Mgt
10/7	4pm	Deacons
10/8	12:30pm	Worship Session
	1:30pm	



**Marsha Hiller
Kathy Pennanen**

