

There's a  
*sacred* and  
*hallowed*  
retreat,  
In the  
*garden*  
of my *heart*

~ Haldor Lillenas ~

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Prelude Music

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Greetings and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, when chaos surrounds us...

**ALL: ... we are afraid!**

PASTOR: When storms rage, when rough waters toss our boats...

**ALL: ... we fear for our lives!**

PASTOR: But You dance upon the danger...

**ALL: ... and You want us to step out in faith, to bravely join You.**

PASTOR: As Jesus Christ, God came to confront our greatest fears.

Not only did He defeat the chaos of our sins on the cross, but His return to life three days later promises you a life forever in His heavenly Kingdom. Your fate is guaranteed, so let us now step boldly forward in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, sharing His perfect love with everyone we meet. And let us begin by worshipping worship Him today!

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, fill me with the peace that only Your Holy Spirit can offer. Steady me, embolden me for truth, and when I fall, help me to stand once more in the grace You so freely offer. Amen!**

♪ Opening "You're Worthy of My Praise"

Led by the Church Choir

First Reading

*Exodus 14:15-16, 21-22*

Psalm 46:1-3, 8-10

READER: 01 God is our refuge and strength;

He is always ready to help in times of trouble!

**ALL: 02 We know this, and so we will not be afraid –  
even when earthquakes come  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

READER: 03 Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

*Selah, a reflective pause.*

READER: 08 Come, see the glorious works of the LORD:

See how He brings calculated destruction upon the world.

**ALL: 09 He causes wars to end throughout the earth.  
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;  
He burns the shields with fire.**

READER: 10 [But this is what we hear:]

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I will be honored by every nation.

I will be honored throughout the world.”

Second Reading

*Titus 3:3-7*

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Matthew 14:22-29*

The Apostles Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven  
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was  
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin  
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose  
again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon “Sink or Don’t”

♪ Offertory “We Give You Praise”

Led by the Church Choir

✦ Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

Benediction

*A word of blessing.*

♪ Closing Song “Come, Thou Fount”

Led by the Church Choir

Postlude Music

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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### **The Mission Statement of American Lutheran Church**

Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our  
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**Visitors are welcome to sign our guest book** in the narthex gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Ethan or talk to one of the ushers about our American Lutheran Church family!

**Our current prayer list includes** Joe Ayers, Deb Adamek, Jean Bonney, Kathy Chelman, Jodi Eckel, Bob Fox, Karin Fearing, Lee Fearing, Deb Fisher, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Joni Love, Karen Ness, Aubrey Olson, Sam Tesch, Rose Thorp, Deb Wagner, Sharon Wiegers, and Addison Young.

**Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Karl & Beth Arenson in honor of 36 years of marriage. Thank you for ensuring God's Word can reach people over the airwaves!

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$75. Thank you!

**Please consider** signing up to serve as an usher or greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Bible Readings for Next Week: June 18, 2023**

Proverbs 12:1-3, 13:1-3

James 3:5b-10

Psalms 51:1, 4, 9-10

Matthew 15:1-2, 10-11, 15-20

Sermon Title: "Mouthwash"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Acolyte: Madison Cline

Reader: Ione Krause



*[PLEASE remember, we can't accept: TVs, electronics, large appliances, etc.. Also, we are NOT accepting BOOKS. [ALCW has great difficulty disposing of these items when left over.]]*  
Thank you for respecting this. Please put your donations in the designated room(s).  
The donation room will be different than in past years! Watch for signage in the church.

**SORTING:** and other prep work will also happen during the In-Gathering time. [June 8-15]  
Again, NOT on **JUNE 10th** though!

**SET UP** for the sale will begin Friday June 16.

**ORGANIZING** and pricing will be ongoing June 16 through 22nd.

Our trustees ask that we work in 'teams' for safety and liability purposes.

Ladies: we can find a task for any age, energy or skill level. Sit down jobs, etc are available. 🌟

We will certainly appreciate home baked goods to serve and sell to our guests. Bring those to church kitchen by 7:30 a.m, Friday, June 23.

**Watch for:** sign up sheets and further announcements to determine how you can serve the Lord in this fundraiser event. Many hands make light the work!

Blessings and THANK YOU in advance for sharing your time and talents!

Your ALCW

**The June issue of The Daily Walk and June-Aug copies of Our Daily Bread** are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

## **CHURCH OUTREACH**

**Missionaries:** Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

**Prayer Partners** is our confidential chain of prayer. To request a prayer, send an e-mail to [prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org](mailto:prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org). If you would like your name added or removed from the Prayer Partners' e-mail list, contact Patty Ostendorf or Becky Hillig.

**Our Mission Focus for June is our Food Stand at the Todd County Fair.** Proceeds from the fair help send our youth to summer camp and go on mission trips.

**Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 75

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$7,741.53

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,439.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 4/30/23:

Budgeted needs: \$79,545.78

Receipts: \$74,961.71

Actual expenses: \$61,392.94

As of June 4<sup>th</sup>, our 2023 YTD General Budget receipts were \$7,038.93 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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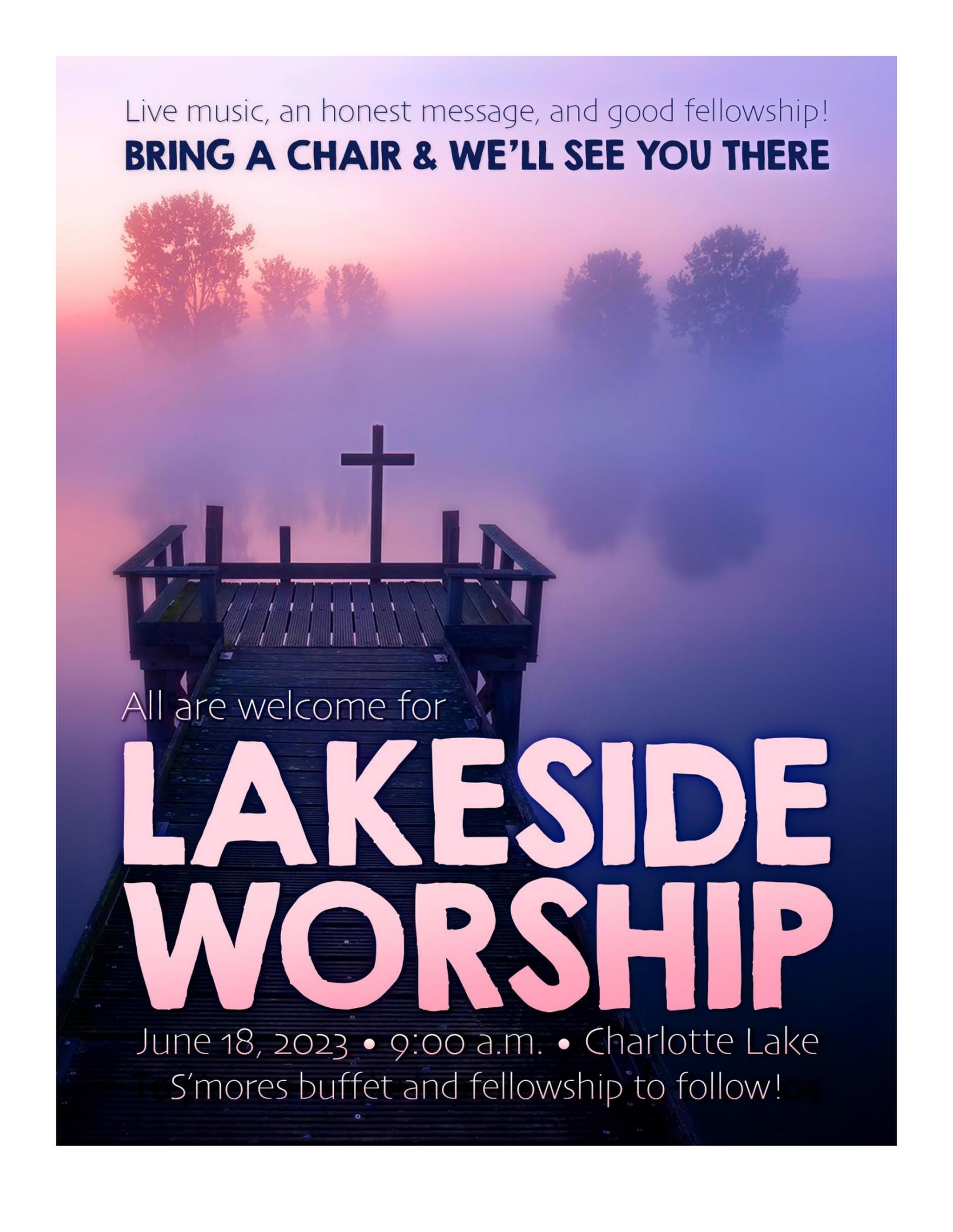
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Live music, an honest message, and good fellowship!  
**BRING A CHAIR & WE'LL SEE YOU THERE**

All are welcome for

# LAKE SIDE WORSHIP

June 18, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. • Charlotte Lake  
S'mores buffet and fellowship to follow!



## **Vacation Bible School**

July 23rd - 27th

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner for everyone 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Free for children ages 4 to entering 6th Grade

Register using the QR code

or paper form on the VBS bulletin board.

Bring friends, relatives, neighbors, and grandkids!

Volunteers Needed (7th grade and up)

Please see areas of need and sign up



## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

**Sun. June 11<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall  
**8:15 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:00 am** **Worship Service**  
**10:15 am** Mission Committee Meeting

**Mon. June 12<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall  
**6:00 pm** Youth & Family Committee Meeting

**Tue. June 13<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall  
**8:15 am** Staff Meeting

**Wed. June 14<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall  
**9:30 pm** Esther Circle  
**7:30 pm** Church Council Meeting

**Thu. June 15<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Ingathering in Fellowship Hall

**Fri. June 16<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Setup and Preparation

**Sat. Jun. 17<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Setup and Preparation  
**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** Youth Lake Activities

**Sun. Jun. 18<sup>th</sup>** New 2 U Setup and Preparation  
**9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion

Sunday worship services are radio broadcast on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streamed on Facebook, and posted with video recordings of services later on our website.