



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 21, 2025
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

Although Lakeside Church is Baptist by tradition and heritage, in our worship and practice we seek to move beyond the label of a denomination to incorporate the richness of other Christian traditions. In our community service we support many ecumenical ministries that convey God's love and care beyond the lines of any denomination.

We receive members by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches. We honor the previous baptism of persons coming from other Christian denominations.

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. We, the members of Lakeside, are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshiping and serving community where the gospel of Jesus Christ is modeled and proclaimed.

If you are interested in knowing more about our church and its ministries, please fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. Use this time for meditation and reflection and please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following worship, share your friendship with those around you.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

The text of the introit is the second verse of Hymn 80.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 23: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Mauk

Leader: God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh, and proclaim God's word.

People: But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

Leader: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

People: Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore.

Leader: They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

People: Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives.

Nancy C. Townley

* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Grammer

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. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**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.**

** Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Forgiving God, like Jonah we resist when asked to tell the story. We find it hard to confess the name of Jesus. We are awkward and feel inadequate. But you have called us to speak and to act. Like Simon and Andrew, James and John, help us to rise up and follow wherever you lead. Lord of surprising light, make us followers.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada

(All are here invited to offer your silent prayers of confession to God.)

MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 1:1-17; 2:1-10; 3:1-4, 10

Mr. Ross

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ADORATION: "Psalm 130"

AUS TIEFER NOT

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord. Out of the depths have I called to you O LORD; ... LORD hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you LORD were to note what is done amiss, O LORD who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:14-20

William Underwood

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE

John S. Wilson

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 85: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Grammer

We give thanks for Meals on Wheels, which enhances the quality of life of individuals at home by providing nutritious meals, personal contact, and related services. Their logo and a meal box is on the altar

ORGAN OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SOLO: "The Lord Is My Rock"

Camille Saint-Saëns

The Lord is my rock and my fortress, my strength in whom I trust. I will call upon the Lord God and I shall be saved. In my distress I called to the Lord, and cried unto my God and he has heard his servant's voice. Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord my God, Singing praises ever unto thy name.

Esther Keller, soloist

Psalm 18

SERMON: "Bible Stories for Grownups: Jonah and the Big Fish"

Dr. Grammer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that our lives flow with the purpose of the One who created and called us, who directs our course and turns us ever toward home. We believe that our way shimmers with the light of Christ who goes with us, who bears us up and calls us by name. We believe that we move with the grace of the Spirit who brooded over the face of the waters at the beginning and who will gather us in at the end. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Jan Richardson

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: “We Are Called To Be God’s People”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

1.

2.

3.

We are called to be God’s people,
Showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us,
And remade us as his own,
Let us share our life together
As we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God’s servants,
Working in his world today;
Taking his own task upon us,
All his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons,
Dedicate to him our all.
That we may be faithful servants,
Quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God’s prophets,
Speaking for the truth and right;
Standing firm for godly justice,
Bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
Our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing
Of the doing of God’s will.

Thomas A. Jackson

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Dr. Grammer

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jean Tripp.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Lisa Meadows
Minister to Children

Zack Ross
Organist

Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Lakeside Website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

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This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the “birthday of the church” through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. The triangle and trefoil on the paraments are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world.

Our sermon series for September is “Bible Stories for Grownups,” inspired by Josh Scott’s book of the same name. We will consider four common Bible stories we learn as children. We hope to grow our faith together as we consider these childhood stories through a grownup lens of interpretation.

Restrooms, including a wheelchair-accessible family restroom, are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions. **Childcare** is available in the preschool building. If you have a young child who becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to utilize our **Kids’ Corner** in the back of the sanctuary by the audio booth. **Children’s worship bags** are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship. **Bibles and several large print hymnals** are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary. **Wireless hearing aides** are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship. **We are grateful for our choral scholars**, Jackson Baldwin, Esther Keller, Allison Benoit, and Jacob McCain, who enrich our music ministry in many ways. Choral Scholars and guest singers are supported by the Gossett-Biggs Music Fund. Anyone interested in supporting the fund is invited to designate a contribution.

LAKESIDE FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

At Home

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

Jim Ashby, 341 Old Coach Rd (04)

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr,
Wilmington 28409

Dave Corn, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Della and Lela Edwards, 211 River Bank Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

Michelle Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

Robert Kincheloe, 3704 Hawthorne Road (04)

Jim and Sheila Martin, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

Bruce Wayne Murray, P. O. Box 1089, Sharpsburg, NC 27878

C.B. Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Anthony Severini (Molly and Theo Pitt's neighbor)

Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Stan Ford, 10820 Sandy Oak Lane, #208, Raleigh, NC 27614

Jean Smith, The Lodge, Room 239, 3322 Village Road (04)

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

FIND YOUR PLACE TO BELONG AT LAKESIDE

Lakeside has a wide range of small groups to help you find your place to learn and grow in faith, serve, develop your gifts, and connect with others. A complete list of Growing Together Small Groups and descriptions is available on the Get Involved page of the website and in the Narthex. Some groups meeting soon are:

Adult Bible Study Classes (Growing Together Groups)

Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Education Building

Lakeside Ringers Handbell Choir

Wednesday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m., in the Music Suite

Lakeside Chancel Choir

Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Music Suite

Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group

Thursday, September 25, at noon, in the Sanctuary

Dove Notes

Wednesday, October 1, at 11:15 a.m., in Godwin Library

Needles & Prayers Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor

Lakeside Ladies Book Club

Tuesday, October 7, at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor

At the Table

Wednesday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m., at Benvenue Country Club

Circle 10

Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m., in the Lecture Room

Lakeside Coffeehouse Writers

Tuesday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, September 21

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups,
Education Building

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. Diaconate, *Conference Room*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities,
Music & Youth Suites

Tuesday, September 23

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee, *Conference Room*

7:00 p.m. Fall Study Group, *Zoom*

Wednesday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Fall Study Group, *Conference Room*

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

Thursday, September 25

12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group,
Sanctuary

Sunday, September 28

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups,
Education Building

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

11:20 a.m. Children's Church, *Children's Classroom*

5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, & Youth Activities,
Music & Youth Suites



GRADES K-5

 Lakeside Church



Children's Church Returns

2nd & 4th Sundays each month

Beginning September 28

Children will leave worship during the second hymn for a time of interactive Bible lessons & activities. Pick up in the Youth Building following worship.

Adult volunteers are needed to assist. Contact Lisa Meadows for more information.

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