
Order of Worship

1st Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 2026

9:00 am

Our service is broadcast live on radio 106.3 FM at 10:05 am and is live streamed on YouTube and the Lake Street UMC Facebook page

TFWS Hymns are from "The Faith We Sing" (black) hymnal

Musicians: Edna Sahs, organist; Ben Kittilstad, pianist

Hearing Devices are available in the Narthex (north entrance). Please ask an usher for assistance.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore those who are penitent, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8
Hymnal #743-744

*OPENING HYMN *TFWS* #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love "

CHILDREN'S TIME

A TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional text

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE #393

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" – arr. Mark Albrecht
Jill Weisenbeck, flute; Ben Kittilstad, piano

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

God's word for all God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Jesus Didn't Have a Denomination" Greg Wallace

*HYMN *TFWS* #2153

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please complete the Connect Card insert found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS *TFWS* #2203 (st. 2)

"In His Time"

In your time, in your time;

You make all things beautiful in your time.

Lord, my life to you I bring, may each song I have to sing

Be to you a lovely thing in your time.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we give joyfully in your name. May these gifts be used to further our mission both here at Lake Street and outside of our congregation. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN #2172

"We Are Called"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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"Jesus Didn't Have a Denomination"
Matthew 28:16-20

Greg Wallace, Lay Speaker

"Christ-followers living God's love"

May 31, 2026

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Pastor: Jerry Morris

Holey Socks Project

Lake Street United Women in Faith continues their **Holey Socks** project, which is a recycling program that raises funds for Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. **The Terra-Cycle program will now only accept GOLD TOE-Brand socks.** A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall by the water fountains. This is an all-church project.

This Week at the Lake

Sunday, May 31st, 2026 — 9:00 am

Mission Emphasis: International Seminary Foundation

- 9:00a **Worship; livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Nursery Available;**
- 10:00a Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:05a **Radio Ministry (880AM or 106.3FM)**
- 10:30a Bible Group (Conference Room)
- 3:00p Souleng Ministry (Chapel)

Monday, June 1st, 2026

- 10:00a Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:00a Fellowship Hall (ADRC Brain & Body)

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

- 10:00a **Friends at the Lake** (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Lounge in Use (Tues Women's NA)

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

- 9:30a UWF Leadership Team (Room 202)
- 10:00a Fellowship Hall (ADRC Brain & Body)
- 6:15p Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30p AT-IT Team (Room 202)
- 6:30p Fireside Library (Wed NA Group)

Thursday, June 4th, 2026

- 7:30a MAP [Men at Prayer] (Fireside Lib)
- 9:00a Quilters (Room 101A)

Friday, June 5th, 2026

- 6:00p Fireside Library In Use (Healing Hearts Grief Group)



Online Giving allows for automatic donations using checking account or credit/debit card? Visit Online Giving at www.lakestreetumc.org/give. Use the QR code here or text 844-804-9791

Raise Right (formerly Scrip)

We have some restaurant cards available (in stock) — Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse, Red Lobster and others for any of your upcoming special occasions.. We are also stocking Woodman's and Culver's cards.

Looking ahead to June the order date is **June 7th with pick up on June 14th.** Place your order at the table or call, text or email AI by Sunday afternoon.

Weisenbecka@gmail.com
715-271-6354

Buy Raise Right — Support LSUMC

Saturday, June 6th, 2026

- 12:00p Fireside Library (Sat NA Group)
- 6:00p Living Room Worship on Facebook

Sunday, June 7th, 2026 — 9:00 am

Message: "The Letter of the Law"
— Texts: *Genesis 122:1-9 and Romans 4:13-25*

Wyatt Ahrens, guest preacher



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A Welcome to Our Guests

We're glad you're with us today. Our goal here at Lake Street is to welcome all people in Christ's love, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, ability, or anything else that divides people.

Worship Aids



Bulletins are available from ushers at both entrances. The readings and prayers are printed there, but will also be projected on screens. Pictorial bulletins for non-readers are also available.

Hearing devices tied to the sound system are available at the Lake Street door. Just ask an usher for help.



Children and Families

Parents are welcome to keep their children with them in worship. Don't worry about the wiggles. At the back of the sanctuary is an area for children, and individual activity boxes for each child. For more privacy, the service is also being streamed in the library—out the side door and up the ramp. There are also some children's toys and activities available in the library. During the service, a "Children's Moment" is offered in worship, and all ages are welcome up front.

Connect Card



The insert in the bulletin is a way for our members to sign in, and there is also a place where you may leave contact information, if you like, so that we may welcome you more than once.

Coffee Fellowship

You are invited to a coffee fellowship at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, by the parking lot doors.



Communion

We usually serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We use grape juice and gluten-free bread, to include everyone, and all who are seeking God, of any age, are welcome at Christ's table.

Short Circuit — May 31, 2026

Community of Worship

Thank you, Creator God for this summer-like day where we celebrate your wonders and praise your name.

●**Worship Leader:** Greg Wallace; ●**Organist:** Edna Sahs; ●**Pianist:** Ben Kittilstad; ●**Liturgist:** Barb Nelson; ●**Song Leader:** Kirsten Gierhart; ●**Tech Crew:** Daniel Klingensmith, Aaron Athas, Per Forsberg, Derek Brost, Logan Wallace, Greg Wallace; ●**Altar Design:** Pat Peterson.

Radio Ministry

Gifts supporting our radio ministry were given in memory of Chuck Grandy by Kathryn Prentice and Michael Grandy.

Worship Notes

June 7th — Wyatt Ahrens preaching. As Pastor Jerry, Greg Wallace and Jill Weisenbeck represent our church at the Wisconsin United Methodist Annual Conference in Madison, Wyatt Ahrens will be filling the pulpit. Communion will be delayed one week.

June 15th — Olivia Rotgnholt Confirms her faith. Hayden Harps, son of Rebecca and Tiera Harps will be baptized this Sunday. Moreover one of our young adults, Olivia Rognholt has completed all the requirements for Confirmation and will be confirmed. As we celebrate the journey of faith we will celebrate Communion this week as well.

June 21st — Leo Athas baptized. Leo Athas, son of Aaron and Maria Athas will be baptized this Sunday. This is also Father's Day, so stay after church to celebrate all our fathers at the special Father's Day Coffee Fellowship.

Special Music — Choirs will be on hiatus over the summer, but if you have a musical gift — singing, playing an instrument, etc. — and would like to contribute to worship, call the office to find an open week.

A Season for Flowers

One of the ways to celebrate the joy of God's creation in the season of new life is

with flowers. Here are ways to do that:

1: By bringing flowers to church. If you have a profusion of Spring flowers that you would like to share with the congregation, you can always bring them to church for the altar. Vases are available for loan!

2. By helping with the church's flower garden. Bonnie Wright is the landscape artist who has turned our front flower bed into such a dazzling display year after year. If you would be willing to help with this project, let Bonnie know or just contact the church. Weeding is always a gift!

Community of Inclusive Welcome

Prayer Ministries

One way faith communities grow in care for one another is through our e-mail prayer chain. Sign-up on the Connect Card insert.

Coffee Fellowship

All are invited to a time of gathering and gabbing in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Friends at the Lake

When Friends at the Lake began, the plan was always for it to become self-supporting. The friends are asked to pay \$45 a day for the four-hour program which includes lunch. When the Council approved it, though they knew that self-sufficiency would take a long time so they provided funding from a Mission Grant that our Foundation manages.

In 2026 the dream of self-sufficiency is staring to take shape. We are still not quite paying all our expenses from the weekly fees. Some of our friends can't afford the cost, others can only pay a portion, and we don't turn any one away. But with generous gifts from the congregation and grant money from the United Methodist Foundation, the ADRC, and just this past month, from Mayo Hospital Community Spark Grant program we are operating in the black so far in this calendar year.

This is only possible because of our volunteers and we always need more of those. If you have not given us a try, come

volunteer some Tuesday. See what it feels like to bring light into someone's life.

Contact Laurie Van Beek, 715-832-6603 or email (laurievb@lakestreetumc.org).

Community of Spiritual Formation

Children's Sunday School

Classes have been completed for this season and will resume in September.

Sunday Bible Group

The Sunday Morning Study Group which meets in the conference room after worship — and does not take the summer off, has begun a new book. *God's Ghostwriters; Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible* by Dr. Candida Moss is the selection. Explore how our Bible came to be and imagine what that means for us when we read it today.

Scholarships for Summer Camp!

LSUMC has summer camp scholarships available. 80% of the cost! See wiumcamps.org for options.

2026 Graduates

We celebrate the graduation this spring of Wyatt Ahrens, Isiah Chrouser, and Olivia Rognholt. If there are others we have missed, let the office know.

Community of Compassionate Outreach

The Community Table

Lake Street volunteers served a meal of creamy pork/potato casserole, lettuce salad, fruit salad and dessert to 88 guests at the Community Table on May 13th. Our next **dates to volunteer are June 10th and July 8th.** Please contact Peters Nelson at petermnelson@sbcglobal.net or at 715-379-8135.

May Loose Change: International Seminary Scholarship Drive

This month the Mission team is joining the rest of the United Methodist Church in taking up a collection to support international education around the world. Most of the growth in the

United Methodist Church today is found in Africa, Asia and Latin America. There is no better way to support that growth and give it stability than to support the training of leader. There will be a special insert in next week's worship folder with more details.

Blessing Box

Thank you to everyone who continues to supply items for our Blessing Box. Items currently needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, socks, large underwear, Vaseline and Band-aids. We have enough soap, shampoo and conditioner.

Beacon House Hosting

The next opportunity to prepare a supper meal for guests at Beacon House is July 12th—18th. If you're willing to prepare a meal, contact Kent Gierhart at 715-864-2056 or he can answer any questions. The Mission Team has allocated funds to help cover costs of preparing the meal if needed.

Community Events

Blood Drive Recap

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Thank you — Linda Keepers,
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Welcome to Lake Street United Methodist Church

We're glad you're here to worship with us today!

Members and guests: please complete the "Connect Card" to help us stay connected and share ministry together. Please place the "Connect Card" in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: Sunday – May 24h, 2026 – 9:00 am

Your Name _____
Please list anyone with you today _____

I am / we are guest(s); member(s);
 I am / We are seeking a church home and would like
information. _____
_____ *(contact information)*

I would like to be part of the e-mail prayer chain.
E-mail _____
(your e-mail will not be shared beyond our ministry)

My / our contact information has changed. *(Please update)*
Address _____
Primary Phone _____

I would like to order a **NEW NAME TAG**.

Requests for Prayer

These requests will go to our staff and to our email prayer chain, all of whom are committed to pray and to maintain confidentiality. If you request prayer for another person, to respect their privacy, we ask that you include the last name only if you have that person's permission.

Please pray for _____

– more opportunities on reverse side

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## Friends at the Lake Volunteer Sign-Up

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Participant      \_\_\_ Greeter      \_\_\_ Registration  
\_\_\_ Lunch Prep      \_\_\_ Activity Planning      \_\_\_ Music  
\_\_\_ Activity Leading      \_\_\_ Art

Not sure what you want to do; our director Laurie can help.