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of the
Lakes

Connecting all to Christ to become
healthy in God and courageous in love.

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Kingdom RELATIONSHIPS



Living the Love of the King

Traditional Worship - July 26, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - David Morgan

Prelude *Peace Like River* Joel Raney
Lorraine George & Dean Wagner, piano duet

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Lisa Swanigan 11:00 - Susan Spearing

Leader: Let us hear the Word of the Lord. Let us be warmed by its fire burning in our hearts.

People: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway.

Leader: In the presence of the Word, revealed in Jesus Christ, written in Scripture, praised in hymns, proclaimed in preaching, expressed in prayer,

People: Now here in this time together, let us praise God as we join in song.

***Hymn** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* #76

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Lisa Swanigan 11:00 - Bill Woodard

Lord's Prayer

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.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem

8:30 *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* Smith
Lorraine George

11:00 *The Wedding Song (There is Love)* Paul Stookey
Karl Blanding, soloist

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:18, 21-25 pg. 2

Prayer
Source of all love, we thank you for your plan that draws together your children in their love for each other. Today we commend to your care those who have become one in marriage. Enable them to faithfully live out their covenant and to seek to do your will in all things. In all our relationships with each other, O God of overflowing grace, empower us to be quick to forgive, as well as accepting of another’s forgiveness. As we love each other in Jesus’ name, may we serve each other as he served us, putting aside all self-centeredness, that our love will reveal your love to others. Strengthen us in our commitments to each other, that as we live through the good and bad together, we will find a joy greater than we ever imagined. In the presence and promise of Christ we pray. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God		
8:30	<i>Fill My Cup</i> Dean Wagner	Innes
11:00	<i>The Touch of the Master’s Hand</i> Karl Blanding, soloist	Welch

***Response in Song** (11:00 only)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (11:00 only)

*Hymn (11:00 only)	<i>There is a Redeemer</i>	#30
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Scripture	Ephesians 5:21-33	pg. 950
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Message	Marriage in the Kingdom Kingdom Relationships	Pastor Bryan George
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*Closing Hymn	<i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	#585
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***Benediction**

Postlude	<i>Toccata on “Duke Street”</i>	Gilbert Martin
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*Those who are able, please stand
Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

Altar Flowers: are given by John & Pat Dilworth
in celebration of Johnny Dilworth’s birthday

Sermon Outline

Focus: When we graciously offer ourselves to our “suitable helper” we discover meaning and significance for this journey. “Agape” love is what God shows for us and calls us to reflect to others.

I) A Wife Carrying Contest

Climbing uphill, stumbling in mud, and working together

II) Definition of marriage

“Lifelong monogamous relationship between a man and a woman”

Purpose of marriage:

A) Refine character B) Reflect his saving love C) Create stability for children

III) How do we “*subject to one another out of reverence for Christ?*”

1) Assumes that Followers are filled with the Spirit (v. 18)

The Holy Spirit operates by making the truths of Jesus real in our lives

2) Wives be subject to their Husbands, Husbands sacrificially love their Wives (v.22, 25)

Abandon Self-interest for the benefit of the other- “*douloi*”

A revolutionary image that captures the Jesus way (Philippians 2:2)

3) Recognize the great enemy knocking on the door of our hearts (v. 3-7)

Keller: “*Self-centeredness is a havoc wrecking problem in many marriages and it is the ever present enemy of every marriage*”

4) Reach out and cling to the gift of grace

Because Christ has given himself for us, we are given a power to serve the other

IV) Making Love LAST a Lifetime

Listen

Apologize

Support and Admiration

Touch Affectionately

V) The transformation from a wedding banquet hall to family funeral home

Contemporary Worship - July 26, 2026 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

Raise a Hallelujah
Great Are You Lord

Welcome

9:30 - Matt Ritzert Oasis - Pastor Robby Strock

Worship Song & Offering

Forever Reign

Prayer

9:30 - Amy George Oasis - Alexia Walsh

Scripture

Ephesians 5:21-33

Message

Marriage in the Kingdom
Kingdom Relationships

Pastor Robby Strock

Closing Song

I Surrender All

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: Kingdom marriages reflect the Gospel when we submit to one another and love as Christ loves.

I. Submission Reflects Christ – Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Submission is mutual.

Submission is not weakness.

Submission creates harmony.

Jesus modeled submission.

Kingdom submission is loving service.

II. Sacrifice Reflects Christ – Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Love is self-sacrificial.

Marriage trains us to love others.

Christ-like love serves everyone.

We all fall short.

The cross is our hope.

III. Love that LASTS

L — Listen.

A — Apologize.

S — Support & Admire.

T — Touch Affectionately.

Church Office Hours - The church office will be closed on Mondays in July.

Baptism by Immersion

A Baptism by Immersion service will be held on **Sunday, August 16th**, during the church picnic. Anyone who has never been baptized into the Christian faith and would like the chance to make a profession of faith in Jesus and be baptized by immersion are invited to take part. There will be an informational meeting on *Sunday, August 9th*, 12:15 pm in room 206. If this is a first baptism this meeting is strongly encouraged, those reaffirming their baptisms are not required to attend. For more information contact Cassandra in the church office, 330-499-8972.

Summer Choir

On the **August 9th** our 11:00 traditional service will feature a "summer choir". Anyone can join, and there is no commitment. Arrive in the music room at 10:30 that day to practice an anthem for that morning. For questions about Summer Choir or special music for traditional services, contact Dean Wagner, dean@churchofthelakes.org.

3rd Grade Bibles

We will be presenting Bibles to our third grade students on **Sunday, August 30th** at all 4 Worship services. Let Angela know which service you plan to attend that day. In order to get the Bibles calligraphied in time, prepare curriculum packets, and get the names in the bulletin, contact Angela, angela@churchofthelakes.org or 330-499-8972 by *Wednesday, August 12th*.

Bible Sunday

Sunday, August 30th will be "Bible Sunday". We are accepting donations of gently used Bibles to pass out for Bible Sunday. If you would like to donate a gently used Bible (children's, youth, or adult) bring your donation to the Christian Education office by *Sunday, August 23rd*.

Serve

Childrens Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers make children's ministry possible. Your willingness to serve can make an eternal difference in the lives of our children. Whether you can serve weekly, monthly, or occasionally, your time and care are a valuable investment in the next generation. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, email Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org. We would love to help you find the opportunity that's right for you.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Church of the Lakes is hosting a blood drive on **Saturday, August 8th**, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm in the Activity Center. The American Red Cross is in an emergency blood shortage. Signup for an appointment at redcrossblood.org and search using sponsor code 'churchofthelakes'.

The Encouragers - Card Making Ministry

The Encouragers Card Making Ministry for GRACE6:8 will be meeting on **Saturday, August 22nd**, 10:00 am in room 108. Supplies will be furnished and no skills are needed just a willingness to learn. If you wish to attend contact Rosemary Lare, bookstamp53@gmail.com.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located by the Activity Center entrance

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org

ready. set. build!

Build with the
Kerns Family
Church of the Lakes



Brittany • Breeze (4)

Ready to volunteer?

1. Visit habi.build/COTL and click "Sign Up to Volunteer."
2. Select your preferred volunteer shift(s).
3. Tell us a little about yourself.
4. Provide your emergency contact information.
5. Click "Continue."
6. Review the Release and Waiver of Liability, add your signature to agree, then click "Submit." You will receive an automatic email confirmation and text.



Questions?
Contact Habitat:
330-916-6989

Scan to sign up!



Volunteers needed for our Habitat Home Build:

Thursday 8/13 - Paint Doors
at Habitat Workshop

Saturday 8/15 - Painting

Saturday 9/19 - Final Clean

**Register for these opportunities
at habi.build/cotl**

Lil' Lambs Closet



Fall & Winter Consignment Sale

Friday, July 31st
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 1st
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

50% off select items on Saturday

FIND GREAT DEALS:

Back-to-School clothes for infants, children, teens & young adults, nursery & children's furniture, shoes, bookbags, books, DVDs, sports equipment, accessories, baby items, exersaucers, and more!

Register to consign or volunteer at
www.cotl-lillambscloset.com

**30% of proceeds
go to children in need**



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 16th
12:00 - 3:00 pm

Bring a dish to share
main dish, drinks & tableware provided

FUN FOR EVERYONE:

**giant slide, jump house, games, door
prizes and ice cream treats**

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Pam Robson, George Walker, Lori Briggs, Bill Raymont, Dan George, and Jody Gardner

Continue to pray for our Sierra Leone Mission Trip team: Pastor Jared Priset, Julia Fabich, Brian Knis, Sharen Lindberg, Dave Mulcahey, Tom Ralston, and Tricia Talbott, they return on Saturday, August 1st.

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.