

## Thanksgiving for Camperships and Support of Outdoor Ministry

*This service should be used whenever camperships are offered by the congregation. It may be placed following the Hymn of the Day or at the end of the service before the dismissal.*

*The Pastor, a member of the congregation council, or a congregational FLAME leads the following. The portions may be divided as appropriate.*

L: The following people are recipients of Camperships and will be participating in the outdoor ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp...

*(The names are read and the recipients are invited to come to the front of the church. Specific program(s) that the Camperships are for can be identified – i.e., Summer Youth Program, Women and Kids week, etc.)*

L: Camperships are a way for *(name of congregation)* to support the ministry we share with Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp by encouraging participation in the camp's programs. These camperships came from *(identify the source of the camperships – endowment fund, memorial fund, fund raiser, etc.)*. We are grateful to be able to offer financial support for the spiritual growth and learning that takes place through the ministry at camp, and to send these people with our prayers and encouragement. Let us pray:

L: Heavenly Father, you have blessed your creation with beauty through nature and the outdoors. In thankfulness we pray,

**C: To your Glory.**

L: You have blessed your Church with the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. In thankfulness we pray,

**C: To your Glory.**

L: You bless your people with the gift of learning and growing in spirit, faith, and community. In thankfulness we pray,

**C: To your Glory.**

L: You bless us with the means to support the outdoor ministry of camp through the generosity of your people with these camperships. In thankfulness we pray,

**C: To your Glory.**

L: Bless these people in their time at camp, and may the blessings that they receive be multiplied in the blessings they share. In Jesus name, we pray,

**C: Amen**

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