

Nest Lake Sanctuary

The historic Peace Lutheran Church,
dressed in her white Sunday best,
and anchored off the north shore since 1872
no longer sings
but bears stately testimony
to fifty waiting graves.
Lichen-laden headstones
tilt a tad
as I glance back toward
“Holm 1822-1893”
while a bluebird box
nailed to a burr oak
rooted just east of the sanctuary
wings new life.

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