

August 11, 2019

## LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, Building us into a Family engaged  
in Spirit-filled Service.*

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Aids for hearing, children's activity bulletins, and large print bulletins are  
available from the ushers



WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

*If you need childcare, please see one of the ushers  
and we will happily accommodate you.*

*Elder of the Month: Ed Fritch*

*Ushers: Tom Mathson & Keith Mulford*

*Greeters: Janie & Ed Fritch*

*Altar Care: Margaret Pedersen*

*Mike & Reda Joost wish to invite you for coffee after the worship service*

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*Pre-Service Music: This is time to turn our hearts & minds toward God in preparation of worship.*

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**Instrumental Prelude**

**Lev Ryabinin**

**Welcome**

*Please Stand*

*(You are invited to wish those around you God's peace. Please remain standing for the invocation.)*

**Invocation**

**Confession and Absolution**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand  
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

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### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6**

**Reader: Jerry Pailer**

R: After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16**

**Reader: Jerry Pailer**

R: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to

conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Please Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all

his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 735 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Have No Fear, Little Flock**



1	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle	flock;	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle
2	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle	flock;	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle
3	Praise	the	Lord	high a -	bove;	Praise	the	Lord	high a -
4	Thank - ful	hearts	raise to	God;	Thank - ful	hearts	raise to		



flock,	For	the	Fa - ther	has	cho - sen	To
flock,	For	the	Fa - ther	will	keep	you
bove,	For	He	stoops	down	to	heal
God,	For	He	stays	close	be - side	you,
						In



give	you	the	King - dom;	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle	flock!
His	love	for - ev - er;	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle	flock!	
lift	and	re - store	you;	Praise	the	Lord	high a -	bove!
all	things	works	with	you;	Thank - ful	hearts	raise to	God!

*Please Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### Offering

*To Our Guests: We do not charge for any of our services. All our services, programs, and expenses are freely supported by the gifts and offerings of our members. As our guests, you have not been invited for what you can give, but for what God can give you.*

### Instrumental Anthem:

**Lev Ryabinin**

***Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.***

### Create in Me

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

The image shows musical notation for the hymn 'Create in Me'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are placed below the treble staff. A copyright symbol (©) is located at the beginning of the lyrics.



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Our Offering Pledge

**C:** We pause in our worship, to rededicate ourselves, our time, talents, and treasure, to the service of Christ our Savior. We remember also our responsibility of friendliness to and concern for our fellow-worshippers, for those who are absent, and for our unchurched friends and neighbors. May the Holy Spirit help us to witness for Christ, in whatever way He directs us during the coming days.

## Prayer of the Church

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(After the pastor ends each petition with, "Lord in Your Mercy, the congregation responds with, "Hear our prayer.")

## The Lord's Prayer

**C:** 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 and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

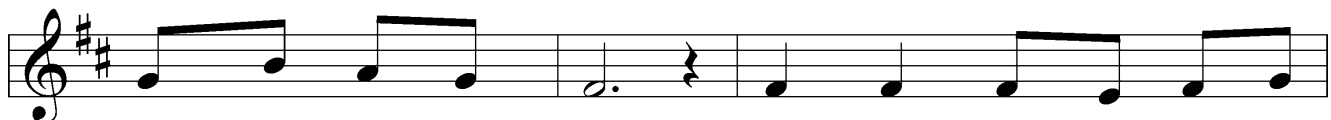
*Please be seated*

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 711 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.

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## Announcements

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### The Dismissal

**P:** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

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#### Post-service Music

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#### **GOD'S BLESSINGS to all those celebrating birthdays this week:**

- Today, July 11<sup>th</sup> – Charlie Helms
- Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Dukes
- Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Linda Hayden

#### **and anniversaries**

- Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Bob & Shirley Mai

Best wishes!

**NEED USHERS & SOUNDBOARD VOLUNTEERS:** We need ushers & soundboard volunteers to sign up. The list is on the sanctuary back wall.

**IF YOU DESIRE TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** please talk to Pastor Steve.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday	“God, Are You Talking to Me” Class	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	Adult Bible Class taught by Jay Wendland	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Council Meeting	after worship



**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Wouldn't it be great to just hear Jesus Himself preach a sermon? What if we were there, along with the disciples, hearing the words directly from Jesus' mouth; imagine how that would change our understanding.

Well, we do have that opportunity. The Adult Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. is called “Life of Jesus” where we will spend time digging into Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Now we can get “up close and personal” and hear directly from Jesus Himself. As we spend time looking at Jesus’ words in Matthew 5-7, we will quickly become aware that Jesus’ teaching is dynamically different from the world’s teachings. In fact, Jesus will challenge us again about what it means to live a life of faith.

**Join us on Sunday mornings, beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the church for “Life of Jesus”**



**MID WEEK BIBLE CLASS:** There is a mid-week Bible Study here at Lake Oconee Lutheran. We will be meeting at church every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am. We will begin with “God, are You talking to Me?”

During this class we will be looking at 13 different New Testament Bible events and realize that God wrote those down for us. They are not just stories about dusty history but here God is talking to us, about our life, in His New Testament. Join us every Wednesday and be a part of “God, are You talking to Me?” Our class will begin at 10:30 am in the Choir Room.

**THE BLITZ AT HABITAT:** “The “Blitz” is an opportunity for qualified individuals/families that are interested in becoming a Habitat homeowner to apply. All they have to do is come to the ReStore and meet with the selection committee to see if they qualify (see bulletin board post for criteria). This year it will be held August 22, 23, 24 at our ReStore from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Our Habitat goal is to build 20 more houses by year 2024. To reach this goal we need to find potential home owners. Your help spreading the word can help us immensely” (letter paraphrased).

-- *Andy Schulze, Exec. Director Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County, Inc.*



**VERSE FOR “PURPOSE”:** Below is one of the few Bible passages that your family here at Lake Oconee Lutheran have shared to remind you that you are “**Built for a Purpose**”:  
Philippians 4:13<sup>13</sup> **I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**

*Have you written down your Bible verse on the framework reminding us of our purpose at the front of the church yet? Please share a verse that is meaningful to you and your faith life.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** LCEF’s Jay Wendland will be our guest next Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. He will teach the Sunday morning Bible class and will be available to answer any questions pertaining to the Lutheran Extension Fund and Lutheran Early Response Training.



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** will be held Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> after worship.

## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### ***We are Built for a Purpose***

#### **Built Through Word and Sacrament –**

...believing in and making faithful and frequent use of the Bible, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper as the means by which God gives and sustains faith and empowers and strengthens us for Christian living.

#### **Built Through Ongoing Learning –**

...providing quality, Bible based instruction to foster greater understanding of God's Word and to better equip members for their discipleship.

#### **Built For Service –**

...reaching out to others by word and deed to join in the sharing of God's blessings and grace, which is free to all believers.

#### **Built For Discipleship –**

...utilizing fully our time, talents, and resources to serve and love the Lord, furthering our commission of discipleship.

#### **Built For Fellowship –**

...caring for and sharing with our church family; fostering greater love, understanding, and concern for the physical and spiritual well-being of all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

#### **The window behind the altar is our EASTER SUNRISE WINDOW.**

The cross hanging in front of the window is an empty cross, reminding us that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive now to be with us here and always. Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. The symbol on the front of the ALTAR is a combination of two Greek letters: the "chi," which looks like our English "x," and the "rho," which looks like our "p." In the Greek, these letters are the first two of "Christ." Combined as they are, they suggest the cross. Superimposed on the cross is a heart, the reminder that God's love for us is the reason Jesus died on the cross. God's love for us empowers us to share his love with others.