



# God's Design for Relationships

August 26, 2018

## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

Our vision is to be an expanding community of faith, growing in the Holy Spirit, and practicing before the world a Christ-centered life.

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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.*

*Ushers: Walter Krause & Ray Hilpipe*

*Greeters: Jerry & Lance Pailer*

*Altar Care: Sandy Mathson*

*Keith Mulford wishes 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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## **Prelude: Close to Thee**

**Welcome: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Welcome guests.**

*Please Stand*

## **The Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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

## **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **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.

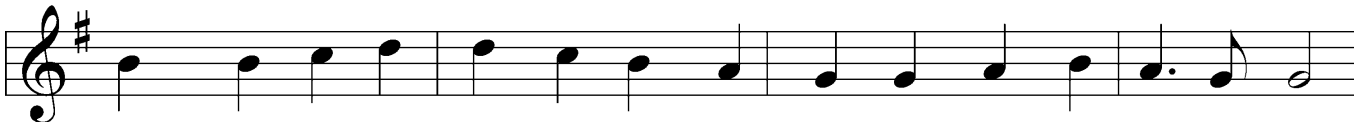
**C: Amen.**

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 803 in the Lutheran Service Book)

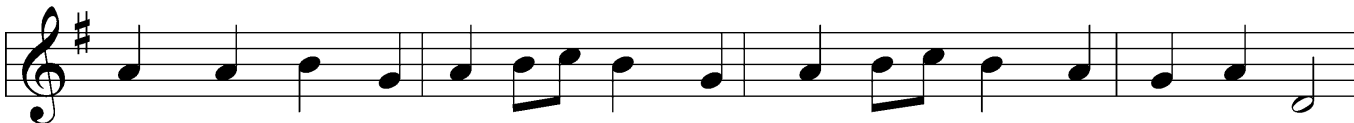
### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-lect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know  
Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may

boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: We pray for God's blessing as we receive our new pastor.

**C: Almighty God, Giver of every good gift, we thank thee for answering our prayers and providing us with a pastor to lead us. Be with Pastor Steven Hayden and Linda, keep them in good health and provide them with people to purchase their house and help them in this process so they may arrive in good time. We pray for Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, as they begin their search for a new pastor. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

**First Lesson – Isaiah 29:11-19**

**Reader: Keith Mulford**

**Psalm 14**

P: <sup>1</sup>The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

**C: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.**

P: <sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,

**C: to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.**

P: <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;

**C: there is none who does good, not even one.**

P: <sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers

**C: who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?**

P: <sup>5</sup>There they are in great terror,

**C: for God is with the generation of the righteous.**

P: <sup>6</sup>You would shame the plans of the poor,

**C: but the LORD is his refuge.**

P: <sup>7</sup>Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**C: When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

## Second Lesson – Ephesians 5:22-33

Reader: Keith Mulford

*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: Mark 7:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>7</sup> Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” <sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of

men.”

<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup> But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon      The Christian Family in the 21st Century      Dr. John Oberdeck**

Based on Ephesians 5:23

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 973 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

And  
Refrain

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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.

## Offering

Instrumental Anthem:

Bradley Sowell

*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 first system of musical notation for 'Create in Me' consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of chords and single notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are positioned below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a quarter rest at the beginning of the second measure. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are positioned below the treble staff.

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

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a quarter rest at the beginning of the second measure. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it' are positioned below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a quarter rest at the beginning of the second measure. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -' are positioned below the treble staff.

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

## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church, that all the baptized would be delivered from all hypocrisy and given grace to honor God not only with their lips, but in their heart, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our Synod President Matthew, our District President Greg, our Circuit Visitor John, our own called Pastor Steve, and all servants of the Church, that they may teach the Word of God honestly and clearly, never setting forth as divine truth what is in fact only human tradition, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For an increase in pastors, teachers, deaconesses and other church workers, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For each person entrusted with public responsibility or civic duty in our land and in all nations, that they be given wisdom to know what is right and true and courage to govern according to such wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For every Christian marriage, that husbands and wives may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, relate to one another in such a way that they form a living picture of the communion of Christ and His Bride, the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those taking treatments, for the ill or injured, for the lonely and the prisoners, [*and for all who have desired our prayers, including \_\_\_\_\_,*] that in meekness each hurting heart would obtain fresh joy in the Lord and exult in the Holy One of Israel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful departed, let us offer our thanks and praise to Him who is the resurrection and the life, asking Him to give us our share with the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **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.**

# Announcements

*Please Stand*

## Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, Son ✠, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

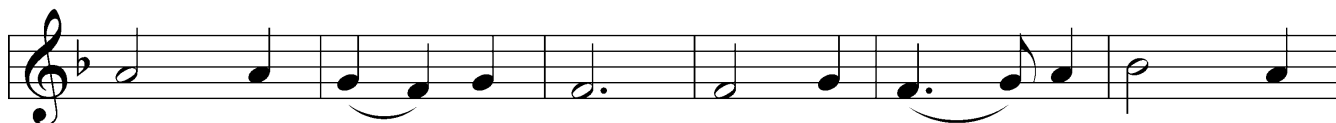
C: Amen.

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 851 in the Lutheran Service Book)

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



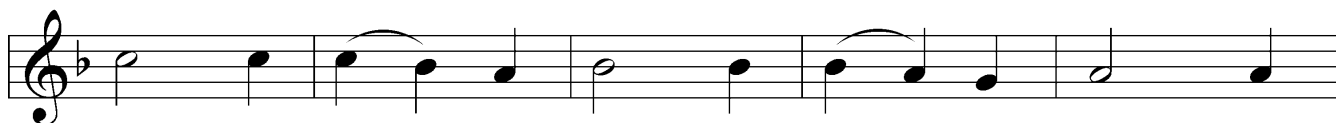
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious



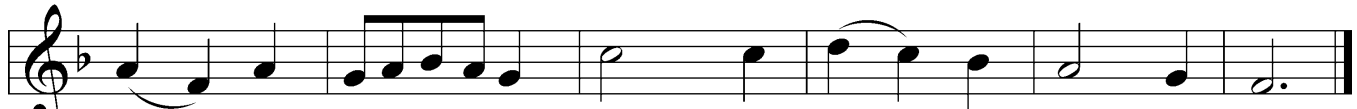
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

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## 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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**THANK YOU TO DR. JOHN OBERDECK** for leading us in worship today.

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

- Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Jim Kueven
- Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Marilyn Smolinski
- Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Bailey Ringer

### **Anniversaries:**

- Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Art & Myra Hargrove's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!  
Best wishes!

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK:** Rosemary Bonnough

### **\*\*URGENT CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:\*\***

**We need your help with ushering (August – December) and altar care (October – December 31).** A signup sheet is on the round table.

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Ron Schornhorst at 706-484-9855.

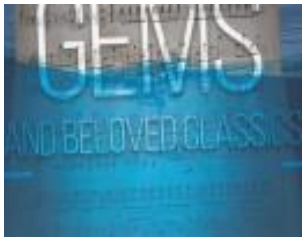
### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Thursday	GCC Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Episcopal Church Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Episcopal Church Worship Service	5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Adult Sunday School  
Worship Service

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.



**HIDDEN GEMS AND BELOVED CLASSICS CONCERT** On Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 pm, our pianist, Bradley Sowell will be performing with soprano Dana Carlson at Max Noah Recital Hall at Georgia State College and University in Milledgeville. Let's all turn out to support him and enjoy this special performance.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> after the worship service



**THANK YOU** for all the prayers & especially the food!  
-- Susan Krause

### ITEMS FOR PUTNAM COUNTY CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:

The purple baskets are back and ready to be filled with food and bathroom tissue for Putnam Christian Outreach. PCO also welcomes cash to help people in need with utility and medical bills. Money can be placed in the red PCO box on the round table. PCO provides food and household supplies to over 200 families every month. Watch for specifically needed items announcements.



**NO MORE COLLECTING CANS:** Since Amber is no longer our janitor, we will stop collecting aluminium cans. Instead please take your cans to your county's recycling center.

**NEED NURSERY WORKERS:** We are in need our 2 volunteers for each Sunday. Please schedule your dates on the signup sheet on the round table.





## ***Prayer Requests***

### **Those we keep in our prayers:**

Sue Amick  
Jim Crawford  
Carol Dunn  
Martha Glenn  
Patsy Mahs  
Bill & Amy Orr-Stokes  
Lou Pailer  
Si Si Petrea  
Leo Sauer  
Jean Steinberg  
Mary Tober  
Peggy & Tom Uehlin  
John Anton  
Sandra Barr  
Bob Brooks  
Rafael Caballero  
Ben Celone  
Francis Cooper  
Wanda Davis  
Lavon Dunker

Cindy Fritch  
Nadine Haydon  
Cathy Hayes  
Darvin Jackson  
Sherry Jones  
Alex Krahling  
Donald Mulford  
Ricky Newsom  
Marianne & Rev. Louis Pearce  
Carol Pope  
Price family  
Phil Riley  
Jean Smith  
Laura Taylor  
Dylan Webb  
Larry Wells  
Pastor Steve & Linda Hayden  
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

### **Those families who are grieving:**

The Mahs family  
The Fuller family  
The Chambers family  
The Petrea family  
The Dunn family  
The Uehlin family  
The Crawford family  
The Orr family  
The Orr-Stokes family

## **OUR VALUES AS A CONGREGATION**

### **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.

### **Christian Education –**

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

### **Evangelism –**

...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.

### **Stewardship –**

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

### **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.