

April 22, 2018

## LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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: Tom Uehlin & Keith Mulford*

*Greeters: Donna & Charlie Crouch*

*Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Sharon Ross*

*The Hardesty family 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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**Choir Prelude: I Love You, Lord**

**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.**

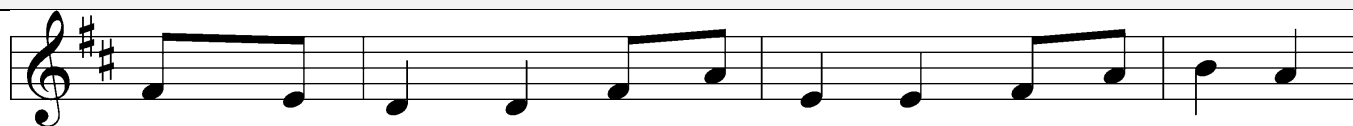
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

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 # 686 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**



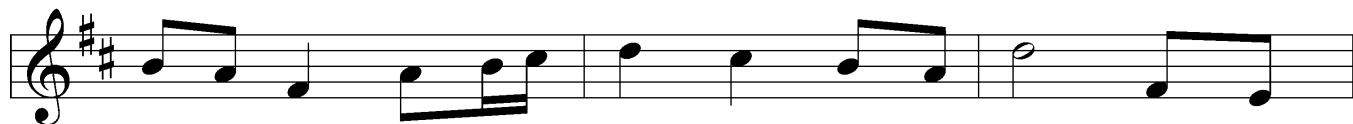
1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Call a new pastor.

**C: Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on this Your Church in our time of transition. Give guidance from the Holy Spirit to all involved in the Call process. Our prayer is that, in Your good time and according to Your good plans, we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for Your people and equip us for witness and service to the world around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**First Lesson – Acts 4:1-12**

**Reader: Tom Mathson**

## Psalm 23

P: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

**C: I shall not want.**

P: <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C: He leads me beside still waters.**

P: <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

**C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P: <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P: <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## Second Lesson – 1 John 3:16-24

Reader: Tom Mathson

### Common Alleluia and Verse

**C** 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: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have

authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

**"Do You Choose Door 1, 2, or 3?"** Pastor Ray Borchelt

based on Gospel lesson John 10:11-18

**Congregational 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 In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
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!

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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 line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -".

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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.

## 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gifts of divine peace and pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the renewal of the Church, that the heavenly Father would make all the baptized joyful witnesses of the Savior's resurrection victory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For an end to abortion in our land and that our nation might again come to value every life from conception to natural death as a priceless gift of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who do not know the Good Shepherd, that they be brought to saving faith and come to experience with us the joy of living under His watchful eye, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the lonely, the afflicted, those in prison, those persecuted for the faith and all the sick, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that the Holy Spirit would comfort them and grant them strength and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who pass through the valley of the shadow of death, that in the companionship of their great Good Shepherd and in the confidence of His victory over death and the grave, they may fear no ill, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and who dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we together with them may look forward to the joy of our resurrection, 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 Your Son, 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 # 525 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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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 PASTOR RAY BORCHELT** for leading us in worship today.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS to all those celebrating birthdays:**

- Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Anna Ruth Ringer
- Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Davis Mortensen
- Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Crawford

Best wishes!

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: John & Janie Seglund**

**\*\*CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:** we really need your help with ushering for **May & June**. A signup sheet is on the round table. Thank you in advance for your service.

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

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** Virginia Daley & Leroy Horst are available if you are in need of someone to listen. No concern too large or too small. Contact Virginia at 706-485-3564.



**BRIDAL SHOWER:** Many of us have watched Abbie Ringer grow up in our LOLC congregation. Time flies and it's hard to believe she will soon be married and moving to Texas. We are inviting you to help us honor her at a wedding shower Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> directly following the coffee hour. She and her fiancé, Josh Dugan, are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. Please let Connie P. or Marcia E. know if you plan on attending this special occasion.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nathan & Hannah Wade on the birth of their daughter Nora Jane. She greeted the world last Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday	LOLC Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	ECR Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	ECR Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

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*During the six Sundays of the Easter Season, in light of the Resurrection, we will review and refresh our understanding of our current Outreach Ministries. Today we will cover the use of our building.*



**LAKE OCONEE QUILT GUILD:** Meets at 10 AM, First Tuesdays, September-June. Their outreach includes Quilts of Valor, an organization that makes quilts for military veterans. For more info visit [www.logg.org](http://www.logg.org) , [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org) and Facebook.

### **GREENSBORO CHAMBER CHOIR:**

Practices on Thursdays at 6p.m on our sanctuary (*periodically take a few weeks break after appearances*). They perform free concerts for community. For more info visit them on Facebook.





## ***Prayer Requests***

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

Sue Amick	Cindy Fritch
Barbara Crawford	David Harris
Carol Dunn	Nadine Haydon
Martha Glenn	Cathy Hayes
Donna Hansen	Sherry Jones
Patsy Mahs	Donald Mulford
Lance Pailer	Ricky Newsom
Lou Pailer	Marianne & Rev. Louis Pearce
Leo Sauer	Carol Pope
Mary Tober	Price family
Peggy & Tom Uehlin	Phil Riley
John Zawislak	Jean Smith
Sandra Barr	Larry Wells
Rafael Caballero	Alexis Ward
Francis Cooper	Ellen Warren
Wanda Davis	

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

- The Mahs family
- The Fuller family
- The Hansen family
- The Chambers family
- The Petrea family
- The Dunn 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.



