

April 28, 2019

# LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second 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: Janis Lipicas & Jack Carson*

*Greeters: Bonnie & Marlo Neuleib*

*Altar Care: Jerry Pailer*

*Evelyn Crockett 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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**Instrumental Prelude**

**Lev Ryabinin**

**Choir Prelude: Close To Thee**

**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*

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 549 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.



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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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson – Acts 5:12-20**

**Reader: Dave Heimer**

**Second Lesson – Revelations 1:4-18**

**Reader: Dave Heimer**

*Please Stand*

## Common Alleluia

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 20:19-31

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

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

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus

is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Sermon Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 763 in the Lutheran Service Book)

## When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

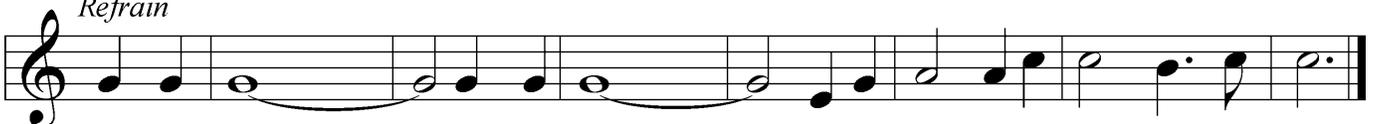


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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**The Message**

**Pastor Steve Hayden**

*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 first line of musical notation is for the vocal part, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, 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 vocal 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.

## 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 page 464 in the Lutheran Service Book)

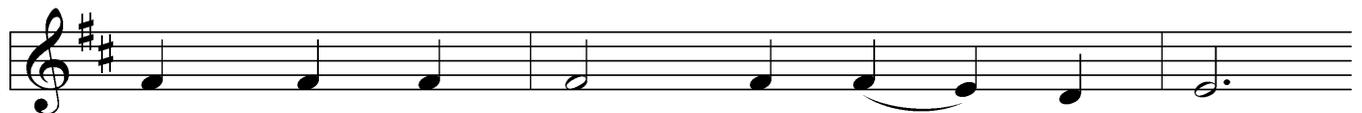
## The Strife is O'er



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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:

- Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Ann Mara Lipicas  
Best wishes!

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

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday	Pastor at Regional Spring Pastor Conference in Covington Georgia	Sunday - Monday
Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilt Board Mtg	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Elder's Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	"God, Are You Talking to Me" Class	10:30 a.m.
	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

**"PLEASE KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL..."** When you say these words to your Stephen Minister, you can be assured your Stephen Minister will keep quiet about what you share. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers don't reveal anything their care receiver says – and don't even tell anyone who their care receiver is.



**MID WEEK BIBLE CLASS:** There is a midweek 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?”

The Old Testament seems so, well, old and out of date. We know that the Old Testament is God’s Word and we have our favorite stories that we learned in Sunday School, but once we get past Genesis and the story of Moses in Exodus, it all seems so old, so strange. During “God, are You talking to Me?” we will be looking at 13 different Old Testament Bible events (some you think you know and some you may not have heard of) 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 Old 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.

**GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN!** LOLC will be publishing a new directory soon. We would like all members to have their picture taken after the church service Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Share your beautiful smile with everyone!



You are cordially invited to attend The National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019 @5:30 at the Putnam County Courthouse. Prayer is a vital part of Christian life. One key reason to pray is because God has commanded us to pray. If we are to be obedient to His will, then prayer must be part of our life in Him.

We would like for all local churches to send a few members to attend the national day of prayer so we could show the community how vital prayer is in action not just by words. So if we show up in number we can expect the Lord to show out in his actions. --Blessings, 2019 National Day of Prayer Committee

## **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.