

April 8, 2018

## **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: Tom Uehlin & Keith Mulford*

*Greeters: Kayleen & Anna Ruth Ringer*

*Altar Care: Linda & Nick Horst*

*The Ringer 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: 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: Upon this, your confession, I, as your brother in the faith, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 # 471 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**O Sons and Daughters of the King**



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the  
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the  
 Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will  
 A - mong them came their mas - ter dear And said, "My

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.*



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.**

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 4:32-35**

**Reader: Susan Larson**

## Psalm 148

P: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

**C: praise him in the heights!**

P: <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;

**C: praise him, all his hosts!**

P: <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,

**C: praise him, all you shining stars!**

P: <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,

**C: and you waters above the heavens!**

P: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD!

**C: For he commanded and they were created.**

P: <sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;

**C: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

P: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,

**C: you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

P: <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,

**C: stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

P: <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,

**C: fruit trees and all cedars!**

P: <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,

**C: creeping things and flying birds!**

P: <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,

**C: princes and all rulers of the earth!**

P: <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,

**C: old men and children!**

P: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

**C: his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

P: <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

**C: for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

## Second Lesson – 1 John 1:1-2:2

Reader: Susan Larson

*Please Stand*

### 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 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."

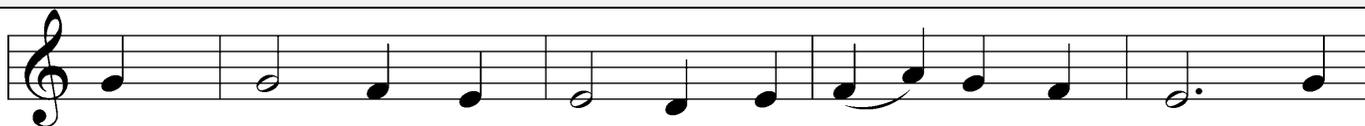
<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon                      Emotions After Christ's Resurrection      Harold Sollenberger**

**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

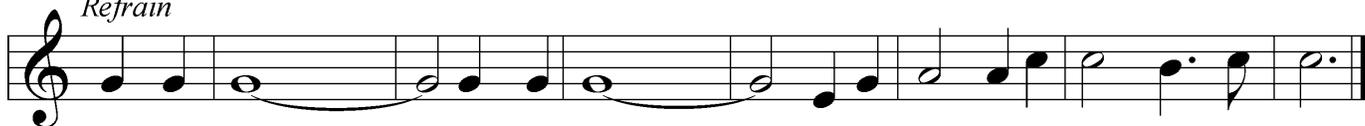


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



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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**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 contains a vocal line with a square box at the beginning of the first measure. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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 the lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' below it. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has the lyrics 'way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it' below it. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

P: Father of glory, remember Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all Your baptized people to be bold witnesses of our Lord's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Fount of wisdom everlasting, look in kindness upon our Synod, that all we undertake together may be to Your praise and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Ruler of all, to Your care and protection we commend all our elected officials and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant them wisdom and honor as they carry out their responsibilities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly King, Your Son promised that He does not break the bruised reed or quench the dimly burning wick. Remember in mercy all who struggle with the darkness of doubt and despair, and bring to their hearts the peace of Your Son's resurrection victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Forgiver of all our sin, You have given Your Church the keys of the Kingdom. Help all pastors to use them faithfully, that Your people's joy may overflow. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our Healer, we commend to You all those who are in need of restoration, whether of body, soul or spirit [*especially remembering before You \_\_\_\_\_*]. Grant to them Your peace, that they may bear their sufferings with patience as they await Your gracious healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Everlasting One, receive our thanks this day for all who have fallen asleep in faith in Jesus Christ. Bring us to share with them the joys of the feast that never ends. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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 # 477 in the Lutheran Service Book)

## Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
 Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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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 HAROLD SOLLENBERGER** for leading us in worship today.

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

- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Amy Orr- Stokes
- Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Ringer & Bruce Tober
- Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Larry Davis
- Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Patsy Mahs

And anniversaries:

- Tuesday, April 13th – Jim & Barbara Hersh

Best wishes!

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Dick & Marilyn Schneider**



**“Altar Flowers** are given to Lois & Carol, the loves of my life”

– Harold Sollenberger

**\*\*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.



**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tuesday	Elder's Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	LOLC Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	GCC Choir Practice	6:00 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.
	Council Meeting	after worship



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** is Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.



**THE ANNUAL FISH FRY will be held Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm here at LOLC.** All are invited to come join us for fried fish and sides! This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other members and visitors to the church. If you are able to bring drinks, sides, or desserts, or are interested in helping with set up, in the kitchen,

or break down, please see the list on the sign-up table. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Shipman at 706-830-4809. *Don't forgot to SIGN UP if you intend to come so Keith will know how many fish to fry!* "Come & get 'em!" – Keith.

*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. **Our first topic is MITES.***



**MITES:** On the third Sunday of the month, we are invited to drop our loose change into the MITE BOX at the front of the church during the final hymn. This can be loose change you've collected in a box or a jar all month, or whatever pennies, nickels or dimes you find in your pocket or purse on Sunday morning. (Paper money is welcome, too, if you feel so moved.)

These MITES combined with hundreds of other Lutheran churches around the world, add up to millions of dollars to support missionaries. You can find more information at this link <http://www.lwml.org/thanks> , which will be sent out in the constant contact this week so you can just click on it from the e-mail.



## ***Prayer Requests***

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

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

### **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.