



August 13, 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Tenth 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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WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

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

Ushers: Roger Martinson & Keith Mulford

Greeters: Marcia & Bob Elkins

Altar Care: Amy Orr-Stokes

Jerry Pailer wishes to invite you for coffee after the worship service

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

Instrumental Prelude Dr. Arlene Woods and Bradley Sowell
Prelude: Be Unto Your Name

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.

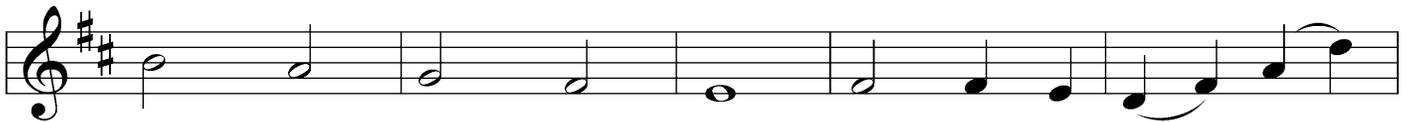
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to #461 in the Lutheran Service Book)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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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.

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.

You may be seated

First Lesson –Job 38:4-18

Reader: Bonnie Neulieb

Psalm 18:1-9

P: ¹I love you, O LORD, my strength. ²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

C: my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

P: ³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

C: and I am saved from my enemies.

P: ⁴The cords of death encompassed me;

C: the torrents of destruction assailed me;

P: ⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;

C: the snares of death confronted me.

P: ⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.

C: From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

P: ⁷Then the earth reeled and rocked;

C: the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

P: ⁸Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth;

C: glowing coals flamed forth from him.

P: ⁹He bowed the heavens and came down;

C: thick darkness was under his feet.

Second Lesson –Romans 10:5-17

Reader: Marlo Neulieb

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: Matthew 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way[a] from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out

in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

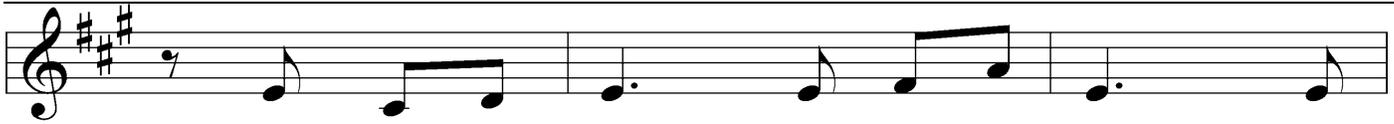
Sermon: When God’s Spirit Moves Part 4

Pastor Jim Stoltenberg

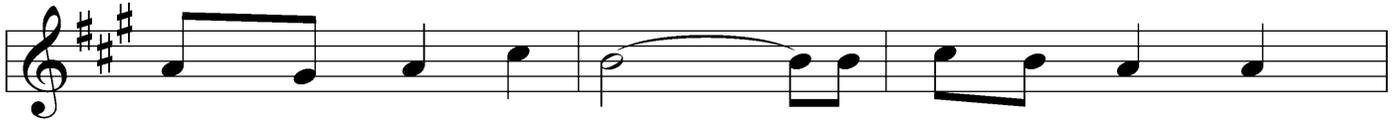
“Help When Faith Seems To Fail”

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to #720 in the Lutheran Service Book)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice, And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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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

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 treble clef and a common time signature. The melody starts on a whole note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, followed by a half note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, and then a quarter note chord of G2-Bb2-D3. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment starts with a whole note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, followed by a half note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, and then a quarter note chord of G2-Bb2-D3. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are written 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 begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody starts on a whole note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, followed by a half note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, and then a quarter note chord of G2-Bb2-D3. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment starts with a whole note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, followed by a half note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, and then a quarter note chord of G2-Bb2-D3. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are written below the treble staff.

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 begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody starts on a whole note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, followed by a half note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, and then a quarter note chord of G2-Bb2-D3. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment starts with a whole note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, followed by a half note chord of G2-Bb2-D3, and then a quarter note chord of G2-Bb2-D3. The lyrics 'way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it' are written below the treble staff.

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: Almighty God, who laid the foundations of the earth and sets bounds and limits to all things, we give You thanks for Your glorious creation, including the creation of our own bodies and souls. In our sin, we earned for ourselves death and creation itself was subjected to futility, but in Your Son, You have come down to us to grant us

forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You send pastors so that we may hear of the mercy You have had on us through Your Son. Continue to raise up men to serve in this way. Bless our seminaries with faithful teachers and students, that they may preach the good news and that we may hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, our King, You are the Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to all who rule this land, that they may serve faithfully to promote all that is good and right and to prevent and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are unjust and contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, when the disciples were frightened, Your Son immediately calmed them with words of His presence. So also aid those who are sick in body or mind, those who suffer trials of faith, and those who grieve. Let their sufferings lead not to doubt, but to the confession that Christ truly is Your Son and that in Him we have salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Kind Father, in Your grace You have given Your children the promise of resurrection in Your Son. Receive our thanks for all who have fallen asleep trusting His promise. Bring us with them to the feast of joy that has no end. 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 #702 in the Lutheran Service Book)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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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 REV. JIM STOLTENBERG for leading us in worship today.

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

- Today, August 13th – Kathy Dukes
- Wednesday, August 16th – Price Petrea

Anniversaries:

- Today, August 13th – Shirley & Bob Mai
Best wishes!



Altar Flowers In celebration of Price Petrea's 90th birthday!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Ed & Janie Fritch

CALL FOR USHERS: we need two for September and each of the coming months. A signup sheet is on the round table. Thank you in advance for your service.

ALTAR CARE NEEDED: We need help for August 27th, September 3rd, 10th and 24th. This is so important, especially when we have visiting pastors! Sign up now.



SETTING UP THE ALTAR: The church doors will be unlocked on Sundays by 9:00 a.m. If you prefer, you can setup the altar prior to the worship service.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES: As you are visiting local stores, don't forget to pick up a few school supplies for Food for the Poor. There will be container labelled "Back to School Drive" in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilters Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	ECR Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	ECR Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Council Meeting	after worship



NOTE: There will be a **COUNCIL MEETING** after worship on Sunday August 20th.



SAVE YOUR CORKS: Barbara Smolinski collects them for an art teacher whose class makes cork portraits (like the one shown here). You can drop your corks in the container on the foyer round table.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Nadine Haydon
Cathy Chambers	Cathy Hayes
Barbara Crawford	Cindy Fritch
Carol Dunn	Cliff Leiter
Mike Dunn	William & Nancy Mickler
Martha Glenn	Donald Mulford
Jim Kueven	Ricky Newsom
Phil Larsen	Dalton Pearce
Patsy Mahs	Carol Pope
Sandy Mathson	Jim & Brad Sechler
Phil Riley	Jean Smith
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder	Beau Tyler
John Zawislak	Larry Wells
Francis Cooper	Alexis Ward
Wanda Davis	Ilene Wolfe
Sara Harrison	Jody Worth

Those families who are grieving:

- The Mahs family
- The Sollenberger family
- The Fuller family
- The Hansen 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.