



August 6, 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Ninth Sunday of 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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available from the ushers



WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

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

In Preparation of Holy Communion

*We invite to the Lord's Supper all Christians who are baptized, who have
communed in a Christian church, and who share our Lutheran understanding that,
along with the bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of our living Lord
Jesus – for the strengthening of our faith and witness.*

*The glasses in the very center of each tray contain grape juice for those who are
not able to drink wine. Communicants may choose to receive the wine in an
individual cup, from the Chalice or by immersing the wafer in the Chalice
(intinction). It is very helpful to keep your empty glass visible so the Common Cup
will not be offered.*

*Children who do not commune are invited to come for a blessing. Pastor asks that
they fold their hands to show that they are not communing.*

Ushers: Roger Martinson & Keith Mulford

Greeters: Connie Piepenbrink & Barbara Smolinski

Altar Care: Fred & Linda Jorgensen

Communion Assistants: Linda Jorgensen & Kathy Stallings

The Kueven family 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.

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.

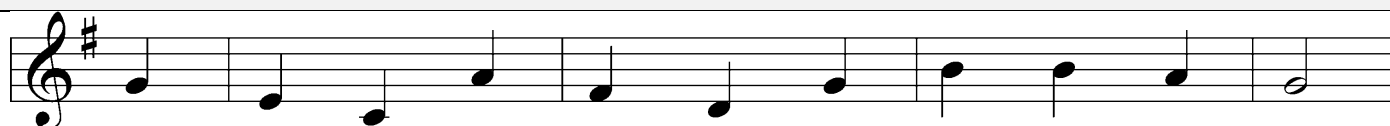
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

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 # 802 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 –Isaiah 55:1-5

Reader: Tom Mathson

Psalm 136: 1-9

P:¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P:²Give thanks to the God of gods,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

P:³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P:⁴to him who alone does great wonders,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P:⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁷ to him who made the great lights,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁸ the sun to rule over the day,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Second Lesson – Romans 9:1-5

Reader: Tom Mathson

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: Matthew 14:13-21

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to

eat.”¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

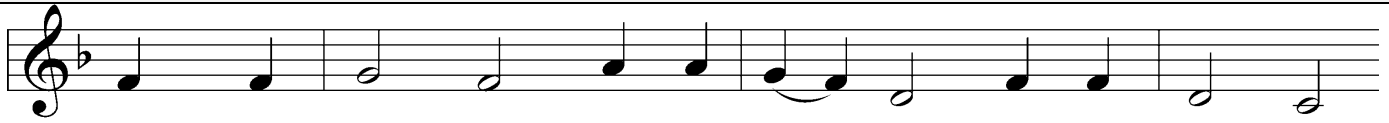
Sermon: When God’s Spirit Moves Part 3

Rev. Jim Stoltenberg

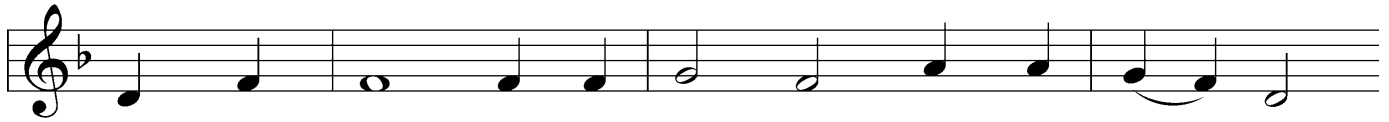
“Who’s in Control” Luke 24:49

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 848 in the Lutheran Service Book)

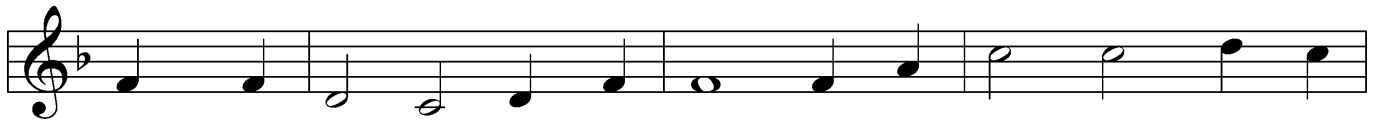
Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



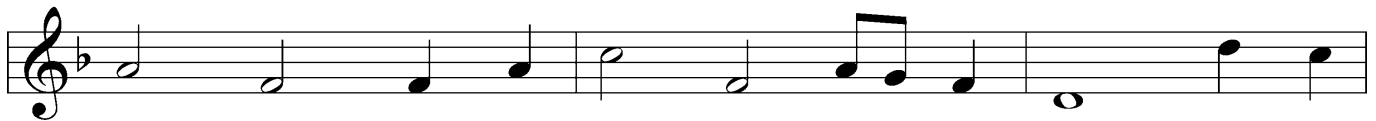
1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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Please Stand

Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Alexis Ward

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 music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. 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 system 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

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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 -

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men." The music ends with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray

P: Merciful Father

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered 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, heavenly Father, You are gracious beyond measure. In the wilderness, Your Son healed the sick, miraculously fed over 5,000 and satisfied them. We give You thanks for all that You provide to support our bodies and lives. Lead us always to look to You as a loving Father who knows what we need and supplies it. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet what others have or turn elsewhere for what only comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, You have made us children of the promise on account of Your Son. Let Your promises continue to go to the ends of the earth. Incline the ears of all to listen, that their souls may live. Make pastors faithful witnesses of the Holy One of Israel, whom You glorified by raising Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, we pray for this land, that we may have devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, faithful neighbors and the like. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of comfort, as Your Son healed the sick, so also heal those who are sick in our midst [*especially all who have asked for our prayers: _____*]. If it be Your will, restore them to health, or give them strength to accept their affliction, as well as a hope for the day when the corruptible will put on incorruption. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, provide for the hungry and homeless. Help the agencies of our church that care for those who have little, that all may come to recognize that every good gift comes from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, as Your Son fed the crowd with bread and meat, so also today He feeds us His body and blood. Let us receive these worthily, trusting in Your promise of forgiveness, that we may be strengthened in faith toward You and in love toward others. 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 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface

LSB 177

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive

the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 179

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb,

Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 180

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

C: Amen.

You may be seated

Distribution

Communion Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 550 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Please Stand

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Announcements

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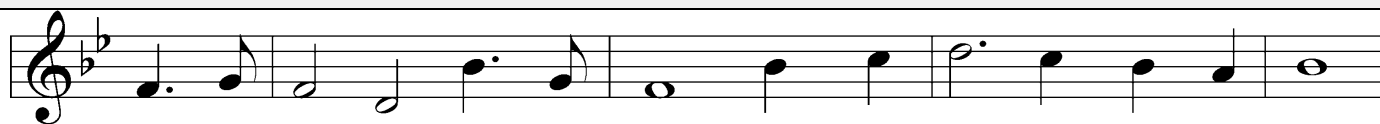
Benediction

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

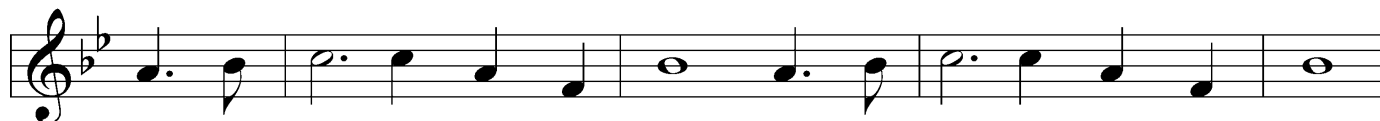
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 761 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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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 6th – Janis Lipacis & Make Langan
- Monday, August 7th – David Hansen
- Tuesday, August 8th – Marilyn Schneider
- Wednesday, August 9th – Cindy Helms & Rosemary Bonnough
- Thursday, August 10th – Peggy Uehlin
- Friday, August 11th – Charlie Helms

Anniversaries:

- Wednesday, August 9th – Dave & Margie Heimer
Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Roger & Elizabeth Fleming

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 the month of September. 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	Stephens Ministry Mtg	10:00 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.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick
Cathy Chambers
Barbara Crawford
Carol Dunn
Martha Glenn
Jim Kueven
Patsy Mahs
Sandy Mathson
Phil Riley
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder
John Zawislak
Francis Cooper
Wanda Davis
Sara Harrison
Nadine Haydon
Cathy Hayes

Cindy Fritch
Cliff Leiter
William & Nancy Mickler
Donald Mulford
Ricky Newsom
Dalton Pearce
Carol Pope
Jim & Brad Sechler
Jean Smith
Jean Steinberg
Beau Tyler
Larry Wells
Alexis Ward
Ilene Wolfe
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.