



February 25, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday in Lent
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: Lance Pailer

Greeters: Nancy & Lou Stefurak

Altar Care: Sandy & Tom Mathson

*Connie Piepenbrink & Marcia Elkins wish 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.

Choir Prelude: Glorify Thy 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 # 905 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Pastor Daniel Wehmeier of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Gardner, Kansas. Our prayer is that You be with him as he prays over this Call and lead him accordingly to Your plans. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Reader: Dick Schneider

Psalm 22:23-31

P: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

C: and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

P: ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,

C: but has heard, when he cried to him.

P: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

C: my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

P: ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

C: May your hearts live forever!

P: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P: ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,

C: and he rules over the nations.

P: ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

C: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P: ³⁰Posterity shall serve him;

C: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P: ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

C: that he has done it.

Second Lesson – Romans 5:1-11

Reader: Dick Schneider

Please Stand

Verse for Lent



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you

say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Life...Backwards

Pastor Karl Dunker

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 427 in the Lutheran Service Book)

In The Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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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 consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a common time signature and contains a series of chords and single notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics in between. The music includes rests and various chordal textures.

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

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble and bass staves are shown with lyrics in between. The melody in the treble staff has a more active line in this section.

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics in between. The music ends with a final chord in the bass staff.

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 to God, crying out for His mercy, confident that our Father hears our prayers because the Son of Man suffered, died and was raised for us.

Brief silence

P: Our Father in heaven, continue to establish Your saving covenant with us as You did with Abraham, that we who surely deserve nothing from You may rely on You for everything. While we were still Your enemies, at the right time You gave Your Son to die for us. Grant us repentant hearts and faith that rejoices that His death has reconciled us to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Our Father in heaven, look with Your kindness upon all who hold public office in our land. Fill them with Your wisdom, give them both courage and compassion, and make them a blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Our Father in heaven, be with those who pass through difficult times and know sickness or heartache, loneliness or despair [*including _____*]. Heal each one as You know best. Provide for those who lack money, home or the necessities of life. In every time of testing, teach Your children to hold tightly to You in faith, that in the end they may know the comfort of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Our Father in heaven, You know the many temptations with which the world would snare us and draw us away from trust in You. Set our minds not on the things of man but on the things of God. Grant each of us a faith that confesses with joy that Jesus is the Christ. And also give us faith to daily deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Him. Pour out Your Spirit on those who proclaim Jesus here and throughout the world [*including _____*]. Bring those who do not know or trust His love also to believe and rejoice in the reconciliation our Savior accomplished for all by His blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, Father, we place ourselves and 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

Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 940 in the Lutheran Service Book)

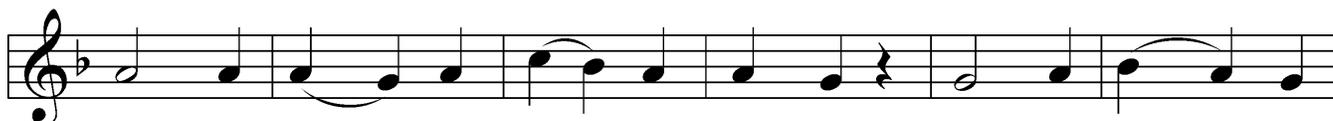
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

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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 KARL DUNKER for leading us in worship today.

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

- Today, February 25th – Kathleen Stallings
- Monday, February 26th – Alan Oberdeck
- Wednesday, February 28th – Nancy Stefurak
- Saturday, March 3rd – Sandy Mathson

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Isaac Ringer

****CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:** we really need your help with ushering – *especially after the Lenten season and Holy week*. 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.



EASTER LILIES: Dedicate or memorialize a loved one through an Easter Lily plant. Sign up on the round table for the number of plants you wish to purchase, and the dedication. Each plant will be \$17.50. Last day to order is this Wednesday March 14th.

Make checks payable to Lake Oconee Lutheran, with a notation that it is for lilies, and place in offering plate.

THANK YOU: for helping support Carol and family by bringing items for Mike Dunn's funeral reception. We are also grateful to those who helped set up, serve and clean up. Your kindness is appreciated. Blessings to you.

--Connie and Marcia

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday	LOLC Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Lenten Soup Supper	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Greensboro Chamber 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.



will be held each Wednesday @ 6:30PM until Holy Week. Harold Sollenberger will be leading and continuing the tree theme during the weekly devotional.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Wanda Davis
Ed Blosser	Robert Damesmith
Lillian Blosser	Cindy Fritch
Jack Carson	Rafael Caballero
Barbara Crawford	Nadine Haydon
Carol Dunn	Cathy Hayes
Martha Glenn	Sherry Jones
Donna Hansen	Charles McElroy
Phil Larsen	Donald Mulford
Patsy Mahs	Ricky Newsom
Si Si Petrea	Carol Pope
John Seglund	Phil Riley
Jean Steinberg	Jean Smith
Mary Tober	Larry Wells
John Zawislak	Alexis Ward
Sandra Barr	Ellen Warren
Carol Carpenter	Ilene Wolfe
Francis Cooper	Jody Worth

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.