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# LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord

*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: Keith Mulford & Josh Ringer*

*Altar Care: Donna Crouch*

*The Hardestys wish 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: Faith of Our Fathers**

### **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.**

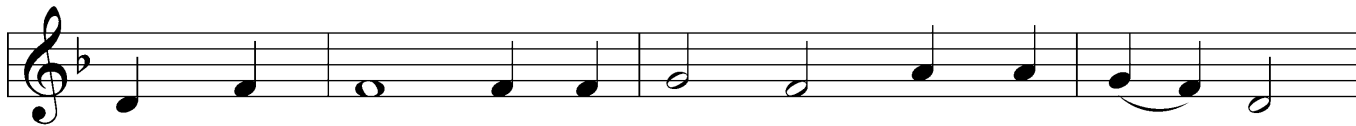
*Please be seated*

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

**Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**



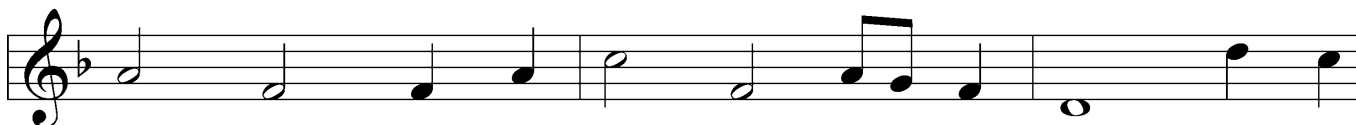
1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



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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**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson – Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Reader: Dick Schneider**

**Second Lesson – Romans 6:1-11**

**Reader: Dick Schneider**

*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: Luke 3:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter

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

<sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup> But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 605 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Father Welcomes**

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle	chil - dren,	come to Me,	For My king - dom
2 In the	wa - ter,	in the Word,	In His prom - ise,
3 Let us	dai - ly	die to sin;	Let us dai - ly



is of these.	Life and	love I	have to give,
be as - sured:	Those who are	bap - tized	and be - lieve
rise with Him,	Walk in the love	of Christ	our Lord,

Mer - cy ——— for your sin.  
 Shall be ——— born a — gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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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 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 positioned below the treble staff.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure with a whole rest in the treble staff. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

The fifth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.



## 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 # 644 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**The Church's One Foundation**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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**Announcements**  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**The Dismissal**

**P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stay for the Congregational Meeting*

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## Post-service Music

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

### CALL FOR SUNDAY HELPERS:

- Altar Care, Ushering, Flowers, & Coffee for this year
    - Need communion assistants too!!
- Signup sheets are on the round table.



This Sunday morning, we are beginning to study the Book of Acts during our Sunday morning Bible class. Each week we gather together at 9am in the church. Delving into

the Bible can be somewhat intimidating. We are taken to a distant past that is full of unfamiliar customs and traditions. We must become acquainted with a nation that viewed the world differently than many people do today. And we must begin to alter some of our current definitions to grasp the full meaning of our Lord's love and compassion.

In reality, the study of the Bible is nothing less than an exploration into the thoughts and desires of God for ordinary people like you and me. It takes us from this hardened and selfish world into the promise of a world where God's peace, justice, and mercy will be complete.

As foreign as many customs and traditions might seem to us today, we will discover that people's natures and needs remain the same. We are trapped today—as people were centuries ago—in an imperfect world where evil and pain seem all too prevalent. We, too, can easily view the world as meaningless and without hope. But Jesus Christ came to rescue the world from its quagmire, and His deliverance continues to change our lives.

May God's promises give you rich and lasting hope and joy! Join us for Bible class each Sunday at 9am. Coffee is free, but the real gift is Christ, the living water.

**GREETINGS!** We want to make all visitors and members welcome when they arrive at LOLC. If you would like to be added to the Greeters list please call or text Barbara Hardesty at 404-769-7631. You will be scheduled to serve one Sunday each quarter.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	ECR Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	ECR Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

**THANK YOU:** *The Christmas holidays were a very trying period for Jim and I as I lost not only my step-brother on Christmas Eve but we lost our beloved son-in-law on New Year's Eve at much too young an age. We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, cards, shoulders to cry on and, most of all, their love shown to us during this very difficult period. It meant more to us than words can express.*

*In God's love, Jim and Kathie Kueven*

## **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.