



January 7, 2018

## **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.*

**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: Keith Mulford & Ray Hilpipre*

*Greeters: Rosalyn & Jack Carson*

*Altar Care: Donna Crouch*

*Communion Assistants: Bob Elkins & Peggy Uehlin*

*The Hardestys wish to invite you for coffee after the worship service*

## **Choir Prelude: I Love You Lord**

**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 # 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.

*Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

Father in heaven, at the Baptism for Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 – Genesis 1:1-5**

**Reader: Robin Larson**

## Psalm 29

P: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

**C: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

P: <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C: worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P: <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**C: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.**

P: <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;

**C: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

P: <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

**C: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

P: <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

**C: and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P: <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD

**C: flashes forth flames of fire.**

P: <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

**C: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P: <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

**C: and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

P: <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

**C: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

P: <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!

**C: May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

## Second Lesson – Romans 6:1-11

Reader: Robin Larson

*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: Mark 1:4-11**

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

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

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> 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.**

*You may be seated*

**Sermon "BERESHITH - When God Began Creating" Rev. David Kruger**

Genesis 1:1-5

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 763 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**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

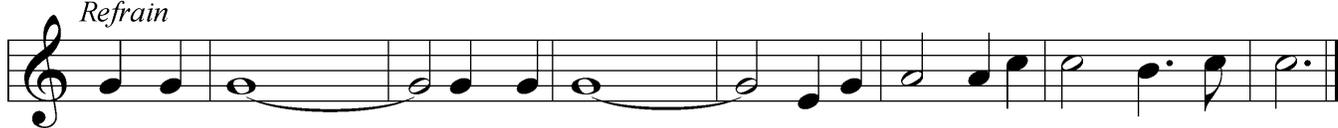


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



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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**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

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. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B-flat3, and C4. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are written below the 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 continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with quarter notes D3, E3, F3, and G3. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are written below the notes.

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-

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

### 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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the baptized, that united with Christ in His death we may daily die to sin and rise with Him, set free from the dominion of sin and death, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the nations of the world still in darkness, that the Spirit would bring them life and light through the preaching of the Gospel and call them to the waters of the new creation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who serve in the Office of the Ministry, that all their preaching and teaching may faithfully point to the Mightier One with zeal, as did St. John the Baptist, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who make, administer and judge the laws of our land, that they be given wisdom, integrity and honor to serve according to God's good will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the lonely and homebound; the grieving and dying; and all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit, [*and especially for \_\_\_\_\_,*] that Christ would be their companion in solitude, their comfort in sorrow, their health in sickness and their life in death, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who will partake today of the Holy Eucharist, that they be given grace to approach the altar with humility and faith, and so be strengthened by the Savior's body and blood to live as children of the day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful departed who rest now in Christ, let us give God our thanks and praise, and ask Him to grant us our portion with the saints in light on the joyous day of Christ's appearing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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  $\text{✠}$  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.

### *Refrain*



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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## 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

*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 # 790 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### Praise to the Lord



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

## 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. DAVID KRUGER** for leading us in worship today.

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

- Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Judy Cerny  
Best wishes!

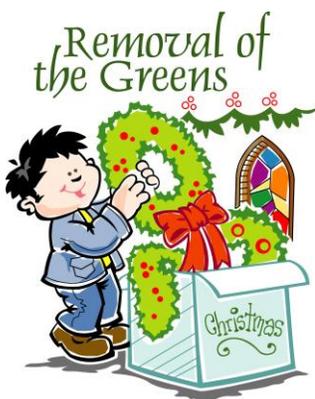
**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Alan & Eileen Oberdeck**

**\*\*\*CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:** we really need your help for the New Year! 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.



**REMOVAL OF THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – FRIDAY JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 A.M.** We need volunteers to assist packing away the decorations so the church will be ready to host the Sacred Harp Workshop & Sing the following day. A signup sheet is on the round table. Thank you in advance!

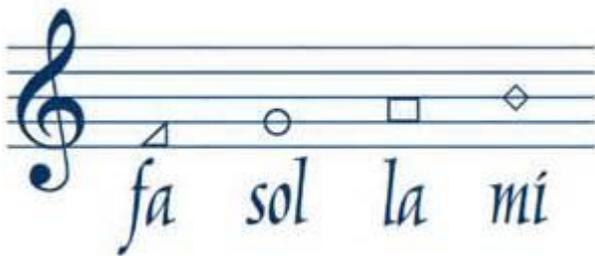
## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	Elder's Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Removal of the Greens	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	Scared Harp Workshop & Sing	10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	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.

# Second Annual Sacred Harp Workshop and Sing

Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Lake Oconee Lutheran Church  
1089 Lake Oconee Parkway Eatonton GA 31024

Workshop begins at 10am  
Covered Dish Lunch at 12pm  
Community Sing at 1pm



*The Sacred Harp* is a tradition of non-denominational community singing, using shape notes, that encourages participation not performance. The singers face inward in a hollow square, and the leaders are in the middle. Many leaders

rotate directing the singing. The notes are printed in different shapes that indicate what syllable to sing.

The group sings from *The Sacred Harp*, an oblong songbook first published in 1844 by B.F. White and E. J. King. The music is printed in “patent notes” wherein the shape of the note head indicates the syllables FA  $\triangle$ , SOL  $\circ$ , LA  $\square$ , and MI  $\diamond$ . The repertory includes psalm tunes, fusing tunes, odes and anthems by the first American composers (1770-1810), and also settings of folk songs and revival hymns (1810-1860). The current 1991 Edition contains many songs in these styles by living composers. The workshop and singing will be conducted by the Atlanta chapter.

<http://www.atlantasacredharp.org/>

If you have not tried shape note singing before, see our “what-to-expect” page. For general information, see [Fasola.org](http://Fasola.org) and Warren Steel's Sacred Harp site. But *The Sacred Harp* is not for reading about. It is for singing. Please join us for a wonderful experience, this is a free workshop and community singing.

For local information contact: Art Hargrove 706-473-1290 [art.hargrove@gmail.com](mailto:art.hargrove@gmail.com)



## ***Prayer Requests***

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

Sue Amick	Nadine Haydon
Ed Blosser	Cathy Hayes
Lillian Blosser	Sherry Jones
Barbara Crawford	Charles McElroy
Carol Dunn	William & Nancy Mickler
Mike Dunn	Donald Mulford
Martha Glenn	Ricky Newsom
Donna Hansen	Carol Pope
Phil Larsen	Phil Riley
Patsy Mahs	Jean Smith
Si Si Petrea	Mark Sullivan
Jean Steinberg	Duane Taylor
John Zawislak	Larry Wells
Carol Carpenter	Alexis Ward
Francis Cooper	Ellen Warren
Wanda Davis	Ilene Wolfe
Cindy Fritch	Jody Worth

### **Those families who are grieving:**

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