



July 15, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eighth 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.

Missionaries:	All the people of God
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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: Tom Mathson & Keith Mulford

Greeters: Tonda & Steve Wiker

Altar Care: Shirley Mai & Rosemary Bonnough

Communion Assistants: Bob Elkins & Kathy Stallings

The Ringer 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: Be Not Afraid

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.

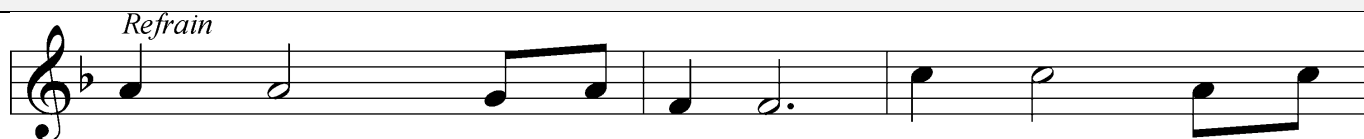
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

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 # 968 in the Lutheran Service Book)

My Lord, What a Morning



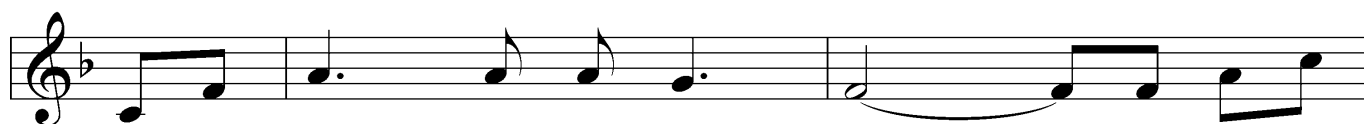
My Lord, what a morn-ing; My Lord, what a



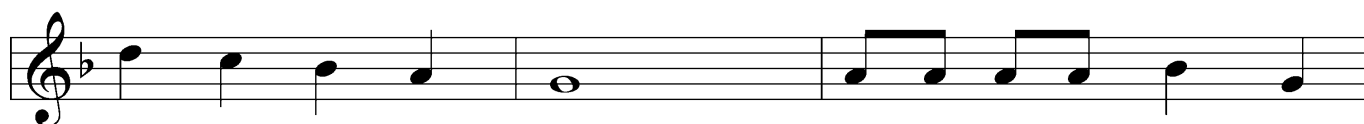
morn - ing; Oh, my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the



stars be - gin to fall, When the stars be - gin to fall.



1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound, To wake the
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry, To wake the
3 You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, To wake the



na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right
na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right
na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right



hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.
hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.
hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 Steven Hayden. 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.

You may be seated

First Lesson – Amos 7:7-15

Reader: Dave Heimer

Psalm 85: 8-13

P: ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C: for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P: ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C: that glory may dwell in our land.

P: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P: ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

C: and righteousness looks down from the sky.

P: ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

C: and our land will yield its increase.

P: ¹³Righteousness will go before him

C: and make his footsteps a way.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader: Dave Heimer

Please Stand

Common Alleluia



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 6:14-29

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

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known.

Somesaid, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of

Galilee.²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you."²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

"I'm Just A"

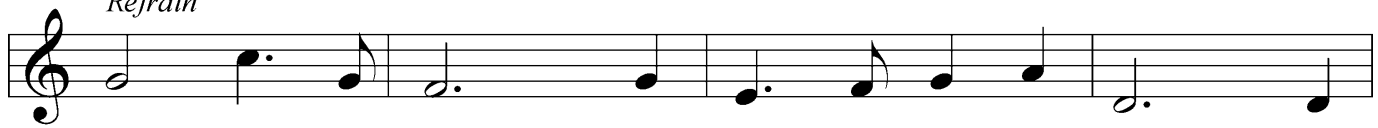
Pastor Larry Townsend

based on Amos 7:7-15

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 837 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

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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 in B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. 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 has a treble clef and the bass staff has a bass clef. 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

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a treble clef and the bass staff has a bass clef. The lyrics 'way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it' are written below the notes.

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: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P: O almighty and eternal God, in the face of opposition You call Your Church to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Give us courage like St. John the Baptist to continue boldly proclaiming Your whole counsel of salvation to a dying world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of the Church, we commend to You all ministers of Your Word. Make them zealous and faithful, that through their service Your Kingdom would grow. Send the Holy Spirit upon all who hear them to turn hearts from the love of sin to the love of You. Remember in mercy Matthew, our Synod's president; Greg, our district president; and John, our circuit visitor. Grant them wisdom in their work and joy in their calling. Grant us an increase in those who prepare to serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry and other church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, in the waters of Baptism You severed Your people from any obligation to the old nature, sealed us with Your Spirit of promise and blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Grant that we may live our lives as people brought back from the dead to the praise of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Kind Master, You are near to all who are sick, to all who suffer, to all in grief and pain. Have mercy on those who carry heavy burdens, [and especially those we have been asked to remember before You _____,] that they may rest in Your embrace, look to You for relief and peace, and wait in hope for the final healing of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lover of mankind, as we prepare to come to the altar this day, make us poor sinners ready to receive the body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sins and for a share in His unending life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless

petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in great power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

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

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Let Us Break Bread Together

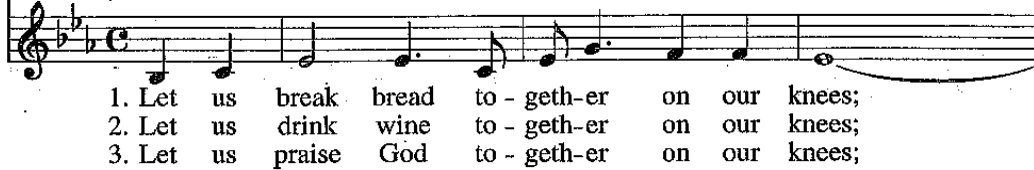
Verses

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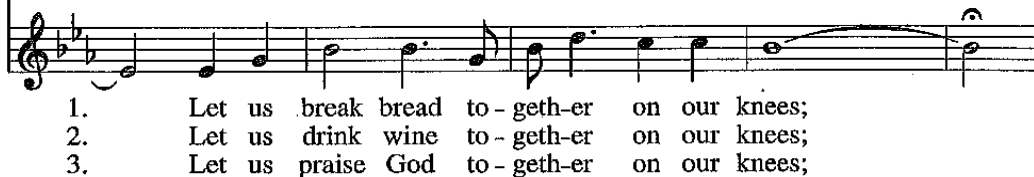
Melody



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



3. knees; Praise God on our knees, on our knees;



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Refrain



When I fall With my face to the



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: 10 10 with refrain; Spiritual.

Music: LET US BREAK BREAD; Spiritual; arr. by Randall DeBruyn, b. 1947, ©1996, OCP Publications.

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

Please Stand

Benediction

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

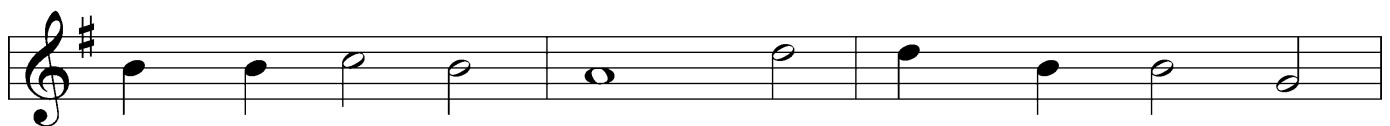
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 528 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

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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 LARRY TOWNSEND for leading us in worship today.

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

- TODAY, July 15th – Walter & Susan Krause
Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Tonda & Steve Wiker

****URGENT CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:****

We need your help with ushering (August – December) and altar care (July 22 – December 31). A signup sheet is on the round table.

PASTORAL CARE: If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Ron Schornhorst at 706-484-9855.



HONORING ROD HANSEN: “The one year anniversary of my Father’s death rolls around July 19th ...please [let the members know] that envelopes are available to fund the Rod Hansen Loaves & Fishes Village in his memory” —*Dave Hansen*.
If you wish to contribute, please ask an usher for an envelope.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday	Episcopal Church Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Episcopal Church Worship Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.



BRIDAL SHOWER: Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Laura Shipman on Sunday, July 29th following fellowship. Laura and Isaac are registered at Target, Amazon, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. RSVP to Bailey Ringer.

“Anyone interested in singing August 12th and 19th while the Music Director is on vacation, please contact Bradley, Deb or Charlie Helms. It should be fun and an opportunity to sing in a smaller group.” *Blessings – Art Hargrove*



Ice Cream Social .

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Invite your friends, family & neighbors to LOLC’s Ice Cream Social – Saturday, August 4th 2-4pm. There is a signup sheet on the round table.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Lavon Dunker
Jim Crawford	Cindy Fritch
Carol Dunn	Nadine Haydon
Martha Glenn	Cathy Hayes
Patsy Mahs	Darvin Jackson
Bill & Amy Orr-Stokes	Sherry Jones
Lou Pailer	Donald Mulford
Leo Sauer	Ricky Newsom
Jean Steinberg	Marianne & Rev. Louis Pearce
Mary Tober	Carol Pope
Peggy & Tom Uehlin	Price family
Sandra Barr	Phil Riley
Bob Brooks	Jean Smith
Rafael Caballero	Laura Taylor
Francis Cooper	Larry Wells
Wanda Davis	

Those families who are grieving:

- The Mahs family
- The Fuller family
- The Chambers family
- The Petrea family
- The Dunn family
- The Uehlin family
- The Crawford family
- The Orr family
- The Orr-Stokes 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.