



July 16, 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Sixth 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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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 & Jack Carson

Greeters: Kayleen & Anna Ruth Ringer

Altar Care: Shirley Mai & Linda Jorgensen

Communion Assistants: Kathie Kueven & Linda Jorgensen

The Fritch 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: To God Be The Glory

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 # 816 in the Lutheran Service Book)

From All That Dwell Below the Skies



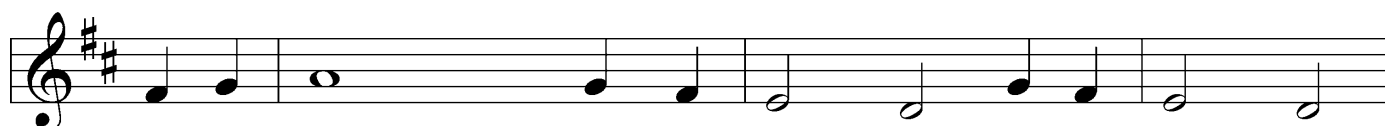
1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 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: 10-13

Reader: Sandy Mathson

Psalm 65:9-13

P: ⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

C: you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

P: ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

C: softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

P: ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;

C: your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

P: ¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

C: the hills gird themselves with joy, ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

P: the valleys deck themselves with grain,

C: they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Lesson – Romans 8: 12-17

Reader: Sandy 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 13:1-9, 18-23

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸

Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Rev. Karl Dunker

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 721 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,

To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out Thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness Thy face to see.
I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.
Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

Anthem

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

956 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 with 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 people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Brief Silence

P: Almighty Father, the Word goes forth from Your mouth and does not return to You empty. Provide for the continued proclamation of Your Word, that those who do not yet know You may come to join us in the confession of Your name, so that together we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, You have planted Your Word within us, watered us with the promises of Baptism, and nourished us in the good soil of Your Church. Keep us ever faithful to that which You have given us, and let us never fall away from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, all the nations of the earth are Yours, and besides You there is no other God. Give those who lead the desire for peace and stability and a concern to govern wisely. Let them plead the cause of the widow and orphan and serve the needs of the least among them. Bring an end to war and strife, and allow all to live in peace and safety. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. Be with all those who are our congregation's Prayer List; those whom we have already named before you, and those whom we now name in our hearts [*Silence for a time*]. Comfort them with Your presence. Give them healing if it be Your will; patience to endure suffering; and the knowledge that no matter what they go through, they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty Father, we gather again at the table of Your Son to receive His body and blood in the blessed Sacrament. May we eat and drink in faith, receiving that which was given and shed for us to our benefit. Let what we receive here strengthen us in our trust in You and our service toward others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We join our prayer and praise with that of all generations of the faithful who have called You Father and are now before Your throne of grace. Bring us at last with them together into the life that awaits us at the coming of Your Son, Jesus, who 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 # 806 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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.

Please Be Seated

Announcements

Please Stand

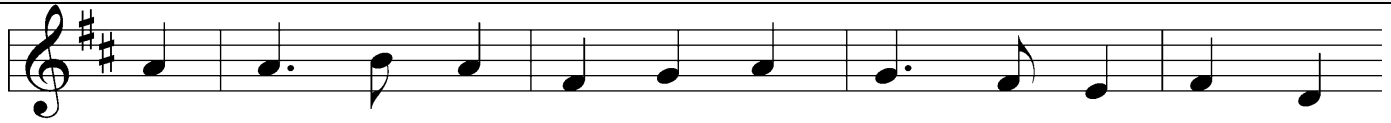
Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 785 in the Lutheran Service Book)

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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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. KARL DUNKER for leading us in worship today.

MEMORIAL ENVELOPES are available to memorialize loved ones through a financial contribution. The envelopes are on the foyer table. Mention their name and designate either the “General Fund” or “Debt Reduction” to which you wish to contribute, and place in the collection plate.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Mike & Carol Dunn

ALTAR CARE NEEDED: *Thank you to those who have signed up recently.* We also need help for the whole 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.



SAVE YOUR CORKS: Barbara Smolinski collects them for an art teacher whose class makes cork portraits (like the one shown here). You can drop your corks in the container on the foyer round table.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.
	Council Meeting	after worship



NOTE: There will be a Council meeting after worship on Sunday July 23rd.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Nadine Haydon
Cathy Chambers	Cathy Hayes
Barbara Crawford	Cindy Fritch
Carol Dunn	Cliff Leiter
Bill Fuller	William & Nancy Mickler
Martha Glenn	Donald Mulford
Rod & Donna Hansen	Ricky Newsom
Jim Kueven	Dalton Pearce
Patsy Mahs	Carol Pope
Phil Riley	Jim & Brad Sechler
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder	Jean Steinberg
John Zawislak	Beau Tyler
Francis Cooper	Larry Wells
Wanda Davis	Alexis Ward
Sara Harrison	Ilene Wolfe
Ryan Hargrove	Jody Worth

Those families who are grieving:

The Mahs family
The Sollenberger 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.