

July 22, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Ninth 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.

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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 Mathson & Keith Mulford

Greeters: Donna & Charlie Crouch

Altar Care: Amy Orr-Stokes & Sandy Mathson

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: The Old Rugged Cross

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 # 686 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



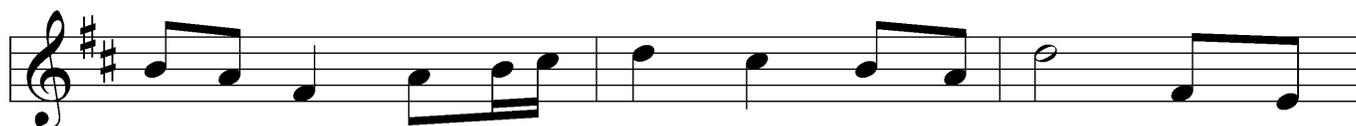
1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



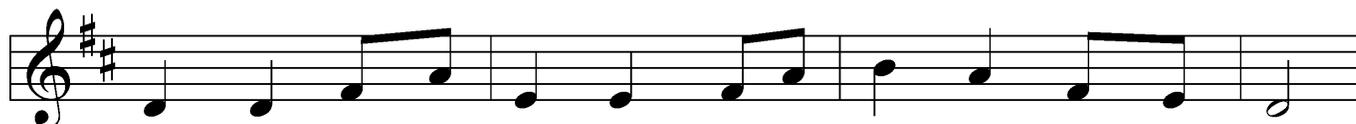
sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: Amy Orr-Stokes

Psalm 23

P: ¹The LORD is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C: He leads me beside still waters.

P: ³He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 2:11-22

Reader: Amy Orr-Stokes

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 6:30-44

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

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

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and

see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all.⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied.⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Living Confidently”

Rev. Dr. Rick Carlton

based Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 784 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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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.

Offering

Instrumental Anthem:

Art Hargrove & 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. 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 is composed of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some rests, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system continues the musical piece. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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

The fourth system concludes the musical piece. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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 the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for through Christ we have access to Him in the Holy Spirit.

Brief silence

P: Holy Father, Your Son builds His Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets and makes Himself the cornerstone that unites us all. Through the peace of His forgiving blood, put away from Your baptized children all that would divide them, that they may be truly joined together and grow together into a holy temple in the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Shepherd of Israel, You promised to set shepherds over Your flock to care for them and drive fear away. Continue to send men into the Office of the Holy Ministry to feed the flock that Your Son purchased with His own blood. Open their mouths to speak the word of

forgiveness that releases from fear and discloses how precious Your own are to You and how You will let nothing separate them from Your love in Christ forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ruler of the nations, look in kindness on all who hold public office in our land and throughout the world. Strengthen them in every good deed, and make them a blessing of Yours. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Compassionate One, no need of Your children escapes Your notice or provision. Remember in mercy the hungry and homeless, the lonely and frightened, the sick and grieving. [*We especially lift up before You all whom we have been asked to remember at this altar:*

_____].] Open Your hand, O Lord, and satisfy the desire of each hurting soul and of every living thing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy One, in Your Son's resurrection victory, death lost its power to separate us from Your love. We praise You for all whom He has joined by His Spirit to Himself in the Church and to whom He has given a life that death will never snatch from them. Bring us to sing with them and all who hope in His steadfast love the new song in the Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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 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

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 # 793 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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. DR. RICK CARLTON for leading us in worship today.

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

- Wednesday, July 25th – Kathie Kueven
- Friday, July 27th – Martha Glen

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Tom & Peggy Uehlin

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

We need your help with ushering (August – December) and altar care (August – 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 rolled 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*.

We will be collecting for Rod’s fishing village through the end of the month. Please make your checks payable to: Food For The Poor.





“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.

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.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Cindy Fritch
Jim Crawford	Nadine Haydon
Carol Dunn	Cathy Hayes
Martha Glenn	Darvin Jackson
Patsy Mahs	Sherry Jones
Bill & Amy Orr-Stokes	Alex Krahling
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	Dylan Webb
Wanda Davis	Larry Wells
Lavon Dunker	

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.