



June 17, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth 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: Kathy Stallings & Roger Martinson

Greeters: Bonnie & Marlo Neuleib

Altar Care: Kathy Stallings & Lynda Bridwell

Communion Assistants: Bob Elkins & Kathy Stallings

The Fellowship committee 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: Shout To The 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 # 700 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation through 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 – Ezekiel 17:22-24

Reader: Dick Schneider

Psalm 1

P: ¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P: ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

P: ⁴The wicked are not so,

C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

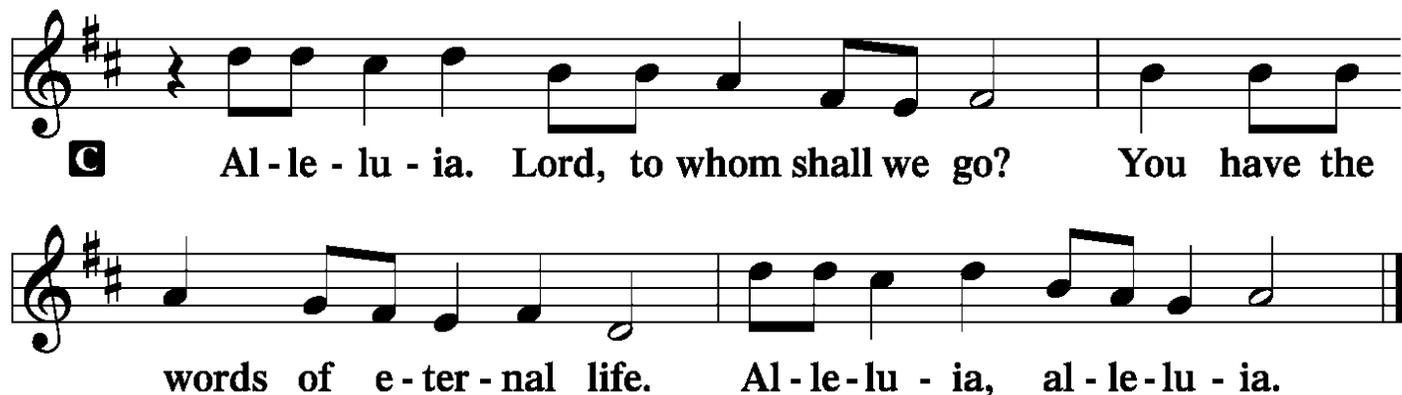
P: ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Reader: Dick Schneider

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 4: 26-34

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

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

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

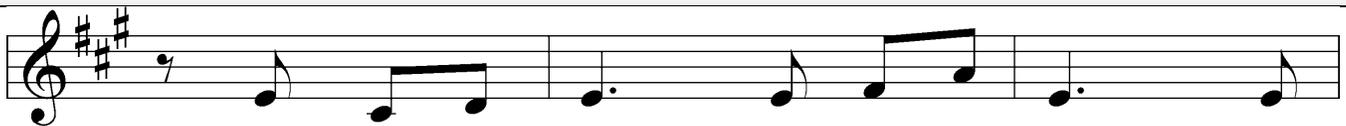
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

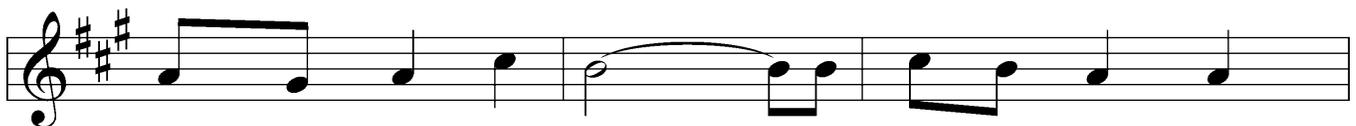
Sermon **A New Kind of Vacation - Matt. 11:28** Rev. Dr. Rick Carlton

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 720 in the Lutheran Service Book)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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 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 positioned below the treble staff.

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

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

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

The third system continues the musical progression. 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 musical progression. 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 and final system concludes the piece. It features a double bar line at the end of the treble staff. The lyrics are: "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: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to praise His name. And so we come to You, kind Father, with our prayers and petitions for all who are in need.

Brief silence

P: God of grace and mercy, we praise You for establishing Your Church through Your Son and for calling us to faith and life as Your people. Ever plant the seed of Your Word among us and feed us at Your table, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, we praise You for all the faithful pastors and church workers who have served Your people in Your name. Bless Matthew, the president of our Synod; Greg, our district president; and all missionaries and church workers, that through their service to You, many may be brought to Christian life and faith through the work of Your Spirit. Send laborers into Your harvest fields, and sustain those You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, we bless You for all earthly fathers through whom You have given us the gift of life. Make them examples to us of Your fatherly love, and help them to proclaim to their children Your

mighty deeds in Christ, bringing them up in the nurture and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, let Christ's love so control us that we might no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us, nor regard anyone according to the old way, but learn to see each other as new creations in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, bless our nation and all nations with faithful leaders who will act with justice to protect the weak, promote virtue and seek peace. Be with the members of our armed forces, protecting them and upholding them in honor. Bless the police, firefighters, emergency and medical personnel, and all through whom we experience Your protection and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, at times in this body Your children groan under the burdens and troubles of life. We remember before You today the troubled, the hurting, the despairing, the anxious and the grieving. Bless them and all who suffer in body, mind or heart [*especially _____ and those whom we name before You now...*]. Give them Your peace, comfort in their troubles and whatever relief You know to be best for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, we are not worthy in ourselves to stand before You, let alone to come to the table of our Lord to eat Christ's body and drink His blood. Still, at His invitation, we come. Give us Your Spirit, that we may receive His gifts in faith for our benefit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, You bestow upon us the riches of this good earth and all its resources for the blessing of Your people and to answer our need. Grant rain to the crops, that Your earth may yield a rich harvest for the good of all. Remind us that nothing good exists apart from Your will and purpose, that we may give You due thanks and return to You the tithes and offerings of people filled with gratitude for Your undeserved kindnesses. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace and mercy, we offer You praise not as we ought, but as we are able. Hear the humble prayers of Your people, and grant us all such things as are good and wholesome for us. For into Your loving arms, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, 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 ✠ 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 # 712 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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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

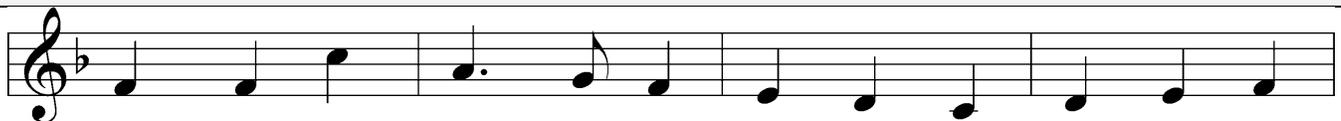
Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 790 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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.

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

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

- TODAY, June 17th – Joan Lucas
- Thursday, June 21st – Kristin Petit & Elizabeth Fleming
- Friday, June 22nd – Jim Cerny

Anniversaries:

- Friday, June 22nd – Tom & Peggy Uehlin
- Saturday, June 23rd – Alan & Eileen Oberdeck

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Amy & Bill Stokes



****CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS: we really need your help with ushering and Altar care for July & August.** 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday	Greensboro Cantata Choir rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Greensboro Cantata Choir rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
	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.
	Greensboro Cantata HYMNFEST	5:00 p.m.

**GREENSBORO CHAMBER CHOIR
SUNDAY JUNE 24 @ 5PM**

Their upcoming cantata focuses on hymns! Don't miss this festival on Sunday, June 24th at 5:00pm in our sanctuary. Admission is free and all are welcome.



**LADIES' PIZZA PARTY
MONDAY, JUNE 25TH @ 5:30PM**

All LOLC women are invited to enjoy fellowship & a night out on **Monday, June 25th @ 5:30PM** at the church. RVSP to Kathie Kueven, Laura Shipman or to Deb in the church office. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, June 21st. Just bring yourselves!



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

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

Those families who are grieving:

- The Mahs family
- The Fuller family
- The Chambers family
- The Petrea family
- The Dunn family
- The Uehlin 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.