



January 14, 2018

## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*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: Keith Mulford & Ray Hilpipe*

*Greeters: Kayleen & Anna Ruth Ringer*

*Altar Care: Donna Crouch*

*Connie Piepenbrink & Marcia Elkins wish to invite you for coffee  
after the worship service*

## **Choir Prelude: As the Deer**

**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: Upon this, your confession, I, as your brother in the faith, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 # 848 in the Lutheran Service Book)

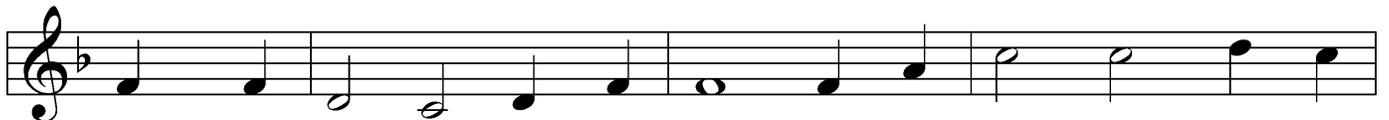
**Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 – 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

**Reader: Robin Larson**

**Psalm 139:1-10**

P: <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**C: <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

P: <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down

**C: and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P: <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,

**C: behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

P: <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,

**C: and lay your hand upon me.**

P: <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**C: it is high; I cannot attain it.**

P: <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit?

**C: Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

P: <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

**C: If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

P: <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning

**C: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P: <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,

**C: and your right hand shall hold me.**

## Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Reader: Robin Larson

*Please Stand*

### Common Alleluia and Verse

**C** 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: John 1:43-51

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

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have

found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”<sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”<sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”<sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”<sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

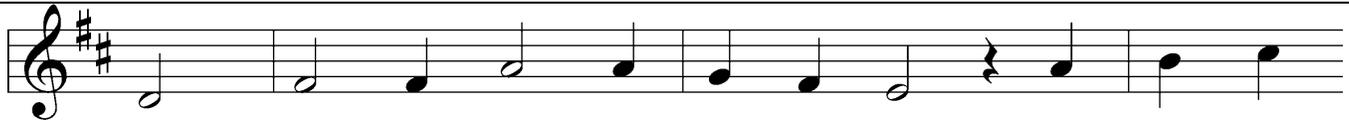
**Sermon**

**“Left Field”**

**Josh Ringer**

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 688 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

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**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:

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 contains a vocal line with lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line with lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third system of musical notation concludes the vocal line with lyrics 'way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the grace to hear when God speaks and to proclaim His words of judgment and hope without fear or favor of men, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Spirit's wisdom to remember that our bodies are meant for the Lord and not for sexual immorality, and for grace to live as temples of the Spirit, purchased at the price of Christ's own blood, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For a renewed zeal to invite those who do not yet know Christ to come and meet Him in the assembly the Spirit gathers around His Word and meal, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the government and those who protect us, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the afflicted in mind or body, the grieving and lonely, the orphans and widows, the imprisoned, those persecuted for the name of Jesus, *[and for all those we have been asked to remember: \_\_\_\_\_,]* that they be given grace to wait patiently for the Lord until He sees it is time to rescue and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For Samuel and Paul, Philip and Nathanael, and all those who have spoken God's words faithfully in every age, let us give God our thanks and praise, and ask Him to preserve in us trust in His unfailing promises until we join them and all who repose in Christ at the feast of victory that has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **The 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 # 644 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**The Church's One Foundation**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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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 JOSH RINGER** for leading us in worship today.

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

- TODAY, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Jean Vincent      Best wishes!

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Lance & Jerry Pailer**

**\*\*\*CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:** we really need your help for the New Year! A signup sheet is on the round table. Thank you in advance for your service.

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

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** Virginia Daley & Leroy Horst are available if you are in need of someone to listen. No concern too large or too small. Contact Virginia at 706-485-3564.



**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Monday	Lake Oconee Quilt Guild Bd Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	First Presbyterian Choir practice	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	ECR Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	ECR Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.



**VOTER'S MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>** – Important meeting to vote for the 2018 New Officers.



## ***Prayer Requests***

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

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

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

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

## **OUR VALUES AS A CONGREGATION**

### **Word and Sacrament –**

...believing in and making faithful and frequent use of the Bible, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper as the means by which God gives and sustains faith and empowers and strengthens us for Christian living.

### **Christian Education –**

...providing quality, Bible based instruction to foster greater understanding of God's Word and to better equip members for their discipleship.

### **Evangelism –**

...reaching out to others by word and deed to join in the sharing of God's blessings and grace, which is free to all believers.

### **Stewardship –**

...utilizing fully our time, talents, and resources to serve and love the Lord, furthering our commission of discipleship.

### **Fellowship –**

...caring for and sharing with our church family; fostering greater love, understanding, and concern for the physical and spiritual well-being of all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

### **The window behind the altar is our EASTER SUNRISE WINDOW.**

The cross hanging in front of the window is an empty cross, reminding us that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive now to be with us here and always. Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. The symbol on the front of the ALTAR is a combination of two Greek letters: the "chi," which looks like our English "x," and the "rho," which looks like our "p." In the Greek, these letters are the first two of "Christ." Combined as they are, they suggest the cross. Superimposed on the cross is a heart, the reminder that God's love for us is the reason Jesus died on the cross. God's love for us empowers us to share his love with others.