

July 8, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventh 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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All the people of God

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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: David Daniel & Roger Martinson

Altar Care: Shirley Mai & Rosemary Bonnough

The Hardestys wish 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 Unto Thy Name

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.

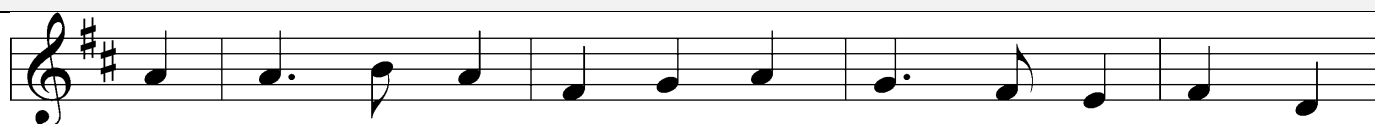
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

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 # 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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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of

Your salvation; 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 – Ezekiel 2:1-5

Reader: Greg Hardesty

Psalm 123

P: ¹To you I lift up my eyes,

C: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

P: ²Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,

C: so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.

P: ³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. ⁴Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease,

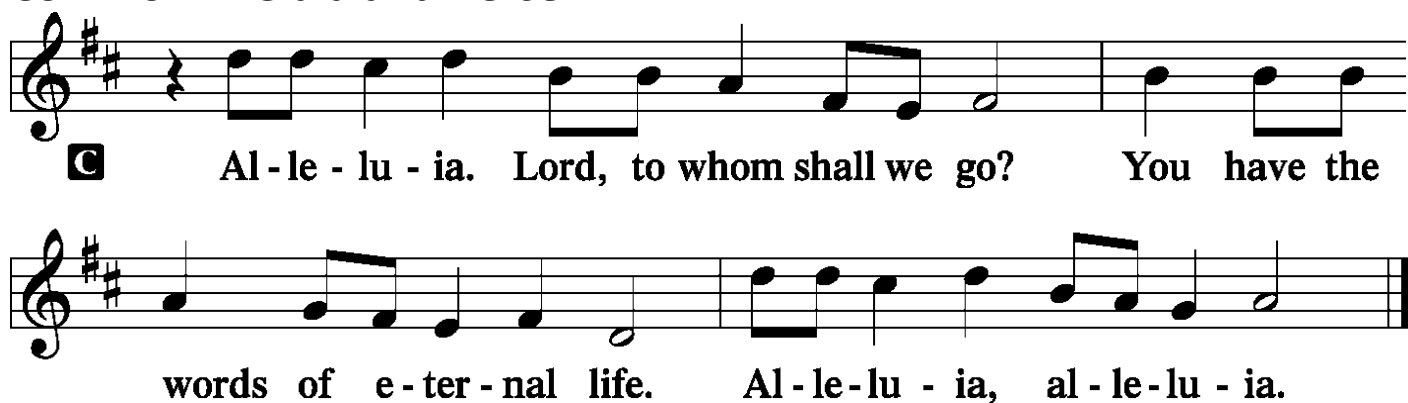
C: of the contempt of the proud.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians: 12:1-10

Reader: Greg Hardesty

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 6:1-13

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

6 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon "For whenever I am weak, then strong I am."

Pastor Jim Stoltenberg

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 842 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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:

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. 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 starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B-flat2, and C3. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are positioned below the treble staff.

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 quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff has a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G2, then quarter notes A2, B-flat2, and C3. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are positioned below the treble staff.

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-

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

Brief silence

P: Almighty and everlasting God, Your ascended Son reigns over all the nations. By His Gospel, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your people. Open our lips to speak Your Word with boldness to one and all. By the mercy we have received in Your Son, wholly shape our lives in love so that all we say, all that we do, may bring You glory and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Kind Father, move all congregations to sound forth the call to repentance without fear. Keep them faithful in their proclamation of Your Word, especially in the face of those who oppose it and refuse to hear You. Raise up new workers for Your harvest fields to speak Your Word as we wait for the coming of our Lord and the final fulfillment of Your every promise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ruler of the nations, protect and care for our country. Give wisdom to our president, our governor and to all who make, administer or judge our laws. Bless all public servants as they attempt to provide safety and stability to our society. Give them courage to protect the free exercise of religion and to honor and protect every life from conception to natural death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, Your grace is sufficient for us and Your power is made perfect in weakness. Into Your loving hands, we commend all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit [*especially Your servants _____*]. Grant them patience in their afflictions and trust in Your wisdom, and strengthen their hope as they look forward to the final healing that awaits all Your children at the day of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Great I AM, source of all life, send Your Holy Spirit to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the promise of Your Son, that as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy One, Your Son invites us to share together at this altar the priceless gift of His body and blood that won our forgiveness on Calvary's tree and promises us a share in His resurrection life. Cast away from us all unbelief and fill us with faith to welcome Him, hear and heed His words, and receive a share in the eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: These things and everything else You know that we need, grant to us, Father, for the sake of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

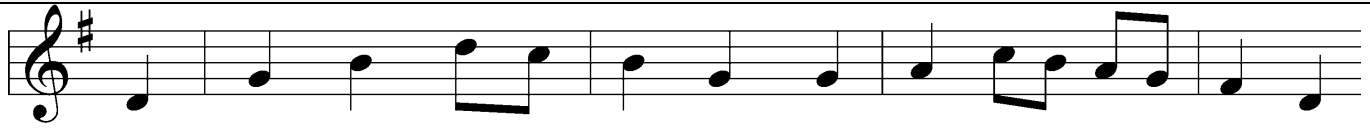
Benediction

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

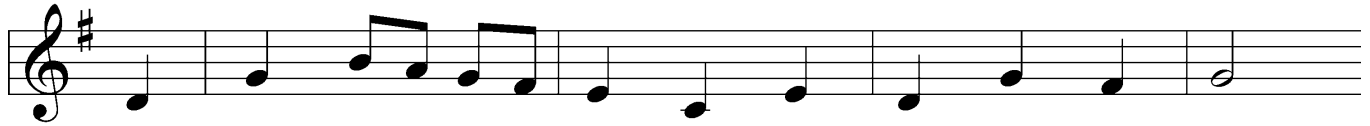
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 643 in the Lutheran Service Book)

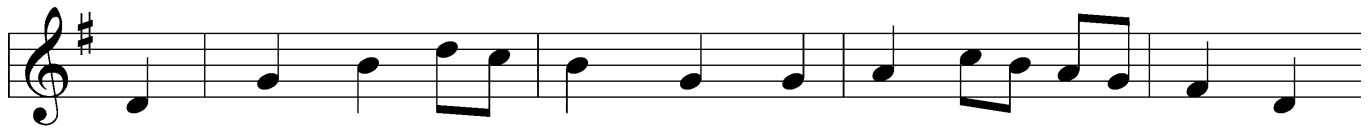
Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



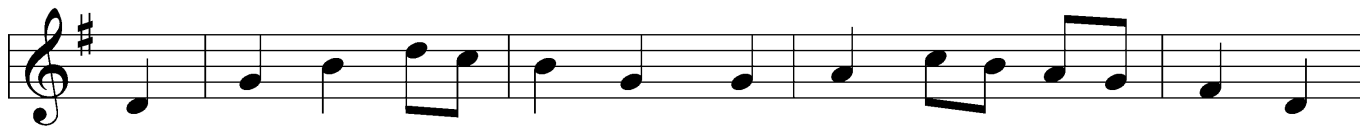
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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 JIM STOLTENBERG for leading us in worship today.

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

- Monday, July 9th – Frank Whitten
Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: The Wark family

****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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	Elder's Meeting	9:00 a.m.
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	Lavon Dunker
Jim Crawford	Cindy Fritch
Carol Dunn	Nadine Haydon
Martha Glenn	Cathy Hayes
Patsy Mahs	Darvin Jackson
Lou Pailer	Sherry Jones
Leo Sauer	Donald Mulford
Jean Steinberg	Ricky Newsom
Mary Tober	Marianne & Rev. Louis Pearce
Peggy & Tom Uehlin	Carol Pope
Sandra Barr	Price family
Bob Brooks	Phil Riley
Rafael Caballero	Jean Smith
Francis Cooper	Laura Taylor
Wanda Davis	Larry Wells

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

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.