



June 24, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
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: Kathy Stallings & Roger Martinson

Greeters: Barbara & Greg Hardesty

Altar Care: Kathy Stallings & Lynda Bridwell

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: Here I Am 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.

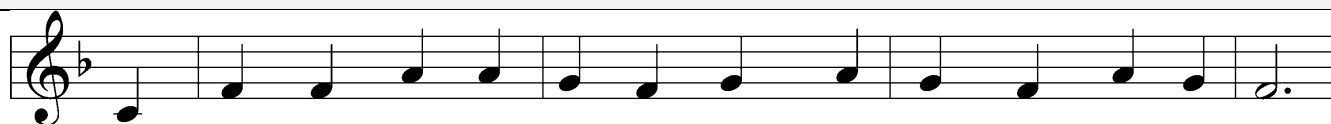
P: Upon this, your confession, I, as your brother in the faith, announce

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 # 549 in the Lutheran Service Book)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in

Your eternal love; 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 40:1-5

Reader: Lance Pailer

Psalm 85: 1-6

P: ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;

C: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P: ²You forgave the iniquity of your people;

C: you covered all their sin.

P: ³You withdrew all your wrath;

C: you turned from your hot anger.

P: ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

C: and put away your indignation toward us!

P: ⁵Will you be angry with us forever?

C: Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

P: ⁶Will you not revive us again,

C: that your people may rejoice in you?

Second Lesson – Acts 13:13-26

Reader: Lance Pailer

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: Luke 1:57-80

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness
until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Not In Vain”

Josh Ringer

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 770 in the Lutheran Service Book)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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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:

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 primarily 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 and a final note. The bass staff continues the harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

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 various note values and rests. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

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

The fourth and final system of notation concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final note and a fermata. The bass staff provides a concluding 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 for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. It is good for us to give thanks to You and to join with the angels to sing praises to Your name. Remember the whole company of Your baptized and comfort them always with Your unfailing love, that they may open their mouths with joy to sing of the great things You have done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. From of old, You spoke to Your people by Your holy prophets, and in great mercy You sent John the Baptist to go before Your Son and prepare His way. Continue to send to Your faithful people messengers of Your Word who will give them

knowledge of salvation in the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. You gave Your Son all authority in heaven and on earth. Look kindly on all who have been elected to positions of public trust in our land. Help them to serve with wisdom, honor and integrity. Hinder all in our common life that is not in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. The Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. May the light of His Good News bring comfort and peace to all who are sick, homebound, taking treatments, grieving or facing death. *[We especially commend to You those we have been asked to remember at this altar: _____.]* Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. In Jesus, You came to Your people and set them free. We thank You for saints Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary and all Your faithful departed. Bring us with them to the joyous and serene light of the heavenly home that Christ has prepared for us. 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

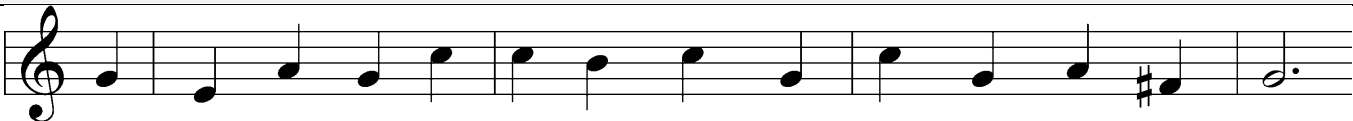
Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 733 in the Lutheran Service Book)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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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, June 24th – Karen Schornhorst
- Monday, June 25th – Kathryn Roper

Anniversaries:

- TODAY, June 24th – Janis & Ana Mara Lipacis and Leroy & Linda Horst
- Tuesday, June 26th – John & Janie Seglund
- Friday, June 29th – Bob & Marcia Elkins

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Bruce & Mary Tober

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

We need your help with ushering and altar care from July till the years end.

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.

**GREENSBORO CHAMBER CHOIR
TONIGHT! @ 6PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM**

Don't miss this Hymn Festival 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.
Just bring yourselves!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Ladies' Pizza Party	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Pastor Hayden & wife meet LOLC	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Elders Meeting	1:00 p.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.

PASTOR STEVE HAYDEN'S VISIT TO LOLC: He and his wife Linda will be visiting our church and area next week to meet us and gather more information to help him make a decision about the call. Therefore we will have a get-together at the church **Wednesday, June 27, at 7:00 PM** for this purpose. Please sign up for refreshments to be offered after the meeting – *drinks & finger food (bars; cheese & crackers; fruit, etc)*. A signup sheet is on the round table in the back of the sanctuary.



A good turnout is important to show them our support. To reiterate, the purpose of the meeting is for Pastor Hayden to learn more about us and our commitment to ministry and outreach. So we should be open to answering questions he may have. Please continue to pray that God will guide him in his decision and make a special effort to attend on Wednesday, June 27. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday July 8th after worship.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Nadine Haydon
Jim 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
- 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.