



March 4, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Lent
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: Janis Lipacis & Walter Krause

Greeters: Donna & Charlie Crouch

Altar Care: Shirley Mai & Rosalyn Carson

Communion Assistants: Kathie Kueven & 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.

Choir Prelude: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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

Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



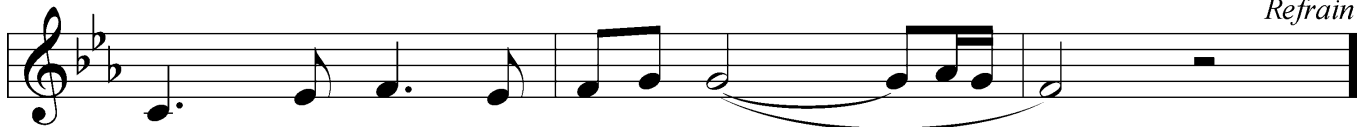
1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

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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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 Daniel Wehmeier of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Gardner, Kansas. 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.

First Lesson – Exodus 20:1-17

Reader: Amy Orr-Stokes

Psalm 19

P: ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,

C: and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

P: ²Day to day pours out speech,

C: and night to night reveals knowledge.

P: ³There is no speech, nor are there words,

C: whose voice is not heard.

P: ⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

C: In them he has set a tent for the sun,

P: ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

C: and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

P: ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C: and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

P: ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

P: ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P: ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C: the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

P: ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

C: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

P: ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

C: in keeping them there is great reward.

P: ¹²Who can discern his errors?

C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

P: ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

C: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

P: ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

C: O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Reader: Amy Orr-Stokes

Verse for Lent



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

"My Father's House"

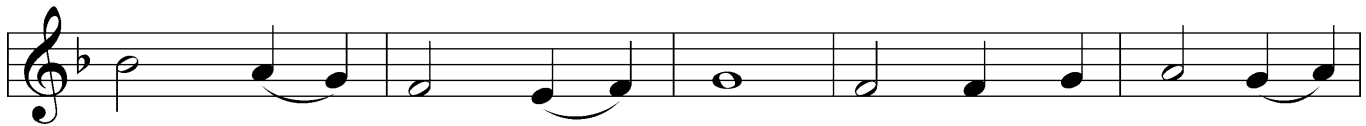
Rev. Dr. David Kruger

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 425 in the Lutheran Service Book)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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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 line of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. A square icon is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a two-flat key signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

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

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

P: For true wisdom in Christ, that the faithful may recognize that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For a true zeal for the Gospel, that all Christians may recognize the privilege it is to share Christ and comfort others with the comfort we have received, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For a daily return to Baptism, repentance and sorrow for sin, that the old Adam in us should be drowned and die with all evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who have been given positions of public trust, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are hospitalized, recovering from surgery, facing chronic pain or long-term health problems, and all who suffer as a result of living in a fallen world [*especially* _____], that God would grant mercy and perseverance, as well as healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who mourn, [*especially for* _____,] that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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



righ - 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!

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

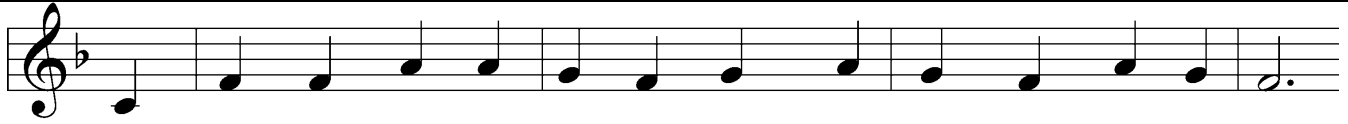
Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 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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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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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. DAVID KRUGER for leading us in worship today.

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

- Friday, March 9th – Marcia Elkins Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Joshua & Bailey Ringer

****CALL FOR ALTAR CARE & USHERS:** we really need your help with ushering – *especially after the Lenten season and Holy week*. 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.



EASTER LILIES: Dedicate or memorialize a loved one through an Easter Lily plant. Sign up on the round table for the number of plants you wish to purchase, and the dedication. Each plant will be \$17.50. Last day to order is this Wednesday March 14th.

Make checks payable to Lake Oconee Lutheran, with a notation that it is for lilies, and place in offering plate.



THIRD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Putnam Christian Outreach is most thankful that Lake Oconee Lutheran Church will be recognized as a sponsor for their Tournament. We also have several golfers signed up to participate. There is still plenty of time to sign up. If you cannot golf, but would like to support this event, you can contribute towards a fund to allow a high school golfer to participate. Any amount of spare change you'd like to drop into the little golf bag on the round table will be appreciated. It will be one more opportunity to reach out and make our presence known in the community.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilt Guild	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Lake Oconee Quilters Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	LOLC Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Lenten Soup Supper	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Greensboro Chamber 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.



will be held each Wednesday @ 6:30PM until Holy Week. Harold Sollenberger will be leading and continuing the tree theme during the weekly devotional.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Robert Damesmith
Ed Blosser	Cindy Fritch
Lillian Blosser	Rafael Caballero
Barbara Crawford	Nadine Haydon
Carol Dunn	Cathy Hayes
Martha Glenn	Sherry Jones
Donna Hansen	Donald Mulford
Phil Larsen	Ricky Newsom
Patsy Mahs	Carol Pope
Si Si Petrea	Price family
Lou Pailer	Phil Riley
John Seglund	Jean Smith
Mary Tober	Larry Wells
John Zawislak	Alexis Ward
Sandra Barr	Ellen Warren
Francis Cooper	Ilene Wolfe
Wanda Davis	Jody Worth

Those families who are grieving:

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

