



May 13, 2018

## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*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: Tom & Todd Saner*

*Greeters: Ray Hilpipre & Barbara Smolinski*

*Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin*

*The Fellowship committee wishes to invite you for coffee after the worship service*

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*Pre-Service Music: This is time to turn our hearts & minds toward God in preparation of worship.*

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**Choir Prelude: Come Christians, Join to Sing**

**Welcome: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Welcome guests.**

*Please Stand*

## **The Peace**

L: 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**

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

L: 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.*

L: 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.**

L: 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 # 644 in the Lutheran Service Book)

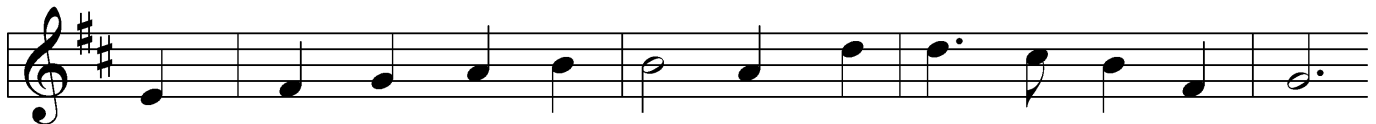
### The Church's One Foundation



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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### Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: 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 – Acts 1:12-26**

**Reader: Cindy Helms**

**Psalm 1**

L: <sup>1</sup>Blessèd 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;**

L: <sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

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

L: <sup>3</sup>He 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.**

L: <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,

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

L: <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

L: <sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Second Lesson – 1 John 5:9-15

Reader: Cindy Helms

*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: John 17:11b-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"Kept in Christ"

Josh Ringer

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 973 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Thy Word Is a Lamp**



## 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 line of musical notation 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 contains a piano accompaniment of chords. A square icon is present at the beginning of the vocal line.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the vocal and piano parts. The treble staff has lyrics: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -". The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.



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

L: 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

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

## *Brief silence*

L: Blessed Lord, though Your Son ascended to You and departed from this earth, keep us, we pray, ever mindful that He will come again to judge the living and the dead. During this time of waiting for His return, preserve us from all falsehood and immorality and, by Your Spirit, comfort us with Your ongoing care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Lord God, in the pages of Holy Scripture, You reveal Your salvation. Guide our efforts at proclaiming Your Word. Thwart the plans of all who desire to prevent Your Kingdom from extending to the lost. Bring to joyful fruition the Gospel seeds planted by missionaries, pastors, teachers and all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Lord of the Church, abide with LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and all the pastors and servants of our Synod. Guide them as they speak Your mighty Word and administer Your saving Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Lord Jesus, You earnestly desire the spiritual unity of Your Christian Church. Keep us firm in the truth of Your Word. Make our Synod, its congregations and its members bold confessors of the true faith. Strengthen us against the temptation to be conformed to the spirit of the times. And keep us faithful in proclaiming the joy of Your salvation to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Heavenly Father, through Your servant John, You give us a glimpse into life everlasting. With John's testimony, comfort those who suffer, those undergoing medical treatments and those homebound [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Bring to their minds the assurance that

even in their current afflictions, they can continue to look forward with eager joy to the place where no lamp or sun is needed, for the Lord God will be their everlasting light. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Eternal God, Your Son promises that He is the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believes in Him will live eternally. Deal graciously with those who mourn the death of loved ones [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Lead them to take refuge in Your Son's promises, that they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Father of glory, Your Son, our Lord Jesus, in His incarnation, took on our created human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mothers' Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom you have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child and protect them in their deliverance. Comfort all women who long to have children, but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, 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.

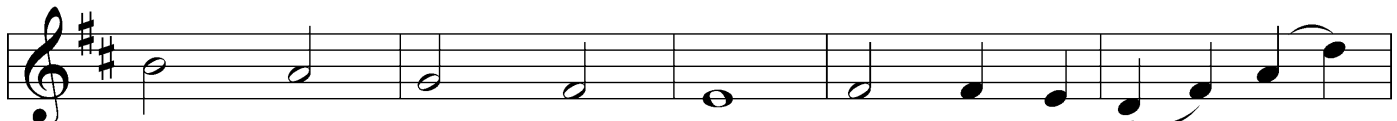
C: Amen.

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 461 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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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:**

- Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Leo Sauer & Tom Saner
- Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn Crockett & Lucie McNeil

And anniversaries

- Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Dick & Marilyn Schneider
- Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Andrew & Alison Ringer

Best wishes to all!



**Altar Flowers** are given by Walter and Susan Krause in honor of their mom and all other mothers

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Harold Sollenberger & Carol Towl**



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

**THANK YOU** to all who made food and helped in the kitchen for Abbie's wedding shower. Teamwork made cleanup much easier and faster. Abbie will be missed at LOLC but we wish her and Josh many blessings and much happiness as they soon begin their married life in Texas. ----Blessings to you, Connie & Marcia

**MUST GO HOME OR FIND A NEW HOME:** For several months food containers, insulated bags and dishes have been accumulating in the kitchen. Please help us make the stove and counters tidy and useable by claiming your items. They have been relocated to a table in the narthex to make them more visible. Unclaimed items will be donated. Thanks.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

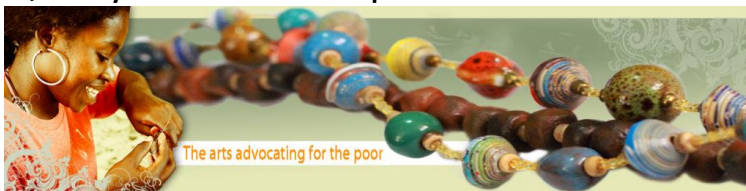
Wednesday	LOLC Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Episcopal Church Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Episcopal Church Worship Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

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*During the six Sundays of the Easter Season, in light of the Resurrection, we will review and refresh our understanding of our current Outreach Ministries. Today we focus on “those cereal boxes.”*

Haiti is rated as the poorest country in the world. So poor that parents cannot afford to keep their own children. They either have to put them in an orphanage or give them to a “nice couple” who say they will send them to school and give them a good life. What really happens is they become child slaves losing all contact with their family. Some are forced to work as servants. Others are forced to do “other things.”

The ApParent Project gives parents another choice. By making jewelry out of recycled cereal boxes, they can afford to provide for their kids.



Minimum wage in Haiti is \$5/DAY. ApParent Project pays their workers \$15/ DAY.

One cereal box yields at least \$30 in income. Two cereal boxes provide a week's salary for one parent.

To support the ApParent Project, we can:

1. Save cereal boxes
2. Buy the jewelry and other recycled products online
3. Host a party (Can be secular group like Bridge Club, Ladies Club, etc.)
4. Click on the website links that will be sent in the next Constant Contact.
5. See Susan Larson for ideas on what we as congregation can do



## ***Prayer Requests***

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

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

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

- The Mahs family
- The Fuller family
- The Hansen 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.