



May 21, 2017

## LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Sixth 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.*

**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: Fred Jorgensen & Tom Uehlin*

*Greeters: Tonda & Steve Wiker*

*Altar Care: Loretta Hayes & Amy Orr-Stokes*

*Communion Assistants: Kathy Stallings & Loretta Hayes*

*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: Shout to the 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.

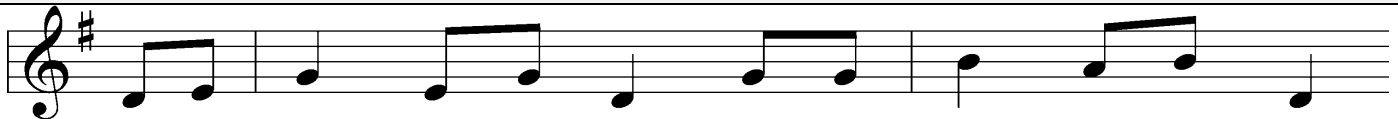
**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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: 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 # 728 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### How Firm a Foundation



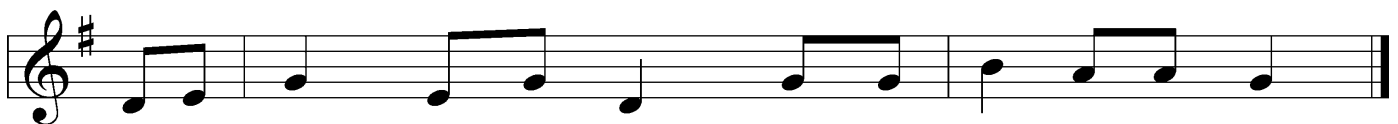
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

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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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated*

**First Lesson – Acts 17: 16-31**

**Reader: Tom Uehlin**

**Psalm 66:8-20**

P: <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples;

**C: let the sound of his praise be heard,**

P: <sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the living

**C: and has not let our feet slip.**

P: <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;

**C: you have tried us as silver is tried.**

P: <sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;

**C: you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

P: <sup>12</sup>you let men ride over our heads;

**C: we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

P: <sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

**C: I will perform my vows to you,**

P: <sup>14</sup>that which my lips uttered

**C: and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

P: <sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

**C: I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

P: <sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
C: **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

P: <sup>17</sup>I cried to him with my mouth,  
C: **and high praise was on my tongue.**

P: <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
C: **the Lord would not have listened.**

P: <sup>19</sup>But truly God has listened;  
C: **he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

P: <sup>20</sup>Blesséd be God,  
C: **because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

## Second Lesson – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: Tom Uehlin

*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 14:15-21**

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

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

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,<sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*You may be seated*

**Sermon**

**Rev. Larry Townsend**

## 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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*Please Stand*



## 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

**Choir Anthem: I Love You Lord**

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*Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.*

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# 956 Create in Me

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -".

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

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -".

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

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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 -

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men." The music ends with a double bar line.

## 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.**

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\* Prayer Of The Church

*(After the pastor ends each petition with, “Lord in Your Mercy, the congregation responds with, “Hear our prayer.”)*

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## 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.

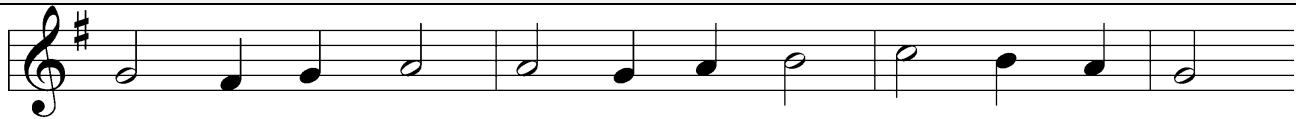
**C: Amen.**

*You may be seated*

### **The Distribution**

**Communion Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 625 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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*Please Stand*

## **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.**

*Please Be Seated*

## **Announcements**

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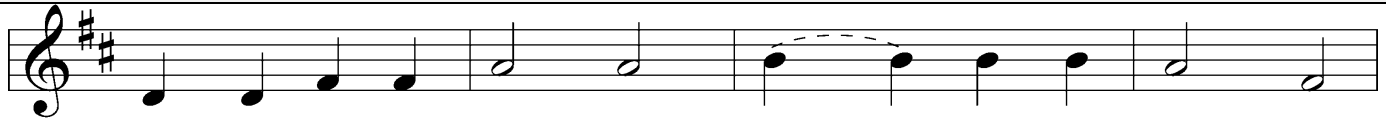
## **Benediction**

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

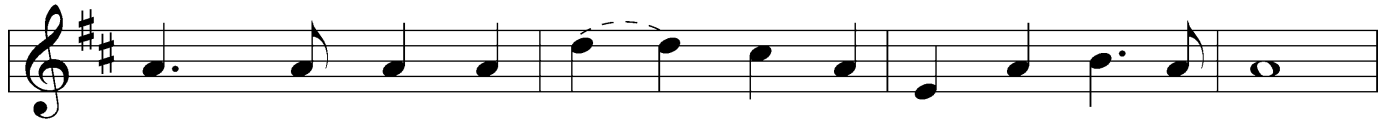
**C: Amen.**

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 507 in the Lutheran Service Book)

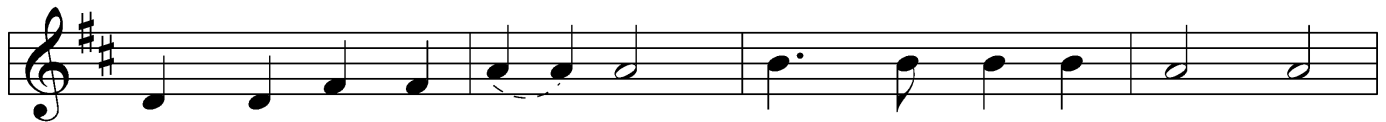
**Holy, Holy, Holy**



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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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. LARRY TOWNSEND** for leading us in worship today.

**MEMORIAL ENVELOPES** are available to memorialize loved ones through a financial contribution. The envelopes are on the foyer table. Mention their name and designate either the "General Fund" or "Debt Reduction" to which you wish to contribute, and place in the collection plate.

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

- Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Robin Larson
- Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Scott Sommer
- Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Langan
- Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Jim McNeil

**Anniversaries:**

- Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Deb & Steve Krahling  
Best wishes!

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Jim & Judy Cerny**

**SERVICE PROJECT: MEMORIAL GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION**

On Saturday, June 10 at 8:00am, we will be gathering to beautify our Memorial Garden! The garden needs some "spring cleaning." We will be clearing up the overgrowth, planting new flowers, and sprucing up the paths. Join us on June 10 to make the garden a place for praying and reflecting once again. Please bring your gardening tools and a great attitude! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please sign up on the back table as a volunteer!



**ALTAR CARE NEEDED:** *Thank you to those who have signed up recently. We still do not have anyone scheduled between July and October. This is so important, especially when we have visiting*

*pastors! Sign up now.*

**SETTING UP THE ALTAR:** The church doors will be unlocked on Sundays by 9:00 a.m. If you prefer, you can setup the altar prior to the worship service.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	Council Meeting	after worship
Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 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	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

**ADULT SUNDAY CLASS CORNER:** Bible reading centered on the Scripture Lessons of the day has resumed: Sundays 9 a.m. Weekly scheduled Scripture readers are encouraged to attend and receive a preview of their worship service reading. Watch this corner in the future.



## ***Prayer Requests***

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

Sue Amick  
Barbara Crawford  
Carol Dunn  
Martha Glenn  
Jim Kueven  
Patsy Mahs  
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder  
John Zawislak  
Cathy Chambers  
Francis Cooper  
Wanda Davis  
Ryan Hargrove  
Nadine Haydon  
Cathy Hayes

Cindy Fritch  
Cliff Leiter  
William & Nancy Mickler  
Donald Mulford  
Ricky Newsom  
Dalton Pearce  
Carol Pope  
Jim & Brad Sechler  
Jean Steinberg  
Patricia Taylor  
Beau Tyler  
Larry Wells  
Alexis Ward  
Ilene Wolfe

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

The Anderson family  
The Mahs family  
The Piepenbrink family  
The Sollenberger 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.