

May 26, 2019

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.*

Ushers: Terry & Margaret Pedersen

Greeters: Peggy & Tom Uehlin

Altar Care: Donna Crouch & Donna Hansen

The Uehlins 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.

Instrumental Prelude

Lev Ryabinin

Choir Prelude: Eternal Father

Welcome

Please Stand

(You are invited to wish those around you God's peace. Please remain standing for the invocation.)

Invocation

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.

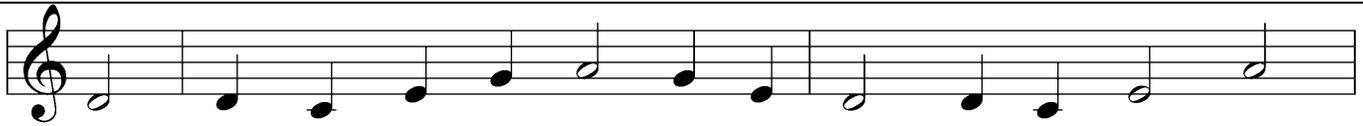
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 543 in the Lutheran Service Book)

What Wondrous Love Is This



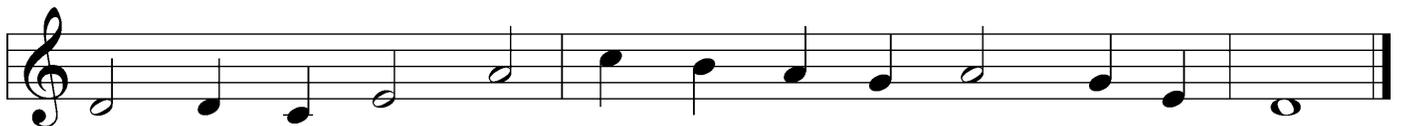
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

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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.

First Lesson – Acts 16:9-15

Reader: Virginia Daley

Second Lesson – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Reader: Virginia Daley

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 16:23-33

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 721 in the Lutheran Service Book)

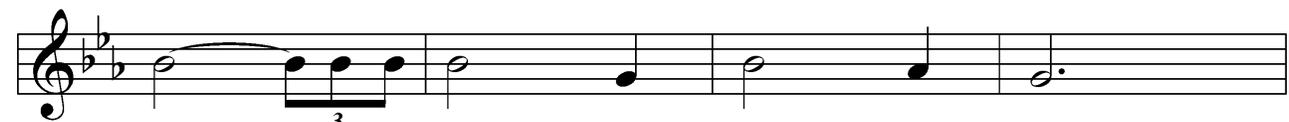
Lead Me, Guide Me



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



For if You lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,



To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out Thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness Thy face to see.
I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.
Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

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.

Please be seated

Offering

To Our Guests: We do not charge for any of our services. All our services, programs, and expenses are freely supported by the gifts and offerings of our members. As our guests, you have not been invited for what you can give, but for what God can give you.

Instrumental Anthem:

Lev Ryabinin

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Our Offering Pledge

C: We pause in our worship, to rededicate ourselves, our time, talents, and treasure, to the service of Christ our Savior. We remember also our responsibility of friendliness to and concern for our fellow-worshippers, for those who are absent, and for our unchurched friends and neighbors. May the Holy Spirit help us to witness for Christ, in whatever way He directs us during the coming days.

Prayer of the Church

* Prayer Of The Church

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

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

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,



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,



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,



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.

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Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

- TODAY, May 26th – Sandy Langan
- Tuesday, May 27th – Jim McNeil

Best wishes!

NEED USHERS: We need ushers to sign up – we need more volunteers for the SUMMER. The signup list is on the sanctuary back wall.

IF YOU DESIRE TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY: please talk to Pastor Steve.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	MEMORIAL DAY – Office Closed	
Wednesday	“God, Are You Talking to Me” Class	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	Adult Bible Class led by Rev Kruger	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

“ALL ALONE?” Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them.



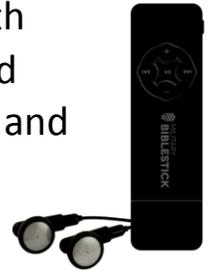
MID WEEK BIBLE CLASS: There is a mid-week Bible Study here at Lake Oconee Lutheran. We will be meeting at church every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am. We will begin with “God, are You talking to Me?”

The Old Testament seems so, well, old and out of date. We know that the Old Testament is God's Word and we have our favorite stories that we learned in Sunday School, but once we get past Genesis and the story of Moses in Exodus, it all seems so old, so strange. During “God, are You talking to Me?” we will be looking at 13 different Old Testament Bible events (some you think you know and some you may not have heard of) and realize that God wrote those down for us. They are not just stories about dusty history but here God is talking to us, about our life, in His Old Testament.

Join us every Wednesday and be a part of “God, are You talking to Me?” Our class will begin at 10:30 am in the Choir Room.

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS: May is National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM)! We have the opportunity to recognize and honor all men and women of our U.S. Armed Forces who have served throughout history and are serving today.

Chaplains need our help! *More than 12,000 Military BibleSticks are being requested this month!* Join with us to help today’s chaplains give spiritual life to our troops.



TODAY we have a special door offering. A \$25 donation sponsors one service member and their family. Please make checks payable to the church with a memo line notation “BibleSticks”. For more information: MilitaryBibleStick.com | info@MilitaryBibleStick.com



LOLC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a second Church-wide Planning Meeting on **Saturday, June 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 12: 00 p.m.** We want to listen to God, and look into our future and continue the process of finding God’s plan for us as a congregation today, and we need you to be a part of it.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Wouldn’t it be great to just hear Jesus Himself preach a sermon? What if we were there, along with the disciples, hearing the words directly from Jesus’ mouth; imagine how that would change our understanding.



Well, we do have that opportunity. Starting **June 9th**, we will begin a new Adult Bible study on **Sunday mornings at 9am** called “*Life of Jesus*” where we will spend time digging into Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Now we can get “up close and personal” and hear directly from Jesus Himself. As we spend time looking at Jesus’ words in Matthew 5-7, we will quickly become aware that Jesus’ teaching is dynamically different from the world’s teachings. In fact, Jesus will challenge us again about what it means to live a life of faith.

Join us on Sunday mornings, beginning June 9th at 9am in the church for “Life of Jesus”

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.