

May 27, 2018

## LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Holy Trinity

*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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All the people of God

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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: Nancy & Lou Stefurak*

*Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Reda Joost*

*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: Eternal Father**

**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.**

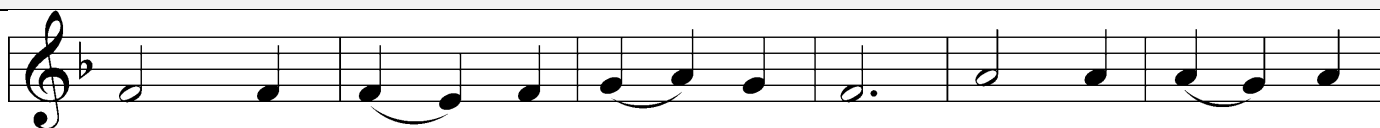
L: Upon this, your confession, I, as your brother in the faith, announce

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.

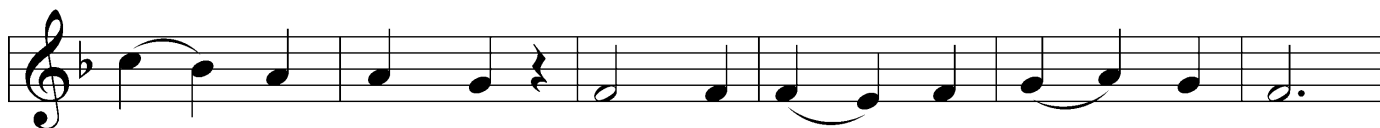
**C: Amen.**

**Congregational Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 940 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

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### Prayer of the Day

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

L: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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 – Isaiah 6:1-8**

**Reader: Jerry Pailer**

**Psalm 29**

L: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

**C: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

L: <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C: worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**C: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.**

L: <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;

**C: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

L: <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

**C: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

L: <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

**C: and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD

**C: flashes forth flames of fire.**

L: <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

**C: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

**C: and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

L: <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

**C: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

L: <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!

**C: May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

## Second Lesson – Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Reader: Jerry 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: John 3:1-17

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

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

**3** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is

old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon "The Holy Trinity Wholly Accomplished Our Salvation"**

**Tom Mathson**

Congregational Hymn #571 *(Sung as directed during the Sermon)*

**God Loved the World So That He Gave**



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

Please be seated



# 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 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, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

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 some rests, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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

The fourth system concludes the musical piece. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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: Almighty God, you are our strength and our shield. We give you thanks for the men and women of our armed forces, past and present, and especially for those who have died while serving. May their sacrifices serve the cause of peace, and may our nation be ever grateful for their service. With your wisdom and strength guide our military's leaders, and give to all people a desire for justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

### Benediction

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

C: Amen.

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Be praise now and eternally!

## 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 TOM MATHSON** for leading us in worship today.

### **GOD'S BLESSINGS to all those celebrating birthdays:**

- Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Bryan Pettit      Best wishes!

### **LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Kathleen Stallings**



**\*\*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.

**VOTERS' MEETING TO CALL A PASTOR:** We will have a voters' meeting on June 10th to elect the pastor to call as our next pastor. There is a notebook in the church office with information on each pastor being considered and how to listen to their sermons.

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Monday	Memorial Day Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday	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.



## ***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.