

Eternal Life Now

John 17:1-11

May 28, 2017

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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WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

*If you need childcare, please see one of the ushers
and we will happily accommodate you.*

Ushers: Fred Jorgensen & Tom Uehlin

Greeters: Alan & Eileen Oberdeck

Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin

The Fellowship committee invites 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: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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 # 809 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Great is thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest;
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may be seated

First Lesson – Acts 1:12-26

Reader: Kayleen Ringer

Psalm 68:1-10

P: ¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

C: and those who hate him shall flee before him!

P: ²As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

C: as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

P: ³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

C: they shall be jubilant with joy!

P: ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

C: lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

P: ⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

C: is God in his holy habitation.

P: ⁶ God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

C: but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

P: ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,

C: when you marched through the wilderness,

P: ⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai,

C: before God, the God of Israel.

P: ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;

C: you restored your inheritance as it languished;

P: ¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it;

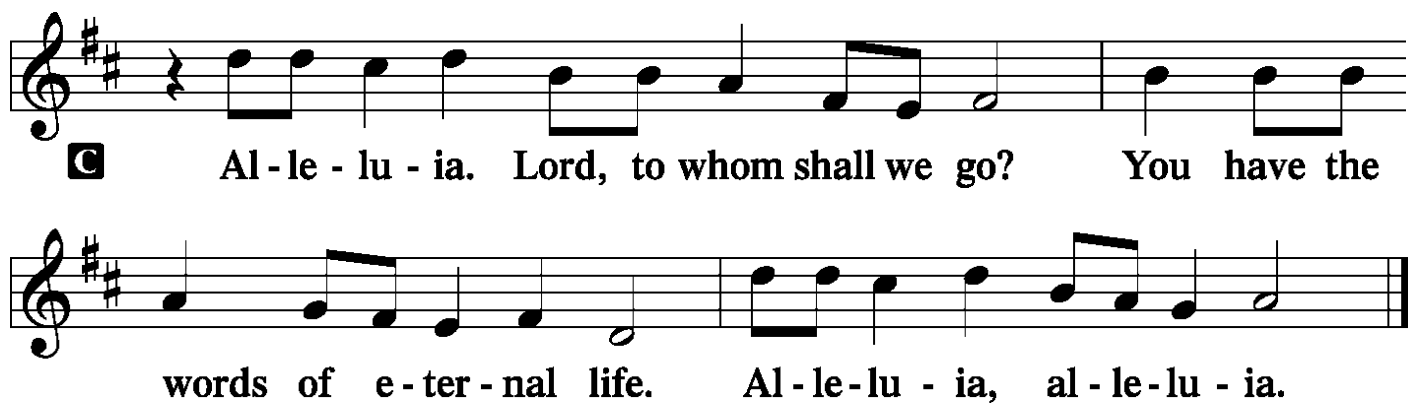
C: in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Second Lesson -1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Reader: Kayleen Ringer

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues with the lyrics: 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Holy Gospel: John 17: 1-11

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.¹¹ 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Rev. James Stoltenberg

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 770 in the Lutheran Service Book)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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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.

Offering

Choir Anthem: Faith of Our Fathers

Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

956 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 written in quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides 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, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system features a more active melodic line in the treble staff, with eighth notes and quarter notes. The bass staff continues with a consistent accompaniment.

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

The final system concludes the piece with a melodic line that ends on a half note. The bass staff provides a final accompaniment.



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offertory Prayer

P: 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 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

(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.

Please Be Seated

Announcements

Please Stand

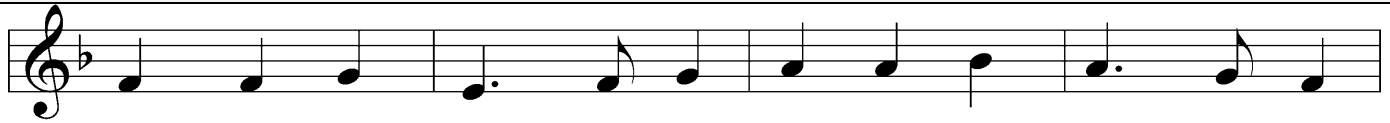
Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to #965 in the Lutheran Service Book)

God Bless our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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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. JAMES STOLTENBERG 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.



Altar Flowers are given in honor of "God Bless America"

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

- Tuesday, May 30th – Bryan Petitt
- Saturday, June 3rd – Mary Tober

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Jim & Barbara Crawford

**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

Monday

Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED



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.