

November 26, 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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: Roger Martinson

Greeters: Jerry & Lance Pailer

Keith Mulford wishes 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.

Prelude

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 # 686 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

First Lesson – Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

Reader: David Mortensen

Psalm 95:1-7a

P: ¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P: ³For the LORD is a great God,

C: and a great King above all gods.

P: ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C: the heights of the mountains are his also.

P: ⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
C: and his hands formed the dry land.

P: ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: ⁷For he is our God,
C: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Reader: Davis Mortensen

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: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger

and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

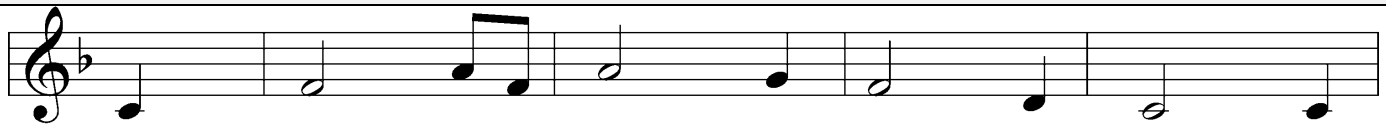
Sermon:

"Judge Jesus!"

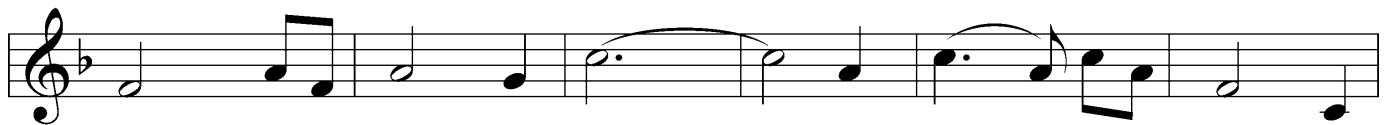
Pastor Larry Townsend

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 744 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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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
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 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 chords. A square symbol is placed above the first note of the vocal line.

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

The second system continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The third system shows the continuation of the hymn's melody. The vocal line includes some eighth-note runs, and the bass line maintains the harmonic support.

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

The final system concludes the hymn with a melodic phrase that ends on a half note. The bass line also concludes with a final chord.

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 that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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

Brief silence

P: For all the people of God, that they may always be prepared for the Son of Man to return in glory by continually being kept safe and secure in the Lord's flock, where they are fed and nourished by His Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who are scattered and gone astray, that by the power of the Holy Spirit they may be returned to the fold before Christ returns to judge the living and the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all pastors in Christ, that they may remain ever faithful in proclaiming our death in Adam and our resurrection in Christ as we ever look forward to the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all in authority, that even as the kingdoms of this world are passing away, they may be granted wisdom and protection as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the hungry, that they may be granted daily bread as they have need of it, and that the Lord's servants may be moved to provide for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are imprisoned, that they may be granted those who are willing to visit them with the Gospel of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick, [including _____,] that they may be granted healing in body and soul, and that they would be granted comforters to visit them in their affliction, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who receive the Lord's body and blood this day, that they may be granted eternal life and resurrection on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all the faithful departed, that we remember them with thankfulness and look forward to the day when we are reunited with them in the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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

Please Stand

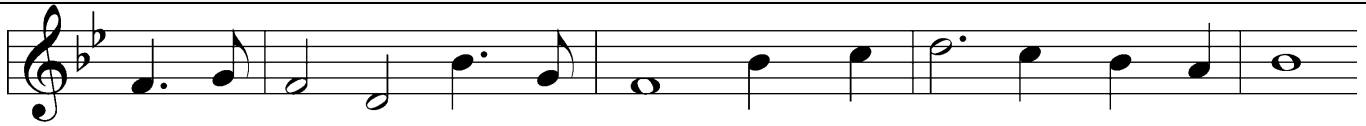
Benediction

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

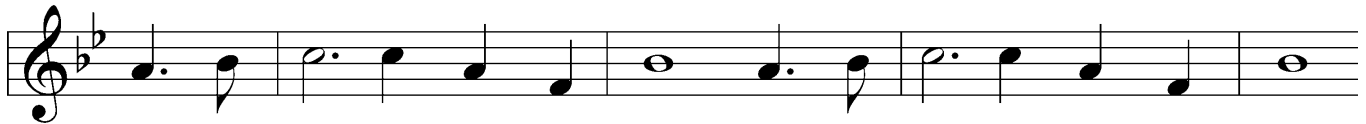
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 761 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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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 PASTOR LARRY TOWNSEND for leading us in worship today.

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

- Monday, November 27th – Lillian Blosser
- Thursday, November 30th – Cherie Bantly & Dick Braun
- Friday, December 1st – Joshua Ringer

And anniversaries:

- Friday, December 1st –Amy Orr & Bill Stokes
- Best wishes!



ALTAR FLOWERS: given by Barbara Smolinski

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Jim & Kathie Kueven

CALL FOR USHERS: we need your help for December. A signup sheet is on the round table. Thank you in advance for your service.

PASTORAL CARE: If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Ron Schornhorst at 706-484-9855.



STEPHEN MINISTERS: Virginia Daley & Leroy Horst are available if you are in need of someone to listen. No concern too large or too small. Contact Virginia at 706-485-3564.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Greensboro Orchestra rehearsal	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
	Decorating for Christmas	1:00 p.m.
	ECR Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	ECR 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join us for decorating the church and trimming the church tree on Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m.



MESSIAH CONCERT



As you know our church has the privilege of hosting the Greensboro Chamber Choir presentation of The Messiah on Sunday December 3rd at 6:00pm.

Three hundred or more people are expected to enjoy this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our remarkable capacity for kindness and generosity by hosting this event and providing a dessert bar for the community following the concert.

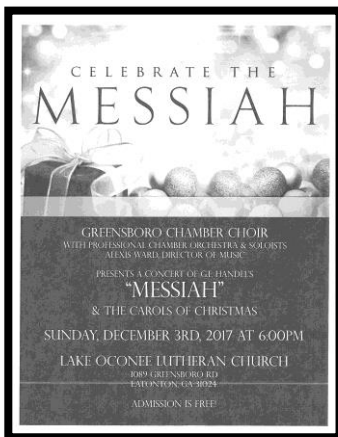
We are asking for volunteers to share your talents by baking cookies and bars or making homemade candy. Keeping the menu simple will make the event more manageable and easy to set up.

Please make at least three dozen items and put them on two plates as we will be serving from both hallways.

NOTE: Items may be brought to the church on Saturday December 2nd after 1PM when the church will be decorating for the Christmas season or before the 6:00 concert on Sunday the 3rd.

A signup sheet is provided on the round table at the back of the sanctuary. Your willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated.

----*Connie Piepenbrink and Marcia Elkins*



CALLING FOR USHERS, GREETERS & PARKING

ASSISTANTS: We need your help even before the concert begins! Please let Art know if you are available.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Nadine Haydon
Ed Blosser	Cathy Hayes
Lillian Blosser	Sherry Jones
Barbara Crawford	Charles McElroy
Carol Dunn	William & Nancy Mickler
Mike Dunn	Donald Mulford
Martha Glenn	Ricky Newsom
Donna Hansen	Dalton Pearce
Jim Kueven	Carol Pope
Phil Larsen	Phil Riley
Patsy Mahs	Jean Smith
Bob Mai	Mark Sullivan
Price & Si Si Petrea	Larry Wells
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder	Alexis Ward
John Zawislak	Ellen Warren
Francis Cooper	Ilene Wolfe
Wanda Davis	Jody Worth
Cindy Fritch	

Those families who are grieving:

- The Mahs family
- The Sollenberger family
- The Fuller family
- The Hansen family
- The Chambers 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.