



October 15, 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Missionaries:

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.*

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: Keith Mulford & Dick Schneider

Greeters: Davis Mortensen & Roger Martinson

Altar Care: Jerry Pailer & Si Si Petrea

Communion Assistants: Bob Elkins & Loretta Hayes

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.

Choir Prelude: Faith of Our Fathers

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 # 892 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest home;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
Wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,
Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.
Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy gar-ner to a-bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of 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.

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.

You may be seated

First Lesson – Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader: Kathie Kueven

Psalm 23

P: ¹The LORD is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C: He leads me beside still waters.

P: ³He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson – Philippians 4:4-13

Reader: Kathie Kueven

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: Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main

roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

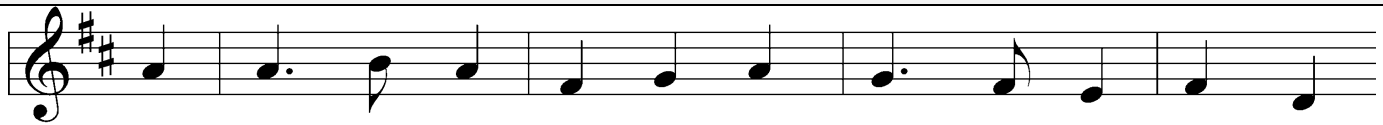
You may be seated

Sermon : Project “Can Do”

Pastor Jim Stoltenberg

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 785 in the Lutheran Service Book)

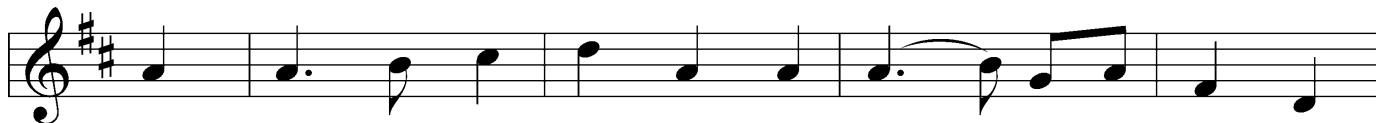
We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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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

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 line of musical notation for the hymn 'Create in Me'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G minor (one flat). The treble staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are written below the treble staff.

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

The second line of musical notation for the hymn 'Create in Me'. It continues the treble and bass staves from the first line. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are written below the treble staff.

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-

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

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.

Prayer of the Church

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace that passes all understanding, for glad hearts that rejoice in Christ and His salvation, for faithfulness in this life, and for grace to receive everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church, for all ministers of the Church, for missionaries and all church workers, for the agencies of the Church that assist in the mission of witness and service, and for glad and generous hearts to support the work of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the nation and the world, for our president and Congress, for our governor and all local government personnel, for the world and an end to war and conflict, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the homes in which our people dwell, for grace to husbands and wives to fulfill their vocations to one another, for children and home, for grace to teach and learn the faith in those homes and to pray as a family before the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the needs of children, for the protection of the unborn, for the care of those with special needs, for those children who suffer neglect and abuse, for the agencies charged with overseeing their care, and for those in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For courage to speak the name of the Lord before the world, for hearts to welcome the stranger in His name, for diligence in teaching and learning the Word of God, and for our faithful care to those new to the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For repentance and faith as we approach the table of the Lord, for unity of doctrine, for the reconciliation of those estranged, and for the restoration of the fallen to the fellowship of Christ's Church, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For joy in the mission, for humility to yield to the Lord and His purpose, and for a grateful heart, that wearing the blessed clothing of Christ's righteousness before the world, we may be found holy and blameless when He comes in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For confidence in the good and gracious will of God; for our love for and pursuit of all things good, right, noble, beautiful and godly; and finally for the Lord to hinder the enemies of His Kingdom and bring to nothing all their evil and destruction, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all things profitable to us and our salvation, that He would keep from us all things harmful and grant our promised reunion with those who have died in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O holy Father, from You and through You and to You are all things and to You be glory forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Distribution

Communion Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 709 in the Lutheran Service Book)

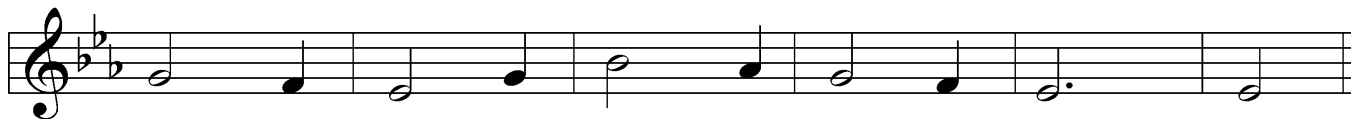
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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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.

Announcements

Please Stand

Benediction

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

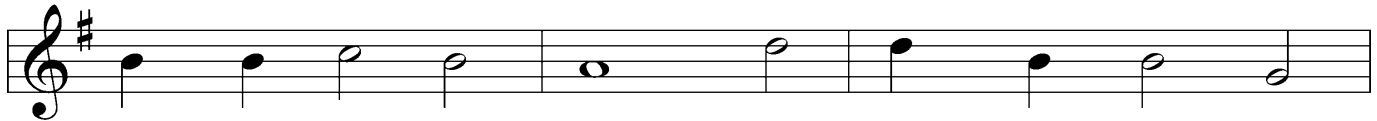
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 528 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

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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. JIM STOLTENBERG for leading us in worship today.

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

- Today, October 15th – Jean Steinberg
- Wednesday, October 18th – Harold Huston
- Saturday, October 21st – Abigail Ringer & Barbara Hardesty

And Anniversaries:

- Friday, October 20th – Price & Si Si Petrea
- Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Raymond Hilpibre



ALTAR FLOWERS: in celebration of Price & Si Si Petrea's 20th anniversary.

STEPHENS MINISTERS are hosting a **Healing service** after worship today for those seeking support with health problems.

CALL FOR USHERS: we need 2 for November & December. A signup sheet is on the round table. Thank you in advance for your service.

ALTAR CARE NEEDED: We need help for November.

This is so important, especially when we have visiting pastors! Sign up now. 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.



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

Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilters Meeting	1p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Council Meeting	after worship

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: Lake Oconee Lutheran Church will be hosting a 500th Reformation Celebration on **Saturday, October 28 from 4 PM to 7 PM.** Join us for a German-style dinner, fun activities, and celebration with the community. All other congregations in the area will be invited, as well as the community. Be sure to invite your friends and family to this event! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the back table or use the link on our website's home page. If you have any questions, contact Laura Shipman at 706-830-4809.



On All Saints' Sunday, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. There is a sheet on the round table to honor those saints.

NAME TAGS: If you are missing a name tag, please tell Deb in the church office.





Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

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

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.