



October 8, 2017

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eighteenth 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.

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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: Lance Pailer & Dick Schneider

Greeters: Kayleen & Anna Ruth Ringer

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: Father Welcomes

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 # 790 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1-7

Reader: Cindy Helms

Psalm 80:7-19

P: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P:⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C: you drove out the nations and planted it.

P: ⁹You cleared the ground for it;

C: it took deep root and filled the land.

P:¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,

C: the mighty cedars with its branches.

P: ¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea

C: and its shoots to the River.

P: ¹²Why then have you broken down its walls,
C: so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

P: ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it,
C: and all that move in the field feed on it.

P: ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts!
C: Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

P: ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted,
C: and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

P: ¹⁶They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
C: may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

P: ¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
C: the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

P: ¹⁸Then we shall not turn back from you;
C: give us life, and we will call up on your name!

P: ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Second Lesson –Philippians 3: 4b-14

Reader: Cindy Helms

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: Luke 3:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

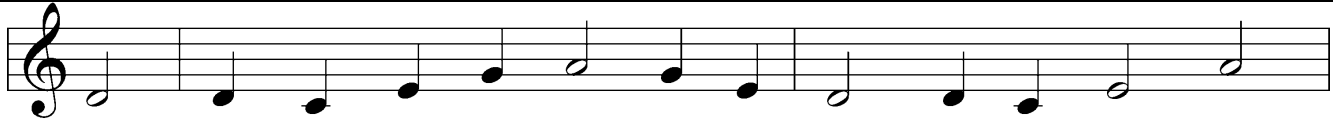
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon: Pressing on to the Goal

Pastor Jim Stoltenberg

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
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



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
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



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
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



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.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Baptism

Please Stand

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last

chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: How are you named?

R: Jordan Joyce Wark

P: Jordan Joyce Wark, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Jordan Joyce, according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned

and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P: Is it your intention to serve Jordan Joyce as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C: Amen.

P: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

C: Amen.

Baptismal Vows

P: Jordan Joyce Wark do you renounce the devil?

R: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe 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?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Jordan Joyce, do you desire to be baptized?

R: Yes, I do.

P: Jordan Joyce I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

A: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Please Stand

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Jordan Joyce the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Peace ☩ be with you.

C: Amen.

Please Stand

**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 with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure with a whole rest in the treble staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The fifth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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: In joyful hope we come to our Father in prayer, bringing our petitions on behalf of His Church and all people, at the invitation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Brief silence

P: Lord, we are Your vineyard, planted by Your grace for Your glory. Give us a willing heart, that we may honor You with the good fruit You desire and glorify Your name in all that we think, say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, when we had nothing to honor You with but only the sin that shamed us and gave us death, You showed us Your great mercy, cleansing us from our sins by our Savior's blood, covering us with His righteousness, and imparting to us, by the Spirit, the obedience of faith. Bless all pastors and church workers, and help us to pursue with all our energies the cause of the Gospel, at home and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we are weak and fearful. Deliver us from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. Bless Donald, our president; Nathan Deal, our

governor; and all elected and appointed officials. Guide them with Your wisdom to work for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we too easily trust our power and technology. Teach us the limits of what You would have us do, what is beneficial and what is harmful. Comfort husbands and wives who yearn for children but have been given none. Stem our selfish impulse to measure the worth of everything by our own will and pleasure. Forgive all callous disregard for Your gift of life, and turn toward adoption the hearts of those who are tempted to end life in the womb. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we judge too easily with our eyes and trust too little in Your Word. Give us courage that we may remain faithful before temptation, in the face of trouble and when facing the trials of this mortal life. Encourage us, that we may without fear count all things as loss for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You know only too well the afflictions of body and soul and the shadow of death that hangs over us and all we do. According to Your will, give healing to the sick, relief to those in pain, recovery to those who have had surgery, peace to those troubled in mind and hope in the hour of death. [*Hear us for _____ and all we name before You in our hearts. (Time of silence.)*] In all things, let Your good and gracious will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we too quickly call our own all that belongs to You. Give us grateful hearts and contentment with Your daily and rich supply of all things for this body and life. Move our hearts to generosity, that we may return to You the tithes and offerings You are due and supply our

neighbor in need with the resources You have entrusted to our care.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we come as a people tossed to and fro by the manifold changes of this mortal life. Help us to know in You that which is eternal. Give us such confidence in the suffering and death of Christ that we may not fear the sun by day or the darkness by night, but rejoice that You are with us always as we await the joyous appearing of Your Son with all His saints; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.

Baptism of Jordan Joyce Wark participants:

Parents:

Matt Wark

Sara Wark

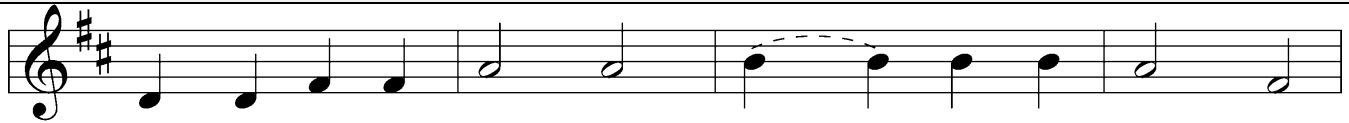
Sponsors:

Nathan Barbott

Joyce Wark

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,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



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,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



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,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



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.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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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:

- Monday, October 9th – Susan Krause
- Friday, October 13th – Fred Jorgensen & Roger Martinson
- Saturday, October 14th – Ed Blosser & Henry Ringer

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Charlie & Cindy Helms



ALTAR FLOWERS: in celebration Roger Martinson's 90th birthday!

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.



NOTE FROM DONNA HANSEN:

LOLC Friends,

Looking forward to coming back to church, hope it will be soon. I'm still plugging away with my PT, of course, nothing goes fast when you want it, just have to wait for God's time.

I want to thank you all again for your prayers, cards and all the wonderful things you have done for me during my recovery, you have truly been a blessing to me.

--Love, Donna H.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick
Cathy Chambers
Barbara Crawford
Carol Dunn
Mike Dunn
Martha Glenn
Donna Hansen
Jim Kueven
Phil Larsen
Patsy Mahs
Bob Mai
Sharon Neuleib
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder
John Zawislak
Francis Cooper
Wanda Davis
Cindy Fritch

Nadine Haydon
Cathy Hayes
William & Nancy Mickler
Roy & Joyce Miller
Donald Mulford
Ricky Newsom
Dalton Pearce
Carol Pope
Larry Porter
Phil Riley
Jean Smith
Beau Tyler
Larry Wells
Alexis Ward
Ilene Wolfe
Jody Worth

Those families who are grieving:

The Mahs family
The Sollenberger family
The Fuller family
The Hansen 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.