



September 16, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventeenth 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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available from the ushers



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: Tom Uehlin & Keith Mulford

Greeters: The Horst family

Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Marcia Elkins

Communion Assistants: Peggy Uehlin & Bob Elkins

Rosemary Bonnough 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: Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone

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.

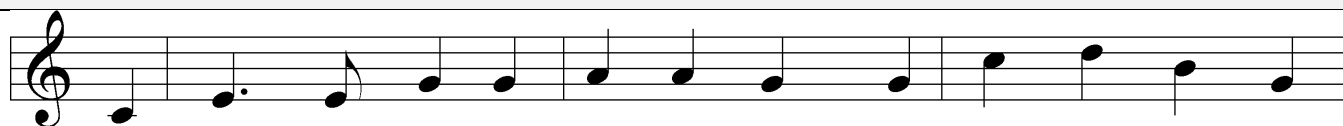
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

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.

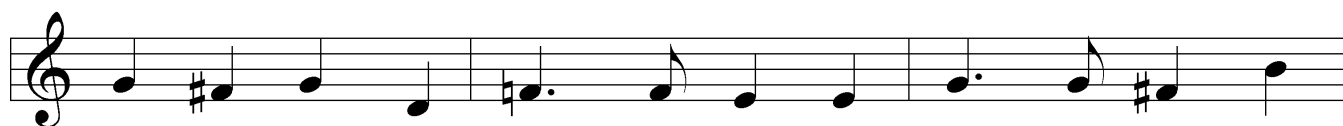
C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 717 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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 receive our new pastor.

C: Almighty God, Giver of every good gift, we thank thee for answering our prayers and providing us with a pastor to lead us. Be with Pastor Steven Hayden and Linda, keep them in good health and provide them with people to purchase their house and help them in this process so they may arrive in good time. We pray for Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, as they begin their search for a new pastor. Amen

You may be seated

First Lesson – Isaiah 50:4-10

Reader: Jack Carson

Psalm 116:1-9

P: ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard

C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: ²Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: ³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C: I suffered distress and anguish.

P: ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C: our God is merciful.

P: ⁶The LORD preserves the simple;

C: when I was brought low, he saved me.

P: ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;

C: for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

P: ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P: ⁹I will walk before the LORD

C: in the land of the living.

Second Lesson – James 3:1-12

Reader: Jack Carson

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: Mark 9:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf

spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

"Weary?"

Pastor Larry Townsend

Based on Isaiah 50:4-10

Sermon Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 784 in the Lutheran Service Book)

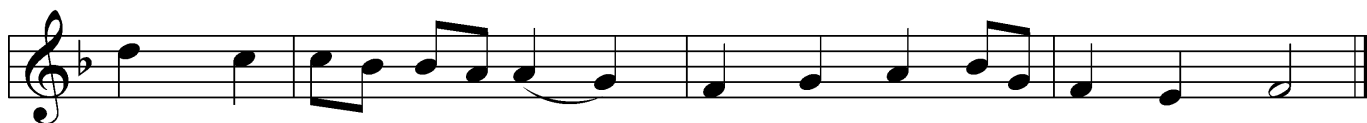
Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

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

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 features a measure with a whole rest, indicating a pause in the vocal line. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system continues the musical progression. The treble staff has a measure with a whole rest. The bass staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

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

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a measure with a whole rest. The bass staff continues with the accompaniment.

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

The fifth and final system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass staff also concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

Brief silence

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given Your beloved Son the tongue of those who are taught, that He may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Prosper in every place the preaching of His Word. By Your Spirit, enable Your pastors to proclaim it with clarity and joy, and by the same Spirit open the ears of Your children to believe it with gladness and be transformed by it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Wise One, You set a banquet before us in Word and meal and summon us to leave our simple ways and live, walking in the way of insight. Remember Matthew, our Synod president; Greg, our district president; John, our circuit visitor; Steve, our called pastor; and all servants of the Church. Grant that they may always increase in learning and find knowing You to be the path of insight. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy One, raise up new servants of Your Church who will dedicate their lives to the spread of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Remember in kindness this congregation. Set our tongues free to bless You as our Lord and Father, and by Your Spirit free us from all cursing and complaining. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father, in Your glory You teach us in Your Word to pray for all who are in authority, that we may lead lives of peace and godliness. Into Your hands, we commend all who have been entrusted with offices of public trust in our land. Grant to them all a share in Your wisdom, that they may serve with integrity and honor. Free our public discourse from the distraction of personal attacks, and help us all to use our tongues to explain our neighbor's actions in the kindest way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal Father, Your Son healed many who suffered from frail and diseased bodies in His ministry, showing Your great compassion for us in our misery and pointing us toward the final healing that awaits His glorious return. Into His hands this day we commend all who are in need: the sick, the homebound, the lonely, the grieving, the discouraged, the anxious and the depressed. *[We especially put into Your hands all we have been asked to remember at this altar:*

_____.] Shower each one with Your compassion, and sustain their faith as they await Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving One, in the Holy Eucharist we know Your Son, who vindicates us, is near. He comes to give us in His body and blood His saving righteousness, the forgiveness of all our sins. Give to all who come to

His table today repentance and faith to welcome Him with joy,
praying: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Source of all, Life of all, receive our praise for those who have died
trusting in Jesus Christ. Give us our portion with the saints in light,
and bring us all to the day of resurrection joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in Your mercy, 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 # 806 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en ___ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en ___
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

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:

- TODAY, September 16th – Joyce Huston & Lou Stefurak
- Monday, September 17th – Marge Braun
Best wishes!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	GCC Rehearsal	6:30 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.



NEED NURSERY WORKERS: We are in need our 2 volunteers for each Sunday. Please schedule your dates on the signup sheet on the round table.

RSVP to INSTALLATION CATERED MEAL: If you haven't already, please RSVP on signup sheet on the round table.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF HOPE LUTHERAN: Sunday, September 23 @ 11a.m.



Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick
Jim Crawford
Carol Dunn
Martha Glenn
Patsy Mahs
Bill & Amy Orr-Stokes
Lou Pailer
Si Si Petrea
Leo Sauer
Jean Steinberg
Mary Tober
Peggy & Tom Uehlin
John Anton
Sandra Barr
Bob Brooks
Rafael Caballero
Ben Celone
Francis Cooper
Wanda Davis
Lavon Dunker

Cindy Fritch
Nadine Haydon
Cathy Hayes
Darvin Jackson
Sherry Jones
Alex Krahling
Donald Mulford
Ricky Newsom
Marianne & Rev. Louis Pearce
Carol Pope
Price family
Phil Riley
Jean Smith
Laura Taylor
Dylan Webb
Larry Wells
David Willis
Pastor Steve & Linda Hayden
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

Those families who are grieving:

The Mahs family
The Fuller family
The Chambers family
The Petrea family
The Dunn family
The Uehlin family
The Crawford family
The Orr family
The Orr-Stokes 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.