



September 23, 2018

## **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: Tom Uehlin & Keith Mulford*

*Greeters: Bonnie & Marlo Neuleib*

*Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Marcia Elkins*

*Dave Ringer wishes to invite you for coffee after the worship service*

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*Pre-Service Music: This is time to turn our hearts & minds toward God in preparation of worship.*

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## **Prelude: Sweet Hour of Prayer**

**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.**

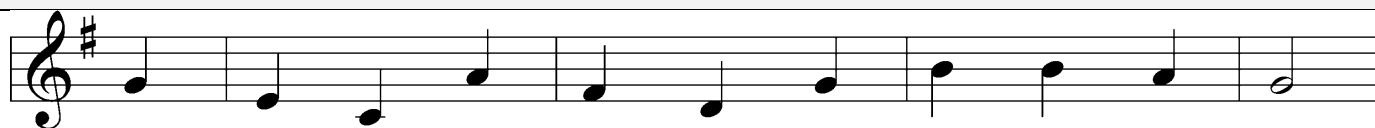
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His

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 # 802 in the Lutheran Service Book)

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.

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### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 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 – Jeremiah 11:18-20**

**Reader: Bonnie Neuleib**

**Psalm 54**

P: <sup>1</sup>O God, save me, by your name,

**C: and vindicate me by your might.**

P: <sup>2</sup>O God, hear my prayer;

**C: give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P: <sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;

**C: they do not set God before themselves.**

P: <sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;

**C: the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

P: <sup>5</sup>He will return the evil to my enemies;

**C: in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

P: <sup>6</sup>With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

**C: I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

P: <sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble,

**C: and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

**Second Lesson – James 3:13-4:10**

**Reader: Bonnie Neuleib**

*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 9:30-37

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

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

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"True Greatness"

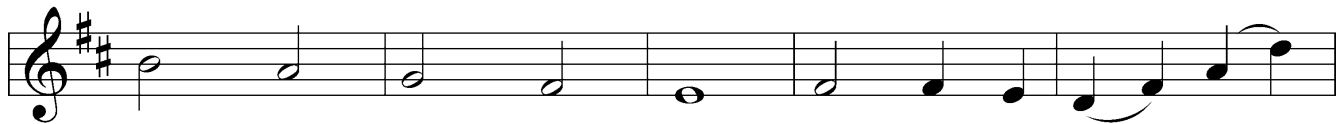
Pastor Paul Droutz

**Sermon Hymn** (To sing harmony, turn to # 461 in the Lutheran Service Book)

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

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*Please Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering**

**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 music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -".

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

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -".

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

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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 -

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men." The music ends with a double bar line.



## 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 peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would rid us of all bitter jealousy and selfish ambition and fill the baptized with the wisdom from above, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all servants of the Church, that they be given the grace to humble themselves before the Lord and to proclaim the mystery of the cross and resurrection with zeal and faithfulness let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For Matthew, our Synod president; for Greg, our district president; for John, our circuit visitor; and Steve, our called pastor, that by the Spirit's power they may serve our Synod in their various offices purely, peaceably, gently and reasonably, always full of mercy and good fruits, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our nation and especially our leaders: Congress; Donald, our president; our justices; and all who make, administer and judge our

laws, that God would protect them from the dangers of selfish ambition, make them true servants and give them courage and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the homebound, the lonely, the depressed and anxious, those preparing for surgery and the ill, [*especially for all who desire our prayers: \_\_\_\_\_,*] that committing their cause to the Lord and submitting themselves to God, they may know His peace and receive whatever healing He wills, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful departed who now rest from their labors and rejoice in the presence of God and the Lamb, let us offer thanks and praise, and that He may give us our portion, too, with the saints in light, 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, our Lord.

**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.

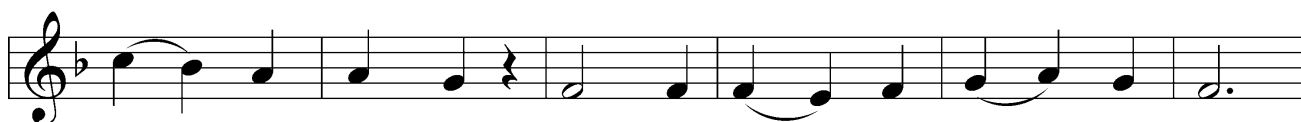
C: Amen.

## Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 940 in the Lutheran Service Book)

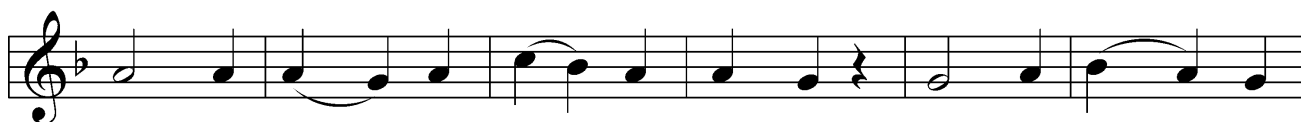
### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

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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 PAUL DROUTZ** for leading us in worship today.

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

- Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Steve Wiker  
Best wishes!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilt Guild	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	GCC Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Episcopal Memorial Service	1:00 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.



**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.

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



## ***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.