



September 2, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fifteenth 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.*

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.

Usher: Tom Uehlin & Keith Mulford

Greeters: Evelyn Crockett & Connie Piepenbrink

Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Marcia Elkins

Communion Assistants: Dave Ringer & Kathie Kueven

The Uehlins & Marcia Elkins wish to invite you for coffee after the worship service

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

Prelude: O Bless The Lord

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.

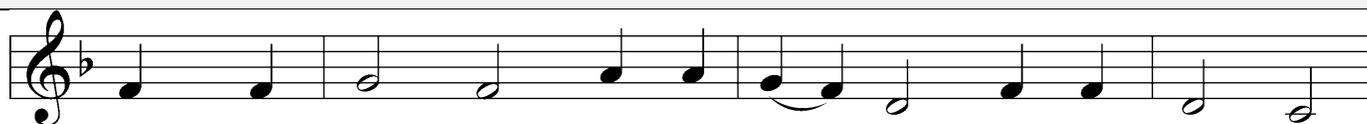
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

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 # 848 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



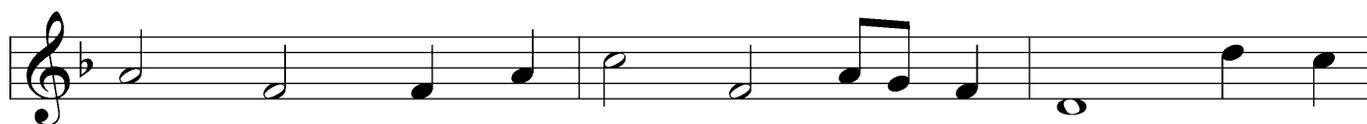
1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

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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, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same 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 – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Reader: Ed Fritch

Psalm 119: 129-136

P: ¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful;

C: therefore my soul keeps them.

P: ¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light;

C: it imparts understanding to the simple.

P: ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant,

C: because I long for your commandments.

P: ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C: as is your way with those who love your name.

P: ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise,

C: and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

P: ¹³⁴Redeem me from man's oppression,

C: that I may keep your precepts.

P: ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,

C: and teach me your statutes.

P: ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears,
C: because people do not keep your law.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader: Ed Fritch

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 7:14-23

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

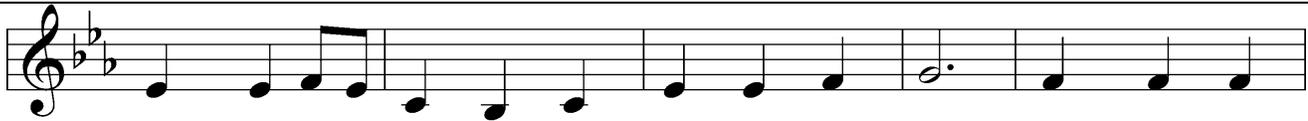
You may be seated

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David Kruger

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 861 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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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 † 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 for 'Create in Me' consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, and C3. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' are positioned below the notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, and a quarter rest. The bass staff has quarter notes G2, A2, Bb2, C3, and a quarter rest. The lyrics 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' are positioned below the notes.

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

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, and a quarter note G4. The bass staff has quarter notes G2, A2, Bb2, C3, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics 'way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it' are positioned below the notes.

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: 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, You know the great evils that lurk in our hearts by nature, defiling us from within. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on all Your baptized people, that He may constantly cleanse our hearts by faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Remember, kind Father, in Your infinite mercy all whom You have called to preach Your Word. Keep them from adding to it or taking away from it, but give them grace to proclaim among us Your whole counsel in Christ Jesus. Ever raise up new workers for Your harvest fields, and prosper the preaching and teaching of Your Law and promises throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Look in compassion on all who bear public office in our land. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Destroy and hinder in our common life all that is not pleasing to You, and prosper with Your blessing all that accords with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: On this Labor Day weekend, we praise You especially for Your gift of work in our many callings. Free us from thinking of that gift as drudgery. Help us to welcome labor with joy as an opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors. Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Wise and holy One, You instruct Your people not to forget Your great works and diligently to make them known to their children. Prosper the instruction of young people in the faith throughout Your Church, that they may grow to lead lives of faith and courage and remain faithful to Christ all their days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We place into Your hands today Your servants who are passing through difficult times [*especially all we have been asked to remember at this altar: _____*]. Make them strong in You and in the strength of Your might. Arm them with the full armor of God, that they may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having

done all, to stand firm, waiting with confidence for Your deliverance.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Father, we know that since nothing outside us going in can defile us, even more we know that there is something coming from outside and going in that makes us clean: the very body and blood of Your beloved Son. Give us faith to welcome Him with joy as He comes to us in this Eucharist, forgiving, cleansing and restoring us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lastly, Lord God, we offer You our thanks and praise for Your servants who finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to the unutterable joys of Your new heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. 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 # 637 in the Lutheran Service Book)

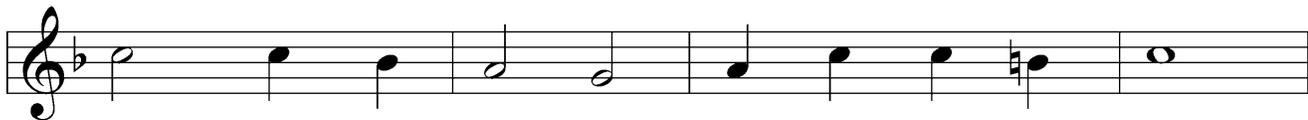
Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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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 # 924 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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. DR. DAVID KRUGER for leading us in worship today.

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

- Today, September 2nd – Marlo Neuleib & Nick Horst
- Monday, September 3rd – Keith Mulford (80th!!)
- Wednesday, September 5th – Roger Fleming & Sue Davis
- Thursday, September 6th – Dave Ringer & Janis Lipacis & Mike Langan
- Friday, September 7th – David Hansen

Anniversaries:

- Tuesday, September 4th – Tom & Sandy Mathson
- Wednesday, September 5th – Brian & Kristen Pettit

Best wishes!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	Lake Oconee Quilters Bd Mtg	9:00 a.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.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday September 9th after the worship service



MANY THANKS to all those who sent a gift to Food For The Poor in Rodney's name as a memorial.--*God Bless, Donna Hansen*



NO MORE COLLECTING CANS: Since Amber is no longer our janitor, we will stop collecting aluminium cans. Instead please take your cans to your county's recycling center.

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.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA: You're invited to join the celebration on Sunday, September 23 at 11 am. Pastor David Bernthal serves as the Interim Pastor for this congregation and will be the Officiant at this service. District President Greg Walton will be the Guest Preacher. It would be wonderful to have guests from our sister congregations! All attendees are cordially invited to attend the dinner following the Service. Please RSVP for this meal by September 1 to Pastor David Bernthal (dpbernthal@gmail.com)



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
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.