



September 9, 2018

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Sixteenth 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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available from the ushers



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: Joan Lucas & Rosalyn Carson

Altar Care: Peggy Uehlin & Marcia Elkins

The Hardestys 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.

Prelude: Morning, Glorify Thy Name and Spirit Song.

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 # 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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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 – Isaiah 35:4-7a

Reader: Tom Uehlin

Psalm 146

P: ¹Praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P: ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: ³Put not your trust in princes,

C: in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

P: ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

C: on that very day his plans perish.

P: ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth,

P: the sea, and all that is in them,

C: who keeps faith forever;

P: ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,

C: who gives food to the hungry.

P: The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

C: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

P: ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

C: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

P: ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

C: your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson – James 2:1-10, 14-18

Reader: Tom Uehlin

Please Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

C 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 7:31-37

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"Ephphatha!"

Pastor Paul Droutz

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 845 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

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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 musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a measure with a whole rest in the treble staff, indicating a pause in the vocal line.

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

The third system continues the musical setting, with the treble staff showing a melodic line and the bass staff providing accompaniment.

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

The fourth system concludes the phrase with a melodic line in the treble staff and accompaniment in the bass staff.

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

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: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the baptized, that the Spirit would constantly open our ears to hear Jesus' Word and set our tongues free to glorify Him who does all things well, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all the servants of the Word, that through their preaching and teaching, the healing waters of the Gospel may flow through the wilderness of this world, quenching thirst with the gift of the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of new church workers, that God would raise up those who speak to the anxious of heart: "Be strong; fear not! Your God will come and save you," let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For freedom from all prejudice that judges with evil thoughts and makes distinctions that dishonor the poor, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our Congress, our president, our justices and all in authority in our land, that God would grant them wisdom, courage, civility and honor as they carry out their difficult responsibilities, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who suffer oppression from the evil one, for all who struggle under sickness or loneliness or grief, for all whom we have been asked to remember, [*especially _____*], that Christ would grant them deliverance and healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful departed, let us offer our praise and thanksgiving, and ask for grace to join them in glorifying Christ forever, 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 # 850 in the Lutheran Service Book)

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.

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The Dismissal

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting

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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 11th – Susan Larson
- Wednesday, September 12th – Tom Mathson
- Saturday, September 15th – Tonda Wiker

Anniversaries:

- Friday, September 14th – Mary & Bruce Tober and Charlie & Donna Crouch
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.



NEXT ELDER’S MEETING: Sunday, September 16 after worship.

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.