



September 24, 2017

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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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: Roger Martinson & Keith Mulford

Greeters: Jerry & Lance Pailer

*The Jorgensen & Mai families 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: Because He Lives

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.

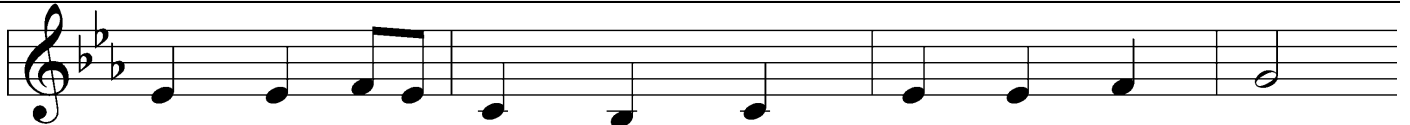
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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 # 738 in the Lutheran Service Book)

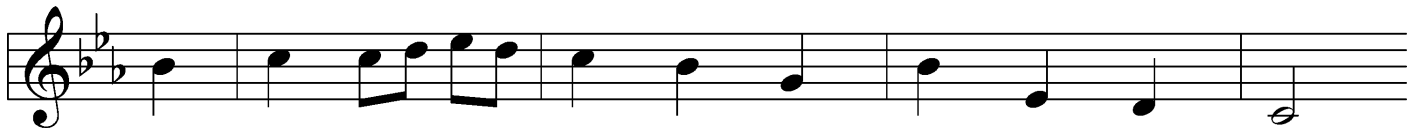
Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness,	Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness,	Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness,	Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness,	Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing,	and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors,	and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing,	and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing,	and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts,	Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts,	Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts,	Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts,	Lord, at the end of the day.

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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 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 55:6-9

Reader: Davis Mortensen

Psalm 27:1-9

P: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C: my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

P: ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

P: ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

P: ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

P: ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

C: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

P: ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

C: be gracious to me and answer me!

P: ⁸You have said, "Seek my face."

C: My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

P: ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,

C: O you who have been my help.

P: Cast me not off; forsake me not,

C: O God of my salvation!

Second Lesson –Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Reader: Davis Mortensen

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: Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Karl Dunker

Congregational Hymn (To sing harmony, turn to # 809 in the Lutheran Service Book)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



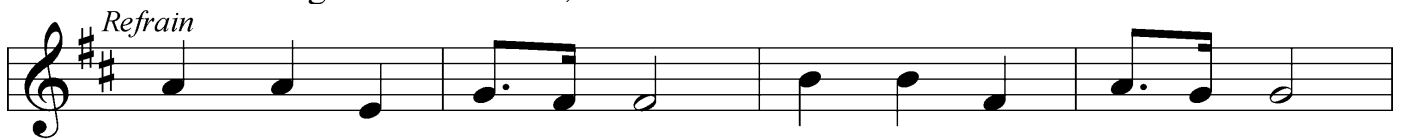
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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

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 line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff has a key signature of two flats and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with a quarter rest, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support.

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-

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

Brief silence

P: For all who serve in the Lord's Kingdom, that God would keep His own ever mindful that it is only by grace that we are included in His Kingdom and privileged to serve in it, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the nurturing of children, that God would allow all people to see children as blessings from Him, that they might be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism, loved, well cared for and nourished daily with God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For faithful parents, that God would grant them patience and wisdom and give them the fortitude to train up their children in the way they should go, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For unborn children, that God might provide them faithful parents who, trusting in Him, would welcome these blessings where and when God sees fit to give them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For good and faithful Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, that the Holy Spirit would bless churches with faithful pastors and teachers to engage adults and children alike in the study of God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are sick, marginalized, depressed, shut-in or in hospice care; for those on our congregation's Prayer List, those whom we have already named before the Lord, and those whom we now name in our hearts [*SILENCE for a time*] that God would guard and keep their faith strong, knowing with certainty that to live is Christ and to die is gain, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who rejoice with us - but upon another shore and in a brighter light - that multitude that no man can number, let us give thanks and praise, asking for our portion 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 Your Son, 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.

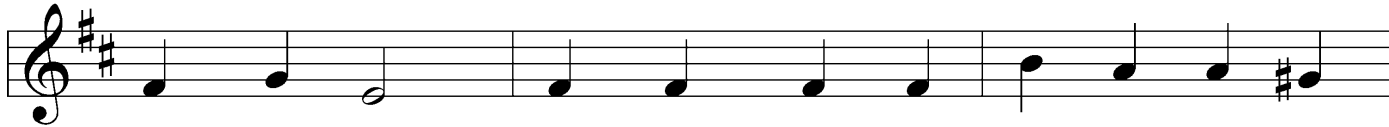
C: Amen.

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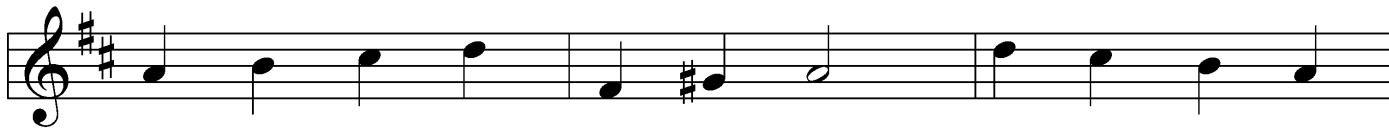
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



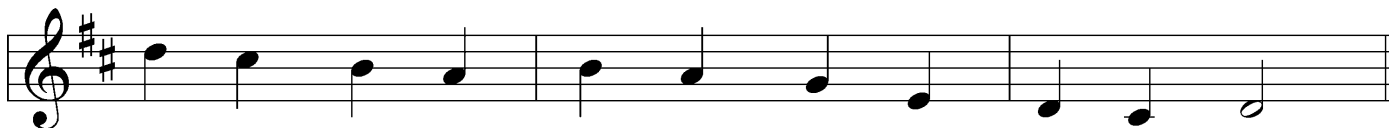
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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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. KARL DUNKER for leading us in worship today.

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

- Monday, Sept 25th – Steve Wiker

Anniversaries:

- Friday, Sept 29th – Mike & Carol Dunn

Best wishes!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Loretta Hayes



PRAYERS REQUESTED: Please keep Bob Mai in your thoughts while he undergoes knee replacement surgery Tuesday, Sept 26th. Please pray for a successful procedure & speedy recovery.

CALL FOR USHERS: we need 1 for October 15th and 29th and 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 & December. 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.



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.



NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: Lake Oconee Lutheran Church has a new Facebook page. Search "Lake Oconee Lutheran Church" and "like" our page for updates and information.

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. If you have any questions, contact Laura Shipman at 706-830-4809.





Prayer Requests

Those we keep in our prayers:

Sue Amick	Nadine Haydon
Cathy Chambers	Cathy Hayes
Barbara Crawford	Cliff Leiter
Carol Dunn	William & Nancy Mickler
Mike Dunn	Roy & Joyce Miller
Martha Glenn	Donald Mulford
Donna Hansen	Ricky Newsom
Jim Kueven	Dalton Pearce
Phil Larsen	Carol Pope
Patsy Mahs	Larry Porter
Bob Mai	Jean Smith
Phil Riley	Beau Tyler
Pastor Andy & Carol Schroeder	Larry Wells
John Zawislak	Alexis Ward
Francis Cooper	Ilene Wolfe
Wanda Davis	Jody Worth
Cindy Fritch	

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.