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## LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged  
in Spirit-filled Service.*



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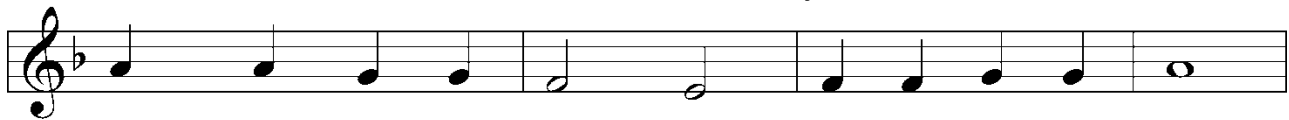
Aids for hearing, children's activity bulletins, and large print bulletins are  
available from the ushers

## *“Jesus, Peter and Me*

Peter was the most outspoken of the disciples, but he often put his foot in his mouth. Yet God used him to accomplish great things. As we look at Peter, we learn a bit about ourselves. Join us as we look in the mirror and find Peter, the Rock, and our Lord standing nearby.

*A Christian custom on Ash Wednesday is to receive a mark of the cross made with ashes upon the forehead. Ashes are a symbol of repentance and of our mortality, and draw us to where we can hear the Good News that we are forgiven and loved by our God. Tonight, due to social distancing, you will not receive the mark of ashes on your forehead, but you have received a card of ashes to remind you of this custom and to draw you to hear God’s Good News of love and forgiveness.*

### **THE HYMN GLORY BE TO JESUS 433 v 1-3, 6**



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

## THE LITANY

*The litany is a responsive prayer of the church and is considered the most ancient of all services in the church except for Holy Communion. Luther regarded the litany as “next to the Lord’s Prayer the very best that could be made” and encouraged its use and the litany today has remained similar as the reformers revised it four hundred years ago.*

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lenten journey for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Silence for reflection*

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:**                                   **have mercy.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People:**                                   **have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:**                                   **have mercy.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People:**                                   **hear us.**

Pastor: God the Father in heaven,

**People:**                                   **have mercy.**

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**People:**                                 **have mercy.**

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

**People:**                                 **have mercy.**

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

**People:**                                 **Spare us, good Lord.**

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

**People: Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**People:**                                 **Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**People:**                                 **Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor: We poor sinners implore You

**People:**                                 **to hear us, O Lord.**

Pastor: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**People:**             **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

**People:**             **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**People:**             **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**People:**                    **we implore You to hear us.**

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People:**                    **have mercy.**

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People:**                    **have mercy.**

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People:**                    **grant us Your peace.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People:**                    **hear us.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:**                    **have mercy.**

Pastor: O Christ,

**People:**                    **have mercy.**

Pastor: O Lord,

**People:**                    **have mercy. Amen.**

Pastor: *(Please pull out the cross shaped insert of Ashes and hold it in your hand)*

O God, You desire not the death of sinners but that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**                    **Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

**People:**                    **Amen.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

Matthew 26:30-35

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

## **The Confession of our Faith in the Apostle’s Creed**

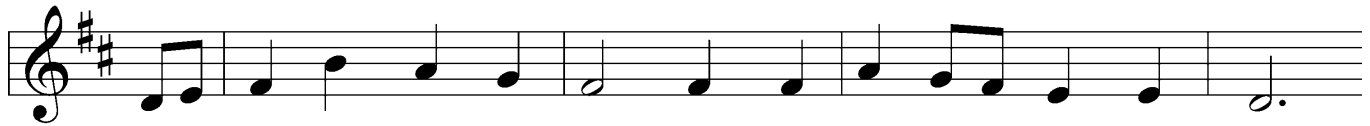
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy**

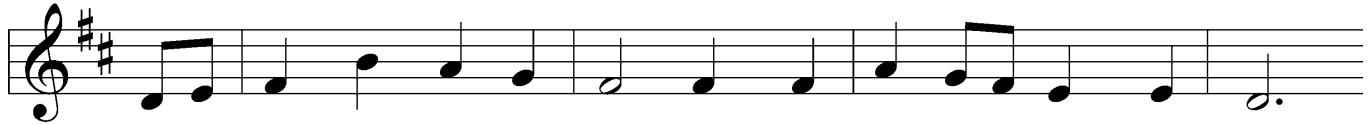
**Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again**

**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.**

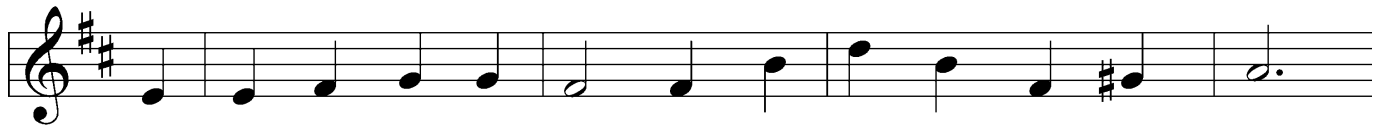
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE HYMN***"I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS"***HYMN 606**

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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**THE MESSAGE****IT'S ALL ABOUT PRIDE****THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the whole People of God in Christ Jesus and for all People that, through repentance and reception of the Lord's Gospel and Sacraments, He may draw us close to Himself. Lord God, heavenly Father, through our sin we have stirred up Your wrath and earned Your everlasting punishment. We rejoice that You set Your Son's sacrifice between us and sin's consequence. By Your Spirit's work through the means of grace, give us daily repentance, create in us

clean hearts, make our souls steadfast in Christ, and enliven us to willing service. Have mercy upon us, O God,

**People:**                   **according to Your unfailing love.**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, renew Your Church throughout the world that she may constantly look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Bless her with faithful ministers who always proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection for the salvation of the world. Have mercy upon us, O God,

**People:**                   **according to Your unfailing love.**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, in Your mercy You abundantly supply our needs of body and soul. Put in us the mind of Christ, that in humility and generosity—considering not only our own interests, but also the interests of others—we would be merciful to those in need around us. Direct our efforts to help poor, lonely, troubled, and ill. Have mercy upon us, O God,

**People:**                   **according to Your unfailing love.**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You made us Your own eternal children through Christ's death and resurrection. Now prepare those who will eat Christ's body and drink His blood that they may recognize Him, receive Him in repentance and faith, confess the faith delivered to the saints, and taste and see that You are good. Have mercy upon us, O God,

**People:**                   **according to Your unfailing love.**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise You that You have delivered the saints who have gone before us from this world of dust and ashes to paradise. As their prayers continually ascend before Your throne, join ours with theirs as fragrant incense before Your throne. Hear us for the sake of Him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**                   **Amen.**



## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **The Preface**

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.**

### **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."

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."

*You may be seated*

### **The Distribution**

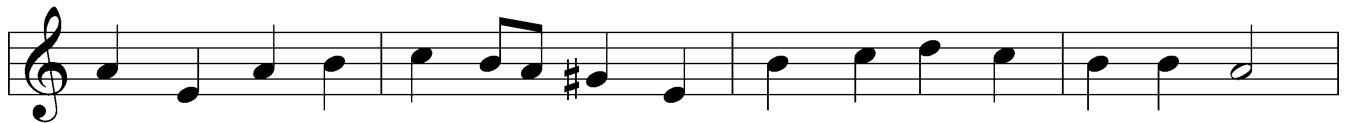
### **Post-Communion Collect**

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.

## THE BLESSING

### THE HYMN *"ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"* HYMN 422



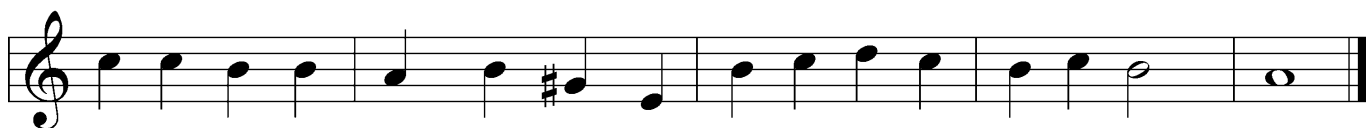
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!