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# LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Reformation Day** 

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



## In Preparation of Holy Communion

<u>The Lord's Supper</u> is celebrated at this congregation in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f, 10:32f, 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Cor. 11:17-34

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all Christians who are baptized, who have communed in a Christian church, and who share our understanding that, along with the bread and wine, we receive the very 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 non-alcoholic wine for the use of those receiving communion who are unable to drink alcohol. Communicants may choose to receive the wine in an individual cup, from the Chalice (the Common Cup) or by immersing the wafer in the Chalice (also called intinction). It is very helpful to keep your empty glass visible so Pastor can see if you desire the Common Cup.

Children who do not commune are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

## **Before Communing**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your Holy Spirit that I may be ever watchful and live a true and godly life in Your service; through Jesus Christ, my Lord Amen

Elder of the Month: Don Menke Scripture Reader: Kathie Kueven Communion Assistant: Robert Elkins

Ushers: Don Menke Coffee Fellowship:

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

# Instrumental Prelude Choir Anthem Welcome

Dr. Lev Ryabinin

Dr. Youngmi Kim Director

#### Please Stand

(You are invited to wish those around you God's peace. Please remain standing for the invocation.)

#### **Invocation**

#### **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 # 506**



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

# C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C: Amen.

## The First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

R: <sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

R: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## The Epistle Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

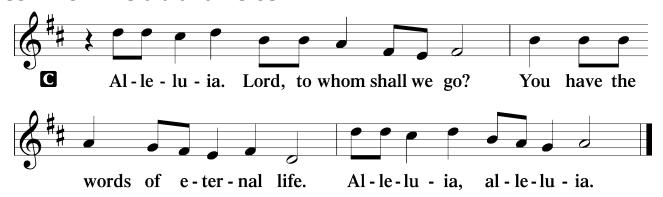
R: <sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please Stand

## **Common Alleluia and Verse**



Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

R: The Holy Gospel according to St John chapter 8

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

R:<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

R: This is the word of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated





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#### Please Stand

#### **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.

## **The Offering**

To Our Guests: We do not charge for any of our services. All our services, programs, and expenses are freely supported by the gifts and offerings of our members. As our guests, you have not been invited for what you can give, but for what God can give you. The Offering is collected at the door when you enter.

# **Prayer of the Church**

\* (After the pastor ends each petition with, "Lord in Your Mercy, the congregation responds with, "Hear our prayer.")

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### **Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

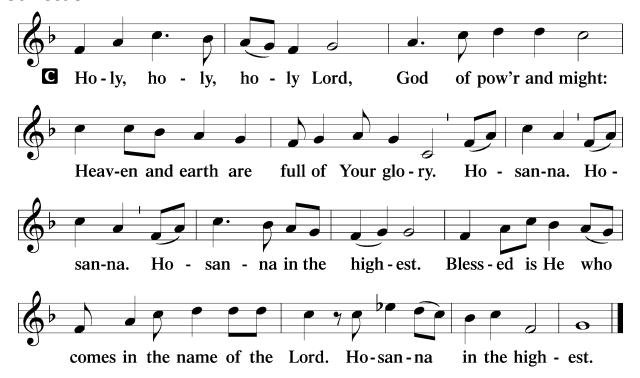
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# **Proper Preface**

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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**



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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."

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**

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.

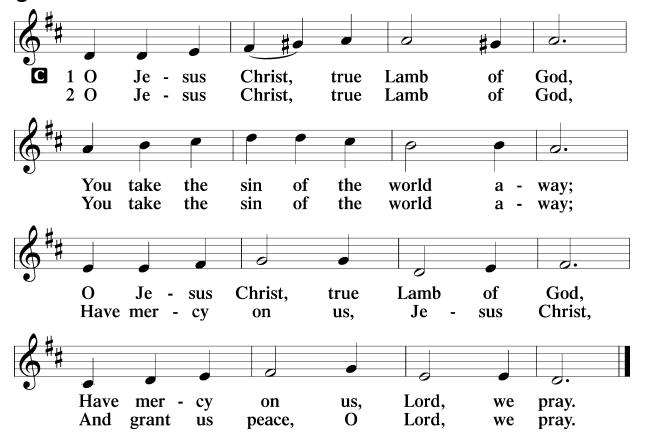
You may be seated

## **Pax Domini**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**



## The Distribution

## Communion Hymn # 555 v1-4,6,9





- 1 Sal va-tion un to us has come By God's free grace and fa vor;
- 2 What God did in His Law de-mand And none to Him could ren der
- 3 It was a false, mis-lead-ing dream That God His Law had giv en
- 4 From sin our flesh could not ab-stain, Sin held its sway un-ceas-ing;



a - vert our doom, They help and Good works can - not save us nev - er. ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er. Caused wrath and woe on sin - ners could them-selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en. That and in vain, Our guilt was The task was use - less e'er in - creas-ing.



Faith looks Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all to de - sires The Our flesh has not those pure spir - it the of The Law mir - ror bright To the in - bred is but bring a None re - move sin's poi - soned dart can Or pu - ri - fy



And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

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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

## **Benediction**

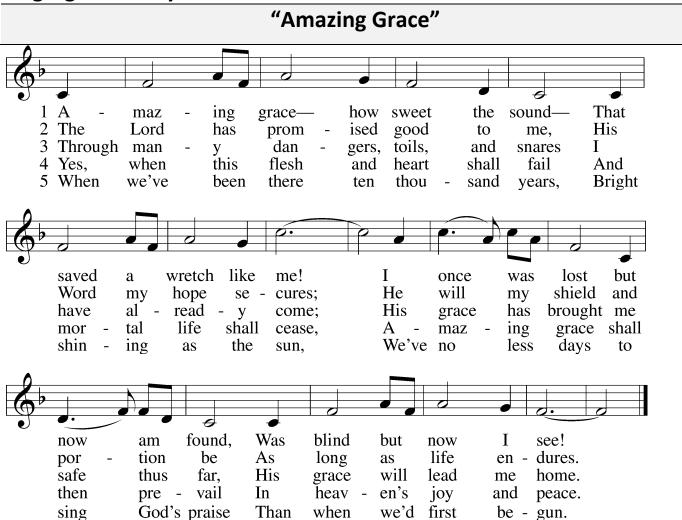
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Congregational Hymn # 744



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## **Announcements**

## The Dismissal

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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

• November 1 Bonnie Neuleib

#### and anniversaries:

No Anniversaries this week!

Best wishes!

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Tuesday   | Quilters Guild                   | 9 am     |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Tuesday   | Women's Bible Class              | 10 am    |
| Wednesday | Zoom Bible Class                 | 10:30 am |
| Saturday  | <b>Episcopal Worship Service</b> | 5 pm     |
| Sunday    | Adult Bible School               | 9 am     |
| Sunday    | Choir Rehearsal                  | 9:15am   |
| Sunday    | Worship Service                  | 10:30 am |

**Sunday Morning Bible Class** The Christians in Corinth faced many of the conflicts that Christians today encounter as we seek to live out our faith in a culture that contradicts Christian beliefs and principles. At the same time 1Corinthians is a document of hope for our times. In trying to hold the Corinthians to the Word of God, Paul found it necessary to state both their human faults and their proper goals. In his epistle, Paul shows them...and us...the way of error and the way of truth. His letter contains God's answers and counsel. Join us on **Sunday mornings at 9am** in the Sanctuary or live-streamed on Facebook for **1 Corinthians**.

Women's Bible Study. The Women's Bible Study group will be reading and discussing the Women of the Bible starting November 1, 2022, at 10:00 am on Tuesday in the Choir Room. Please join us in fellowship as we learn about the many women in Scripture that the Lord has called upon. They come from all walks of life and stepped up when the Lord made them a part of His plans. The book highlights 12 of these women and the valuable lessons we can learn from their

stories, inspiring us to persevere through tough times and listen when He calls us in our hearts.

**Don't forget to Volunteer**. There are several Volunteer positions we are looking to and excited to fill. If you are interested in serving, please check out the table in the entryway to see all of the ways to serve.

**Upcoming Blood Drive dates are** scheduled for **Nov 17** and we will need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering email Pam Kunz at <a href="mailto:Kunzpd3@outlook.com">Kunzpd3@outlook.com</a>. To sign up to donate blood got to redcrossblood.org and use code LOLC.

**Lake Oconee Lutheran will hold its fall voters meeting** on **Sunday October 30th** following our worship service. At the meeting we will be voting on the 2023 budget as well as elections for the Church Council and the Board of Elders. Please pray for our congregation and plan to attend the meeting. Mike Joost and Larry Davis serve as a nominating committee seeking to fill the open seats for the election. You may speak to them for more information about how you can serve.

# We are Built for a Purpose

# **Built Through 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.

## **Built Through Ongoing Learning –**

...providing quality, Bible based instruction to foster greater understanding of God's Word and to better equip members for their discipleship.

#### **Built For Service –**

...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.

## **Built For Discipleship –**

...utilizing fully our time, talents, and resources to serve and love the Lord, furthering our commission of discipleship.

## **Built For 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.