



June 9, 2024

# LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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



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*Coffee & Fellowship: Peggy Uehlin*

*Sunday Counters: Dick Schneider & Jerry Campbell*

*Altar Flowers: Tom & Connie Saner "For their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary"*

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

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**Instrumental Prelude**

**Dr. Lev Ryabinin**

**Welcome**

**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 # 692

### "Praise to You and Adoration"



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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### Prayer of the Day

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **The First Lesson:           Genesis 3:8-15**

R: <sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

R: This is the Word of the Lord

## **C: Thanks be to God**

## **The Epistle Lesson:       2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

R: <sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. <sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is

destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Alleluia

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 3:20-35

R: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark chapter 3

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

R: <sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup>"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal

sin” — <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” <sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon Hymn # Tune of 437

### “Care for the Poor”

“Care for the poor,” so says our God,  
Tis this we’re called to do:  
Provide for all their worldly needs  
As God has done for you.

Welcome the poor, the blind and lame  
When you prepare a feast;  
Do not invite those who are great  
But those considered least.

(Luke 14)

A gen’rous man will be blessed too  
When he gives to the poor;  
For in as much as he thus gives  
God will then bless him more.

(Proverbs 22:9)

(2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

For when you give unto the poor  
To Christ you also give;  
Then blessed you’ll be on that great day –  
For you, with Christ will live.

(Matthew 25)

So let us give to all in need,  
And give unselfishly –  
That we, may Christ, reflect each day,  
Who gave himself for me.

**The Message “United in God’s Work” based on Gal 6:7-10 Pastor James**

### **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**

*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**

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

## **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.**

## **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 # 852

### “O God of Mercy, God of Might”



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Thou hast taught: To feel for  
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O



pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
world might live there - by, O hear us; for to  
those Thy blood hath bought, That ev - 'ry word and  
Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.  
Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.  
deed and thought May work a work for Thee.  
grace pro - vide To love them all in Thee!

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above  
All those who live in Thee.

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## Announcements

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

- June 11 Ed Fritch
- June 12 Rosalyn Carson
- June 12 Don Menke
- June 13 Dave Heimer
- June 15 Scott Manley

**and anniversaries**

- June 9 Stephen & Gayle Bradford
- June 12 Pastor Steve & Linda Hayden
- June 12 Tom & Connie Saner
- June 13 Roy & Candy McCallister

Best wishes!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tuesday	Women’s Bible Class	10 am
Wednesday	ZOOM Bible Class	10:30 am
Thursday	Bread of Life	11am
Saturday	Episcopal worship	5 pm
Sunday	Bible Class (In Person)	9 am
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 am

**Sunday Morning Bible** Christian Worship is a very important activity of God’s people, but it is frequently misunderstood. What is it really and how are we supposed to do it? In the Bible, God reveals His teaching about worship. God’s Word helps us to understand **who** we worship and **why**. Does God need my worship? Do I need to worship? Join us on Sunday mornings in person or live-streamed on Facebook at 9 am for our bible class on Worship.

**Wednesday Bible Class** Amos the prophet has sharp things to say about mechanical, thoughtless religion that has lost spirit and truth. The mere performance of religious rites often marks a breakdown in one’s vital relation to God. But just as God offered a rescue plan for those to whom He pronounced judgment in Amos, so too He offers a rescue to all people today—Jesus

Christ. Through faith in Jesus, God provides forgiveness of all sins and eternal life. This new life motivates us to serve others. Join us every **Wednesday** morning on Zoom at **10:30am** for **Amos**.

**Women's Bible study** is studying, In View of Gods Mercies. In this 9-session study, walk through the book of Romans to discover that salvation doesn't just change your eternal future; it changes your present reality. Because of God's salvation, hope, peace, life, faith, trust, and endurance are yours. Meet with us on **Tuesday Mornings at 10 am** in the choir room.

**We have all read the stories** and heard the lessons in church, but what if we could stand in those very spots today? In October 2024 Pastor and Linda will be leading a tour to "**Walk in the Footsteps of Paul**". Experience with them the Bible coming to life as we follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and walk through the Bible lands ourselves. This 10 day tour will take us to many of the places Paul visited and which we have heard about: Thessaloniki (Thessalonians), Philippi (Philippians), Ephesus (Ephesians), Corinth (Corinthians), Crete (where Paul left Titus to serve as pastor), and Athens. We will also visit the island of Patmos where the Apostle John experienced the Revelation and more. In the midst of the trip we will board a ship for a three day Mediterranean cruise.

Talk to Pastor Steve for an itinerary, pricing, more information or if you have any questions.

**Upcoming Blood Drive dates** are scheduled for **July 11<sup>th</sup> & Aug 1<sup>st</sup>** . We will need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering email Pam Kunz at [Kunzpd3@outlook.com](mailto:Kunzpd3@outlook.com). To sign up to donate blood go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use code LOLC.

**At its last scheduled meeting**, the Church Council of Lake Oconee Lutheran addressed the ongoing problem of finding the front doors being left unlocked by key even after all have left the premises. To resolve this, it was decided to re-key the exterior doors of the church and direct people to use the lock code buttons on the east side. If you currently are in possession of a church key, it will no longer work. If you are in need of entering the church when no one is present, please go to the code lock and enter by that door. Thank you.

**Semi Annual Voters Meeting**, will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> after service please plan on attending.

## **LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### ***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.