



August 8, 2021

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
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



WE OFFER NURSERY & CHILDCARE

*If you need childcare, please see one of the ushers
and we will happily accommodate you.*

Elder of the Month: Don Menke

Scripture reader: Robert Elkins

Coffee & Fellowship: Kathie Kueven

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

Instrumental Prelude
Welcome

Lev Ryabinin

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.

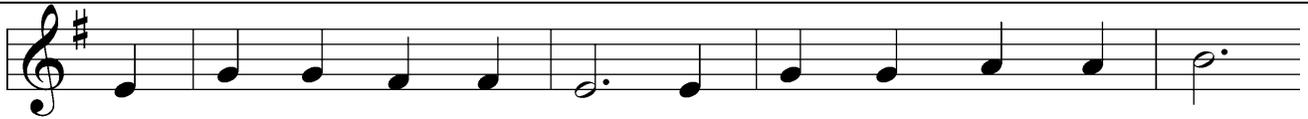
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Congregational Hymn #610

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-8

R: ¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying,

“It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

R: ¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

²² Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting

talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

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: John 6:35-51

R: The Holy Gospel according to John chapter 6

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

R: ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my

own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn # 534

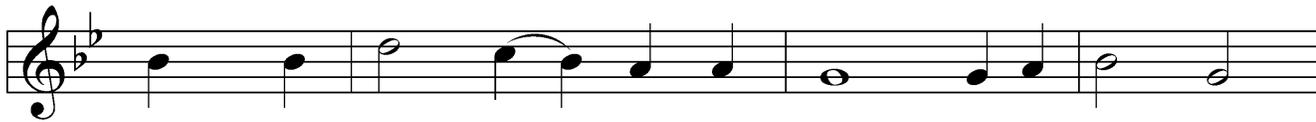
"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



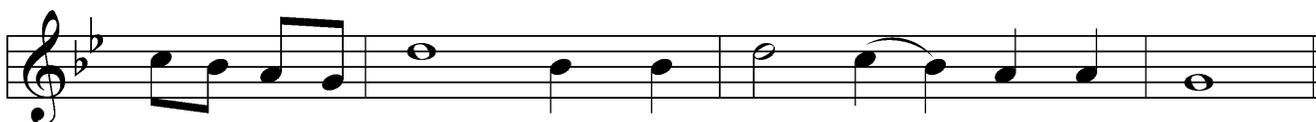
from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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

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

* Prayer of The Church

(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.

Please be seated

Congregational Hymn #803

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-lect Thy rays,

3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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:

- August 8 Will Ringer
- August 9 Rosemary Bonnough
- August 9 Cindy Helms
- August 10 Peggy Uehlin
- August 11 Charlie Helms

and anniversaries

- August 9 David & Margie Heimer
- August 13 Bob & Shirley Mai

Best wishes!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Council Meeting	After Worship
Tuesday	Women's Bible Class	10am
Wednesday	ZOOM Bible Class	10:30am
Saturday	Episcopal Church worship	5 pm
Sunday	Bible Class (In Person)	9 am
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 am

Sunday Morning Bible Class Throughout all of Holy Scripture, there is an overarching theme of death versus life. At times, this is played out in the physical sense. People die and people are given new life, or resurrected. Moreover, the theme of death versus life finds its culmination in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is forsaken by His Father and killed in the body. He is loved by His Father and raised in the body. However, each instance of death versus life also has a deeper meaning. There is not only a battle between physical death and life, but also between spiritual death and life. Every biblical example of death with an ensuing resurrection serves to remind us of what happens to us and every Christian. We are all spiritually dead, yet in Jesus Christ and through His death and resurrection, we, once dead human beings, are resurrected and made children of God. **Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am for Resurrections.**

Wednesday Zoom Bible Class When you hear the word angel, what image comes to mind? Clarence from the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*? Tess from *Touched by an Angel*? Popular culture formerly portrayed angels as harp-carrying spirits lounging on comfortable white tufts of cloud or as pastel-colored feminine virtues or chubby, winged infants. On the other hand, what comes to mind when you hear the words demon or devil? Hellboy from the comic book series or the movie? Various heinous creatures from *The Lord of the Rings*? Or when you think about angels and demons, do you think of those comical creatures sitting on someone's shoulders—an angel in a white gown and wings on one shoulder and a demon with a pitchfork and pointy tail sitting on the other? For many people, popular films, books, comic books, and other media are their only sources of information about angels and demons—if they believe in these creatures at all. These are inaccurate portrayals of angels and demons. In contrast, we will share the truth about angels and demons using God's errorless Word. What the Bible says about angels, demons, and other related topics is vitally important to Lutherans because what God says about these matters can be trusted. Join us on Wednesday morning Zoom Bible class at 10:30 for **Angels and Demons** starting on **Wednesday, September 8th**

Women's Bible Study. The devotional *Life* by Lisa Harper shows us the Gospel is truly Good News for your actual, every day, sometimes painful or difficult life. It's a reminder that God's faithfulness follows us through the harried, hard and humorous things in life. Join us anytime for this conversational series. Women's Bible Study meets **Tuesdays at 10 am** in the choir room.

Operation Christmas child collections are being split up into specific items for each month. We have created an Amazon wish list to make shopping easier for you. The specific items for the collection of the month will be on the wish list with the number of how many are needed in total. The direct link is emailed out in the church's Thursday email. If you do not receive those emails, you can contact the church office and we will email you a direct link. You can also purchase the items locally if you desire and bring them to church.

We are in need of Volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for Coffee fellowship, Camera Operators, and Communion Ushers. Look for sign-up sheets in the entry on the blue table.

Back-to-School Support “Remember the excitement and anticipation of the first day of school? Part of the excitement was new stuff – pencils, crayons, notebooks and more. Our Mission-of-the-Month for the summer has focused on Operation Christmas Child, which supports the needs of children internationally. Our LOLC Service/Outreach ministry would like to additionally bring some focus on children in our own community the 900 elementary students in Putnam and Greene counties.

Specifically, we’re looking for:

- 24 count boxes of crayons, - Packs of #2 pencils, - Plastic folders with prongs.

Look for the bin labeled Back-to-School Supplies that will be in the church entry for the month of August. We’ll distribute contributions to the schools the first week of September. Thank you for your support of children both far and near.”

How do you share the Gospel with people who aren't being reached through traditional channels? The truth is that most Christian Outreach takes place in areas where Jesus is already widely known. Meanwhile, three billion of the world's population are not acquainted with the Gospel of Jesus. Lutheran Hour Ministries employs local staff and volunteers in over 30 locations around the world to reach the unchurched in more than 60 countries on six continents. **We will have a door offering on Sunday, August 8th and 15th to support Lutheran Hour Ministries.**

You may hear the Lutheran Hour radio program at the following times:

Sunday 10am KAWZ 88.5 FM Athens

Sunday 5:30am or 7:30am WGAC 101.9 FM Augusta

Sunday 5:30am or 7:30am WGAC 580 AM Augusta

Sunday 7:30am WGAC 95.1 FM Augusta

Sunday 10 am KAWZ 88.1 FM Buford

Sunday 10am KAWZ 90.9 FM Milledgeville

or check www.lhm.org for more information

Our August Blood drive is the 26th, If you are interested in donating your time, please reach out to Pam Kunz at kunzpd3@outlook.com. To donate blood sign up at redcrossblood.org and use code lolc.

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.