



November 14, 2021

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty fifth 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: Mark Ketchie

Scripture reader: Tom Mathson

Coffee & Fellowship: Evelyn Crockett & Tom & Peggy Uehlin

Guest Pastor: Thomas Artelt

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 #531

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon

ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

R: ¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25

R: ¹¹ Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he

opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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: Mark 13:1-13

R: The Holy Gospel according to Mark chapter 13

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

R: ¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign

when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn # 508 V 1,3,5,7

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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 #575

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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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:

- Nov 14 Bob Mai
- Nov 15 Donna Crouch
- Nov 15 Harold Sollenberger
- Nov 18 Richard Noble
- Nov 19 Kent Matson
- Nov 20 Gustavo Romero

and anniversaries

- No Anniversaries this week!

Best wishes!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| Monday | Start of OCC collection week | |
| Monday | Blood Drive | 3 pm |
| Wednesday | ZOOM Bible Class | No Bible Class |
| Saturday | Episcopal Church worship | 5 pm |
| Sunday | Bible Class (In Person) | 9 am |
| Sunday | Choir Rehearsal | 9:30am |
| Sunday | Worship Service | 10:30 am |

Sunday Morning Bible Class Some say that it is not really important what we believe, but that we do good for others. Others try to pull us in the opposite direction: it is not what we do that counts but only that we believe the right things. In five short chapters James sets the record straight. He offers pastoral encouragement (and even a little correction) to his people and to us. Since James is addressing those who already believe in Christ as Savior, he does not attempt to systematically outline the basics of Christian faith for them (we call that justification). Rather, his purpose is to encourage his readers to live the faith they profess to believe (we call this sanctification). James repeatedly points out that genuine faith in Christ will always show itself in the believer's life through the fruits of faith—Christlike living and loving others. After spelling out the practical

implications faith in Christ has for our lives, James will challenge us to put these into action. Join us on **Sunday mornings at 9 am** either in person at church or livestreamed on Facebook as we study **James, How Faith Works**.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Class Sometimes we forget about the relationship between the Passover (in the Old Testament and in Jesus' day) and our celebration of Holy Communion. Passover was so long ago and about different people, what could it teach us? But God is the same and His will is the same, both in Passover and in Communion. As we study of God's Word, we will better appreciate what of Passover is fulfilled in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will grow by realizing that both meals speak of rescue from slavery, readiness to follow our rescuer God, remembrance of all that He has done for our salvation, and repeated celebrations of God's grace. We will learn more about the Old Testament celebration meal of God's deliverance and how it is fulfilled in Christ and in us through Holy Communion. The people of the old covenant found their faith lifted through their celebration of the Passover. As people of the new covenant, we find our faith lifted in our celebration of the Sacrament in which Christ Jesus gives us the gift of Himself. Our faith will be strengthened as we study His Word and the themes of rescue, readiness, remembrance, and repetition in Passover to Communion, each **Wednesday morning at 10:30am on Zoom. No class this week**

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.

LOLC will be one of the regional drop off centers for Operation Christmas Child this year. We would like you to think about volunteering and saving the dates for one or all of the following activities:

November 15 – November 22 - Be available to greet people from other churches as they drop off their donations at our church. You will pray over the boxes they donated, count, and record the boxes accurately, pack them in cartons and store them in our conference room. Times for volunteers will be determined shortly. We will be placing sign-up sheets in the narthex for all of these opportunities. Please prayerfully consider helping us as we provide much needed gifts to children in need across the globe. These gifts create opportunities for the children to hear about the love of Jesus Christ and have a personal relationship with Him.

November 29 - 1:00 to 5:00 pm Volunteer at the Atlanta Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. Atlanta is one of eight processing centers across the United States where tens of thousands of volunteers serve annually. Before the millions of shoebox gifts can make their way to the children in need, they need to be carefully inspected and prepared for international shipment. Consider being part of bringing great joy and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of children around the world.

November Blood Drive will be held on the **15th from 3-7pm**. 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.

You are cordially invited to celebrate 70 years of God's grace, mercy, and love with The Lutheran Church of The Holy Trinity. 1899 Tucker Rd. Macon, Georgia 21220 on **Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 1:00pm**.

Poinsettia Sign up sheets are on the table in the entry way on the blue table we are placing our order **November 22 so sign ups are due by Sunday the 21st**

Advent Soup suppers will be held this year. We are placing signup sheets on the front table for families to provide a soup and potentially an accompanying item like crackers, bread, or muffins etc. Also, there are slots for dessert items. if you would like to bring one or both of these items look for the signup sheet on the blue table in the entryway starting Sunday. Suppers and services will be held on **Dec 1st, Dec 8th & Dec 15th**

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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.