



August 9, 2020

## LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tenth 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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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: Virginia Daley*

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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**

**Lev Ryabinin**

**Welcome**

*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 #816

## From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies      Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;      E - ter - nal truth at -  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,      All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung      Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore      Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore      For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
set no more.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more:      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!

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### Prayer of the Day

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

**C:** And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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 Old Testament Lesson: Job 38: 4-18

R: "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup> "Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup> when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup> and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

<sup>12</sup> "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,

<sup>13</sup> that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

<sup>14</sup> It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.

<sup>15</sup> From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.

<sup>16</sup> "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup> Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **The Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:5-17**

R: <sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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: Matthew 14:22-33

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter

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

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Sermon Hymn #717 (vs 1-3)

### Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.

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**The Message**

**Pastor Steve Hayden**

*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.**

*Please be seated*

## **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 will be collected at the door as you exit.*

## **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.")*

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## **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.**

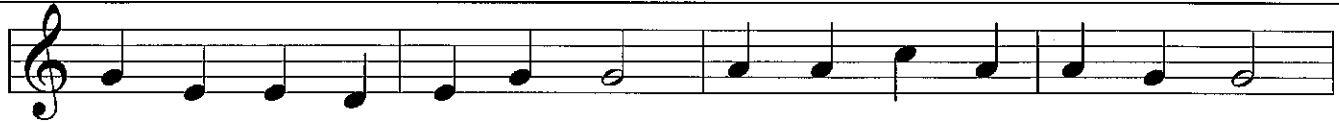
**The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Congregational Hymn #588

## Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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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:

- Today, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Helms and Rosemary Bonnough
- Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Uehlin
- Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Charlie Helms
- Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Linda Hayden

### and anniversaries

- Today, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Dave & Margie Heimer
- Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Shirley & Bob Mai

Best wishes!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday	Council Meeting via ZOOM	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Class via ZOOM	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.



Next Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Want to get connected with a group of ladies and find out more about how the Lord is present in hardships and through our doubts? James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. In James: Mercy Triumphs, by Beth Moore, we will see how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. All women are invited to do the study starting **August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. Bible study will take place on Zoom and is open to anyone! To reserve a Bible study book, email Katherine at [dcekatherine@gmail.com](mailto:dcekatherine@gmail.com) that you would like to join. A freewill offering can be given to Katherine to cover the cost of the Bible study book.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:** What is a creed? A creed is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess. One of the creeds that we use regularly in worship is The Apostles' Creed. It is called this, not because it was written by the apostles themselves, but because it states briefly the doctrine or teaching which God has given to us through the apostles in the Bible. On Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am, join us on Zoom for a Bible study where we are examining the Apostles' Creed, and through it, our faith itself.

## WORSHIP UPDATE

Earlier this year, Lake Oconee Lutheran had been pre-recording our worship service and then posting it online. Now we have moved to a new way of sharing our service. We are now live-streaming our worship. This means worship services will be broadcast live as they happen on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am on Facebook. Join us as we all come together in worship. If you are unable to be online at 10:30 am, do not worry. The recorded service will remain available for you to watch later as well. You may find it on the [@lakeoconeelutheranchurch](https://www.facebook.com/lakeoconeelutheranchurch) page on Facebook. God's blessings to each of you!



## Back to School Support --- August

**Supplies for Students** - We will be taking monetary donations and material donations to purchase supplies for the elementary students in Putnam, Lake Oconee Academy and Greensboro public elementary schools.



### Items to Bring:

- 24 packs of Crayola Crayons
- Boxes of #2 Pencils
- Plastic folders with prongs



Donations can be placed in the grey and green bins in the entryway and the breezeway.

**Teacher Support Presents-** We recognize that the start of school is a high stress time for teachers as well! As teachers will be accommodating many types of learning this year, we want to let them know that we are supporting and praying for them. Our goal is to collect donations to give each of the public Elementary teachers in Putnam County and Greene County a back to school care kit. This will include a note, snacks and other fun supplies to encourage the teachers.

***We will take a collection of cash gifts at both doors every Sunday in August for the purchase of additional school supplies and support presents.***

Contact Katherine for more info [dcekatherine@gmail.com](mailto:dcekatherine@gmail.com)



## **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.