



October 25, 2026

LAKE OCONEE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Day

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



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Elder of the Month: Barney Ross

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Coffee & Fellowship: Evelyn Crockett

Greeter(s): Jean Page

Sunday Counter(s): Jean Page & Don Menke

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Lance Pailer and in celebration of his life.

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

Instrumental Prelude
Choir Anthem
Invocation

Dr. Lev Ryabinin
Dr. Youngmi Kim

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.

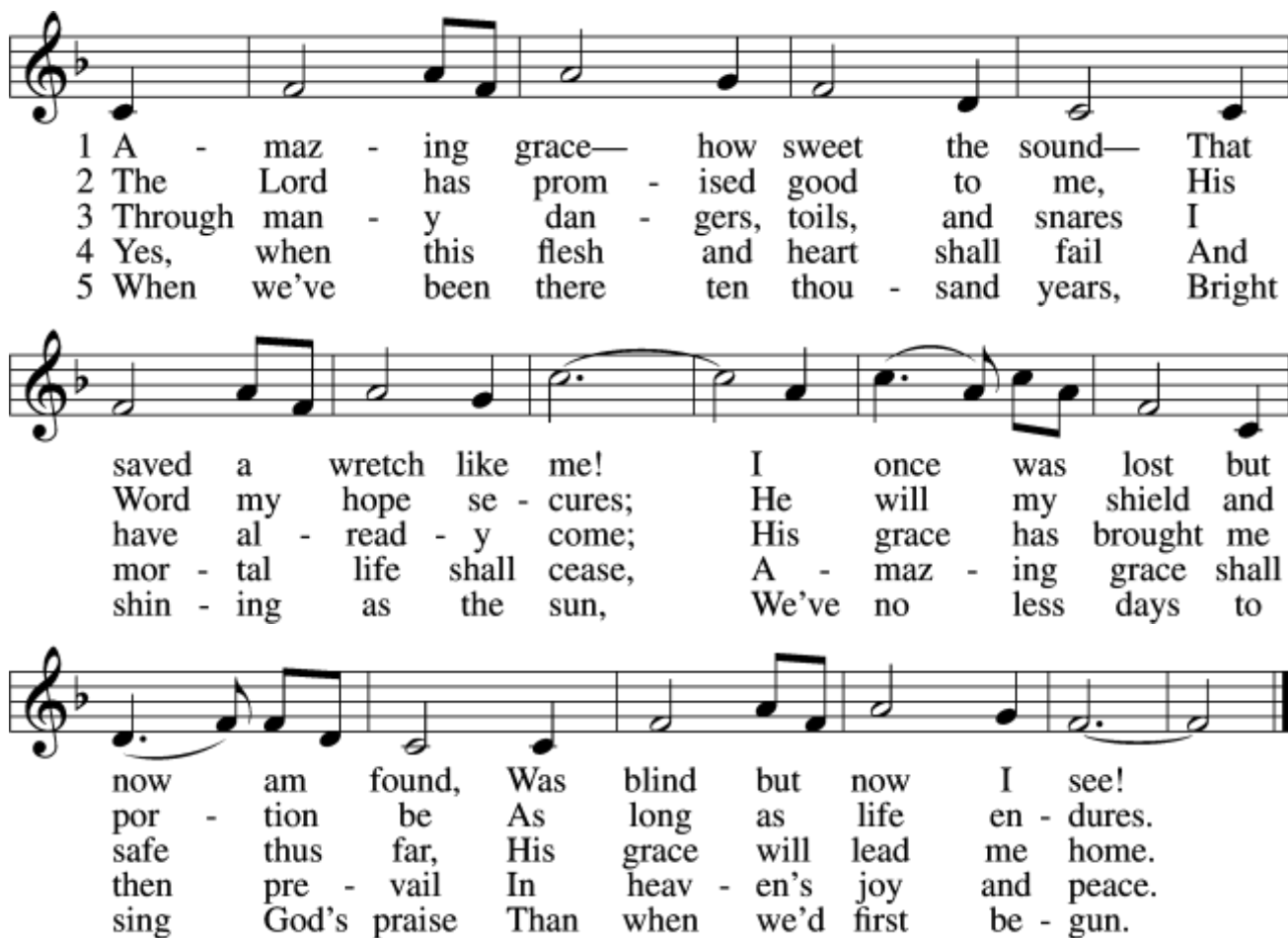
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.

Hymn #744

"Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For 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

The Alleluia 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 8:31–36

R: The Holy Gospel according to John 8

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn #657 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'-ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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The Message

Pastor Steven Hayden

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.

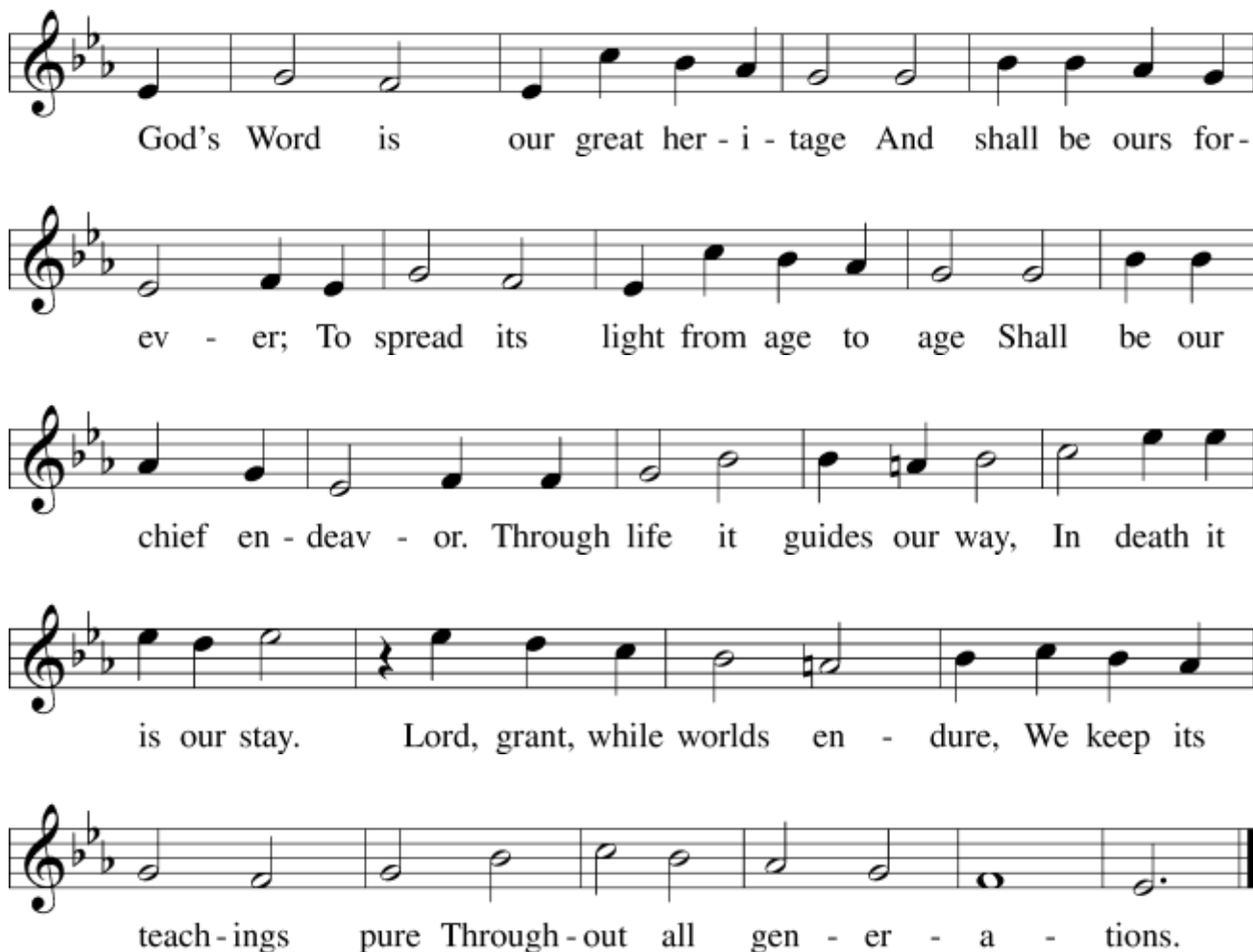
The Lord makes His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord looks upon you with favor and gives you peace.

C: Amen.

Congregational Hymn #582

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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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

- 10/25 Noel Schornhorst
- 10/29 Joseph Henning

Anniversaries

- 10/26 Charlie & Cindy Helms
- 10/27 Mike & Sandy Langan

Best Wishes!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Quilts of Valor	10 am – 2 pm
Tuesday	Women' Bible Study	10 am
Wednesday	Zoom Bible Study	Cancelled
Sunday	Choir Practice	9 am
Sunday	Children's Bible School	9 am
Sunday	Bible Class	9 am
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 am

Sunday Morning Bible Class

The study of the New Testament is nothing less than an exploration into the thoughts and desires of God for ordinary people like you and me. It takes us from this hardened and selfish world into the promise of a world where God's peace, justice, and mercy will be complete.

We, too, can view the world as meaningless and without hope. But Jesus Christ came to rescue the world from its quagmire, and His deliverance continues to change our lives.

Join us in person on **Sunday** mornings for **Exploring the New Testament** in the church at **9 am**. This will also be live-streamed on Facebook and our website.

Wednesday morning Zoom class

What is prayer? It's a simple enough question and a natural place to start. Perhaps just as good a question is "What isn't prayer?" Prayer, quite simply, is speaking to God what is in our hearts. Prayer is not a means through which God speaks to us; God speaks to us through His Word. In prayer, then, we have the privilege of striking up a conversation with our Creator.

Wednesday Zoom Class is cancelled on 10/28

Women's Bible Study

Join us each **Tuesday at 10:00 AM** in the Conference Room for a Bible study: "Luke: Gut-Level Compassion" by Lisa Harper. Together, we will dive into Luke's Gospel and look at the profound, unconditional love Jesus has for real, messy people. You don't have to have it all together to fit in here—just come as you are!

How to make a gift of stocks/bonds/securities to LOLC

If you wish to make a gift to Lake Oconee Lutheran Church from an appreciated securities, it is easy to do so without incurring a tax liability for any capital gains. Instead of converting them to cash instead, please follow these three steps:

1. Contact Howell Cullens at Piedmont Financial Partners
 - via telephone at 404-660-3636,
 - via email at howell@pfpartners.net,
 - or at his office just off Linger Longer Road.
2. Please have your account information and the name of the security you wish to transfer. (if possible, it's best to have a copy of your last statement available).
3. Once your account information and the specific security details are identified, he will send a transfer request for your signature & authorization. Once signed and returned, he will send a

request for the security transfer from your current account and advise you of completion.

Please feel free to call or email Howell Cullens with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the transfer process.

Upon completion of the transfer process, please inform the church, in writing, of:

- **Your name,**
- **the donation amount,**
- **and whether the donation should be credited to the General Fund or a different designated item.**

This may be dropped into the offering box in the church and will help us credit the donation appropriately. Thank you!

Lake Oconee Lutheran has activated a call committee. The committee's job will be to develop a list of pastor candidates to present to the Voter's Assembly out of which the Voters may select one to call to serve our church along with Pastor Steve and to serve the mission in Milledgeville.

The most important job of this committee, in fact, the most important job for each of us, is to pray. Pray that the Lord will lead us to the pastor who may serve here faithfully and joyfully and be a part of our life in mission and obedience to God's Word.

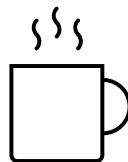
Join me in saying this prayer, or a prayer like this:

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive new life. May Your Holy Spirit lead and guide us in calling a pastor to serve among us according to Your will and proclaim Your saving Gospel to us

and to our communities. And may that same Spirit help the one called to recognize Your presence among us and, if it be Your will, to accept the call as Pastor here. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Upcoming Blood Drive dates are scheduled for **November 5 and December 3**. We will need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering email Pam Kunz at Kunzpd3@outlook.com. To sign up to donate blood go to redcrossblood.org and use code LOLC.



Do you enjoy our coffee and treats after service during **Coffee Fellowship time**? If so, there are quite a few openings over the next month for you to provide something. Join with a friend or bring a few things to share on your own. Sign up on the **Blue Table** for the week that you are available to host our **Coffee Fellowship Time**.



Thank you to everyone who donates flowers for our Sunday worship! If you would like to give flowers, please keep these two important points in mind:

- **Bulletin Dedications:** To have your dedication included in the bulletin (e.g., *in memory of* or *in honor of*), please write the exact

wording on the sign-up sheet located on the **blue table in the entry.**

- **Strictly No Lilies:** Please explicitly request **no lilies** in your arrangements. A member of our congregation has a life-threatening allergy to them and cannot be in the building if they are present.



Make a Joyful Noise: Join the Choir!

Do you love to sing? Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or just love singing along to the radio, our Church Choir has a seat waiting for you! There are three great reasons to join us:

1. You have a wonderful voice and want to share it.
2. You have an okay voice and want to improve it.
3. You think you have a terrible voice, and this is your chance to make a joyful noise anyway!

No auditions or professional experience are required—just a heart ready to praise. We practice on **Sunday Morning at 9 am** in the **Choir Room**. We can't wait to sing with you!



Help our kids experience God's love! We are recruiting Children's Sunday school teachers to pour into the next generation. We need two volunteers per **Sunday for our 9:00 – 10:00 AM** Bible Study Hour. If a childhood Sunday school teacher made a difference in your life, consider

stepping into that role for our kids today. Head to the blue table in the entryway to sign up on the sheet! You can also sign up online with Signup Genius.

Volunteers Needed!

We need people to sign up to help! We need help in the Little Free Pantry, Coffee fellowship, greeters, ushers and more.

You can sign up for the following Sunday Worship Volunteer Roles online through Sign-up Genius:

- Greeter
- Scripture Reader
- Communion Assistant
- Communion Usher
- Coffee Fellowship
- Sunday School teacher

You can call or email Cheri in the Church Office to have her send a link to the Sign-Up Genius website or to sign up for you.

Additional volunteer Roles include:

- ❖ Altar Care there is a signup sheet in the narthex on the front table.
- ❖ Sunday service camera operator. We will provide training on how to manage it. signup sheets are in the narthex on the front table, or you can call/email the church office.
- ❖ Little Free Pantry signup sheets are in the narthex on the front table.

Be a Pantry Partner!

Our Little Free Pantry needs weekly volunteers to help keep this ministry thriving. If you're able to serve, please stop by the **Blue Table** and choose a week to stock the pantry.

All pantry items are stored in the choir room — simply select your week, gather the food, and fill the pantry for our neighbors in need. Your contribution blesses our community in a meaningful way.

Bread of Life Ministry: Volunteer Opportunities

Help us feed our community! The Bread of Life food pantry needs volunteers for our monthly schedule. Please note our regular hours and upcoming dates below.

How to Sign Up

- **Sign-up sheets are now available on the [BLUE table](#) in the entryway.**
- Please drop by and add your name to the dates you can help.

Monthly Volunteer Schedule

- **Food Pantry Setup**
 - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
 - 1:00 PM
 - *Note: No 4th Wednesday setup in November or December.*
- **Food Pantry Distribution**
 - 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month
 - 10:00 AM
 - *Note: No 4th Thursday distribution in November or December.*
- **Golden Harvest Delivery**
 - 3rd Friday of every month
 - 9:00 AM

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.