

# ***St. Stephen Lutheran Church***

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**May 19, 2024 † Pentecost**

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**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday.

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† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 51 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.  
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:**

**<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>**

**Opening Hymn: 498** (tune of hymn 571 LSB) **Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest**

*(please stand for last verse)*

- 1** *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.*
- 2** *To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
To You, the gift of God Most High;  
The fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul's anointing from above.*
- 3** *In You, with graces sevenfold,  
We God's almighty hand behold  
While You with tongues of fire proclaim  
To all the world His holy name.*
- 4** *Your light to ev'ry thought impart,  
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.*
- 5** *Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.*
- 6** *Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.*
- △ 7** *Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!*

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# **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

## **Invocation**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**G** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**G** **Amen.**

**Kyrie** *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* *W.S. p. 13*

**♪ Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* *W.S. p. 13*

**♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

*(song continues on next page ->)*

***Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.***

***Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.***

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** We pray:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and to always rejoice in His holy consolation.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **First Reading**

***1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (EHV)***

***Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.***

***<sup>4</sup> There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.***

***<sup>7</sup> Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; <sup>9</sup> by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. <sup>10</sup> Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.***

## Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (EHV)

**P** The second reading is from Acts 2:1-21.

**C** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.*

*<sup>5</sup> Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." <sup>12</sup> They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."*

*<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

*<sup>17</sup> This is what God says will happen in the last days:*

*I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.*

*Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.*

*<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

*<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.*

*<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

*<sup>21</sup> And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

## **Alleluia and Verse**

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*

**♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
***These words are written that we may believe***  
***That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.***  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed** (with Luther's Explanation from the Catechism)

*Luther's Small Catechism (Sydow - p. 135)*

**C** 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.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength  
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel,  
enlightened me with His gifts,  
sanctified and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies  
the whole Christian Church on earth  
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In This Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins  
to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead  
and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

# Hymn of the Day: 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; (st. 2): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608 Text and tune: Public domain

## **Sermon Text: John 14:25-27 (EHV)**


<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

## **Sermon Theme: Your Helper By Your Side**

- † This word for "**Helper**" that Jesus uses in our text to describe the Holy Spirit is a very special word in the Greek: **παράκλητος** (*Paraklatos*. Pronounced: *par-a-klay-tos*), from which we get the word *Paraclete* (not "parakeet," *Paraclete!*). This word literally means "*one called alongside to help.*"
  
- † The Holy Spirit is our "**Helper**" by teaching us. **(v. 26)**
  - What important things does the Holy Spirit teach us?
  
- † The Holy Spirit is our "**Helper**" by giving us Jesus' peace. **(v. 27)**
  - What kind of peace in Jesus are we given through the Holy Spirit?

## **Offertory**

*W.S. p. 16*

 ***Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.  
Uphold with Your Spirit free.***

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*  
(† *If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway.* †)



## Sermon Hymn: 496 *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

LSB 496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, alt. Tune: Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625 Text and tune: Public domain

**Prayer / Prayer Requests** *We bring our prayers to God.*

### Lord's Prayer

- ☩ 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** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☩** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**☩** A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn: 650** (tune of hymn 770 LSB) ***Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling***

*(please stand for last verse)*

- 1 *Holy Spirit, ever dwelling***  
***In the holiest realms of light;***  
***Holy Spirit, ever brooding***  
***O'er a world of gloom and night;***  
***Holy Spirit, ever raising***  
***Those of earth to thrones on high;***  
***Living, life-imparting Spirit,***  
***You we praise and magnify.***
  
- 2 *Holy Spirit, ever living***  
***As the Church's very life;***  
***Holy Spirit, ever striving***  
***Through us in a ceaseless strife;***  
***Holy Spirit, ever forming***  
***In the Church the mind of Christ:***  
***You we praise with endless worship***  
***For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.***
  
- 3 *Holy Spirit, ever working***  
***Through the Church's ministry;***  
***Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,***  
***Setting captive sinners free;***  
***Holy Spirit, ever binding***  
***Age to age and soul to soul***  
***In communion never ending,***  
***You we worship and extol.***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Study – 9am**  
5/19/24 **Worship – 10am**  
**Choir Practice – 11am**

**St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm**  
**Bible Study – 2pm**

This Week: Tuesday – **Board of Education Meeting (Zoom) (Mt. View) – 6pm**  
Wednesday & Friday – **Confirmation Class (Lang) (Mt. View) – 4pm**

Next Sunday: *Trinity Sunday*  
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**In Your Mailbox** – *Daily Rest* Daily Devotions – (May 20<sup>th</sup>-Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)

**VBS – Registration is Open! July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Ages 4-13** – Registration can be done online

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 22 - July 26, 2024  
Monday through Friday  
9 am-11:30 am

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fun and creative games, crafts,  
music, playground time, snacks,  
and Bible stories!

Ages  
4-13  
Free

Safe Church policies: our congregation commits to  
safeguarding all the children and nurtures good conduct  
consistent with our Christian values.

through our school's website (**ssls.org**).  
Flyers are also available in the entryway if  
you know of anyone who would be  
interested in sending their children to our  
**VBS**. It will be held **Mon.–Fri., July 22<sup>nd</sup>–  
26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11:30am**.

The CLC's TVBS program is planning on  
sending us up to 2 teachers to assist us as  
well. If you would like to volunteer to help  
with our VBS please speak with Pastor Luke  
or one of our SSLS staff.

**CLC News** - Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **has returned the call** to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

**Immanuel Lutheran H.S. Dorm Supervisor Positions Filled** - Filling the role of the girls' dorm supervisor is Jacqueline (Jaqi) Bredehoft (nee Gerbitz). Jaqi is a 2017 ILHS graduate originally from Hales Corners. She has since received a pre-architecture degree (2 yr) from the Univ. of Minnesota. She also served in the MN National Guard. She will be joined here with her husband, Jake, and their baby, Charlotte.

Filling the role of the boys' dorm supervisor is Henry Lau. Henry is a 2018 ILHS graduate originally from Eau Claire. He also earned a B.A. in Pre-Theology from ILC in 2022. He is currently employed as a truck driver for Indianhead Foods and has also driven school bus (and the Eau Claire Trolley!).

We are thankful that the LORD has blessed us with willing and capable individuals to serve our school and our students in this very important capacity. Please keep them and their family in your prayers as they take on this new responsibility.

We are also very thankful for Paul and Courtney's service as dorm parents for the last three years. They and their daughters will definitely be missed on campus, but we ask the LORD's blessings on their new roles, with Paul serving our two congregations in upper Michigan.



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  - to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God's gift of Christian sisters, near and far

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