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June 9, 2024 † Confirmation Sunday

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. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

† 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: "Speak, O Lord"

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You_ to re-ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho - ly rev - erence, true hu - mil - i - ty._
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us._

5 F/A G/B Cadd⁹ Fadd⁹ C Fadd⁹ C/E Fadd⁹ G C C/E

Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;_ shape and fash - ion us._ in Your like - ness; That the Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

9 G G/F Cadd⁹/E Gsus/F G⁹/F Cadd⁹/E G G/F Cadd⁹/E Fadd⁹ Gsus G

light of Christ might be seen to day_ in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith.
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es;_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with_ us.

Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your

glo - ry.
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 glo - ry.

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Invocation

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

- P** In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” *LSB 575 v. 1*

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "I My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'". The second staff contains: "blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my". The third staff contains: "own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name." The fourth staff is labeled "Refrain" and contains: "On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand."

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty God, grant that we who have been redeemed from the old life of sin through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and true holiness. 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

Isaiah 43:1-3a (EHV)

*But now this is what the LORD says,
the LORD who created you, O Jacob,
the LORD who formed you, O Israel.*

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

² *When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.*

When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

*When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,
and the flame will not set you on fire.*

³ *Because I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

Gospel Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:13-18.

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

¹³ *Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak.* ¹⁴ *For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence.* ¹⁵ *In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.*

¹⁶ *Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day.* ¹⁷ *Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison.* ¹⁸ *We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.*

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"When He Shall Come with Trumpet Sound" LSB 575 v. 4

4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -
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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Confirmation

Natalie Eva Lang



***"In His days the righteous will flourish,
and peace will be plentiful till the moon is no more."
- Psalm 72:7 (EHV)***

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 207

**☐ 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.**

Choir Song: "Seek Ye First"

Sermon Text: Romans 8:28-32 (EHV)

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

Sermon Theme: Key Questions

† Our confirmand answered some very important "Key Questions" about her faith today. What "Key Questions" does Paul ask in our text? **(v. 31-32)**

What are the "rhetorical" (expected) answers to these two questions?

† One more "Key Question": How can you be sure that the promises in these verses (and throughout the Bible) actually apply to you? **(v. 28-30)**

Offertory

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
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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.* †)

Prayer of the Church / 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.**

Sermon Hymn: 783 *Take My Life and Let it Be*

LSB 783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

**5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870
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Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- G** Amen.

Prayer Before the Lord's Supper

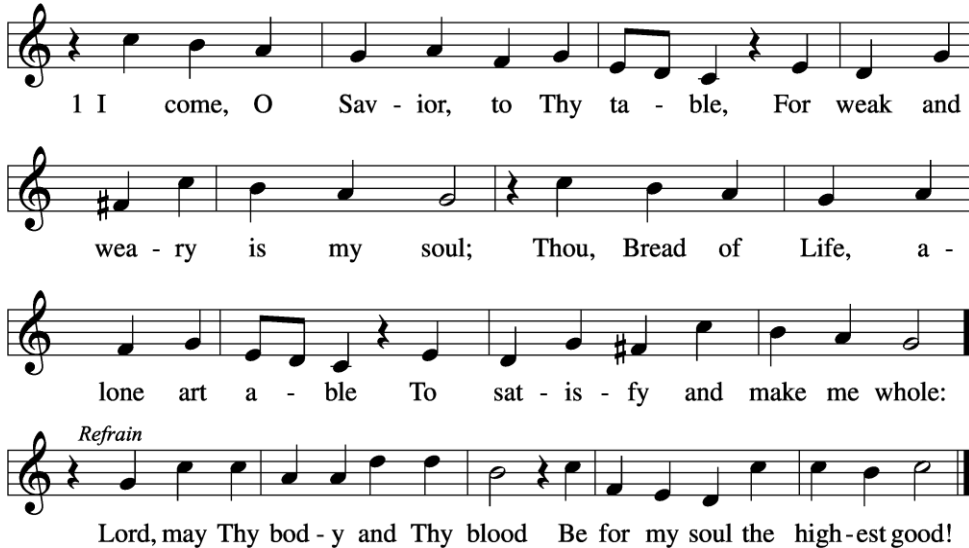
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- G** Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation I come to Your altar.
Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may approach Your table in true faith
and receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of my sins and the
strengthening of my faith. Amen

Hymn of Preparation

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618 v. 1



The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "I I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -". The third staff continues with the lyrics: "lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:". The fourth staff is labeled "Refrain" and contains the lyrics: "Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!".

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The Distribution

- ✠ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord’s Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our usher.

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord’s Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord’s Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world “This is what we believe!” But God’s Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher’s direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Prayer After the Lord's Supper

Adapted from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, p. 4

C O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Your faith and favor. As You live in me, let me also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!

The Thanksgiving

“My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling”

LSB 619 v. 5

5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

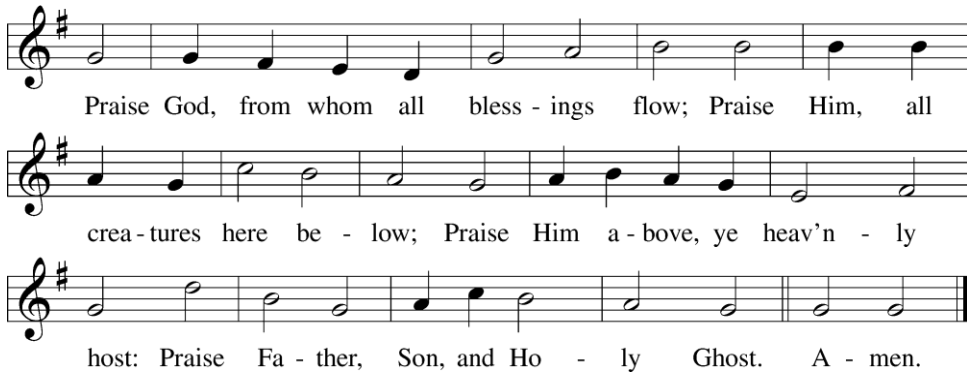
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P 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.

The Doxology

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" TLH 54 with alternate lyrics v. 2-4 (please stand for last verse)

- 1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.***
- 2. Send O, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit; Dwell within me through Thy Word.
Make me see Christ as my Treasure, Savior, Shepherd, Great Reward.
Holy Spirit, Fill my heart with joy and peace!***
- 3. Open now for me the Scriptures, Where Christ's healing love doth flow;
Let Thy fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.***
- 4. When I tread through death's dark shadow, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Examination (Natalie Lang) – 9am**
6/9/24 **Choir Practice – 9:30am**
Worship w/ Confirmation & Communion – 10am
Cake Reception in Fellowship Hall – 11am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm

St. Stephen – South (Anaheim): Worship & Bible Study – 6:30pm

This Week: Monday – **SSLS Summer Break Begins** (school resumes August 19th)
Wednesday – **Wednesday Online Bible Class (Zoom) - 7pm**
Thursday – **Stockton Worship Service – 2pm**

Next Sunday: *Father's Day*
6/16/24 **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Study – 9am**
Worship – 10am

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

Online Worship Services - <https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

Cake Reception in Celebration of Natalie's Confirmation – In the Fellowship Hall –
After our worship service you are all invited to a cake reception in our fellowship hall in
celebration of Natalie's confirmation. Congratulations and welcome to our congregation, Natalie!

**“Certainly, 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.” – Romans 10:9 (EHV)**

Thank you! – to our SSLS families, staff, and volunteers who helped with yesterday's School
Clean-Up day. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Hallway Tile Install In Progress - We are in the process of installing new tile in the school hallway so please watch your step if you use the restrooms or back classrooms. Also, new kitchen flooring is set to be installed on Mon., June 17th. We praise God for these building improvements!

Southern California Worship & Bible Study in Anaheim – TONIGHT – 6/9/24 @ 6:30pm We'll be meeting outdoors at **Peralta Canyon Park in Anaheim at 6:30pm tonight** (it is the same park we met at for our worship service several times). We'll plan to meet in the picnic table area near the parking lot. Here is the address:

**Peralta Canyon Park
115 N Pinney Dr.
Anaheim, CA 92807**

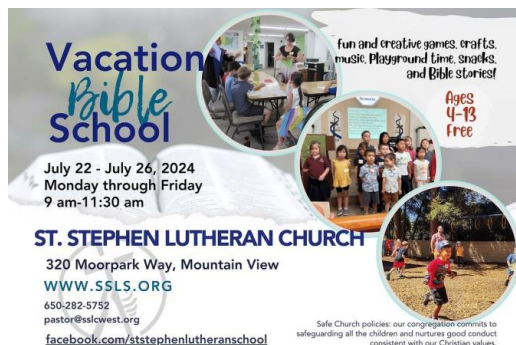
Wednesday Zoom Online Bible Study – THIS Wed. 6/12 @ 7pm – On Sundays like today when we do not have Bible Class we usually have an online Bible Class via Zoom on **Wednesday at 7pm**. Please make plans to join us **this Wednesday (6/12) at 7pm**. You can join the Bible Study on Wednesday by clicking on this link or cutting and pasting it into your web browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

CLC Convention – Eau Claire, WI - Thurs. June 20th – Sun. June 23rd –

Mark Gullerud (Delegate), Isaac Schmitt (teacher), and Pastor Luke will be the delegates from our congregation. The *Prospectus*, which describes the work our Convention will be undertaking, has been emailed out and hard copies are available. Please pray that the Lord would bless the delegates' work at Convention and our church body's work, both here in our country and around the world.

VBS – July 22nd-26th – Ages 4-13 – Registration can be done online through our school's



Vacation Bible School

July 22 - July 26, 2024
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9 am-11:30 am

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music, playground time, snacks,
and Bible stories!

Ages 4-13
Free

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safeguarding all the children and nurtures good conduct
consistent with our Christian values.

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 22nd–26th from 9am-11:30am**.

The CLC's TVBS program is sending us 2 teachers to assist us: Sam Schmitt (SSLS teacher Isaac Schmitt's sister), and Grant Bernthal (nephew of Pastor Luke and Jewels).

If you would like to volunteer to help with our VBS please speak with Pastor Luke or one of our SSLS staff.

Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions - If you are interested in renewing or starting a new subscription to the Lutheran Spokesman devotional magazine please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway. Please sign up by **Sunday, June 16th** so that we can get our congregation's order in before the subscription deadline. Subscriptions are **\$15 per year**. Please mark your offering "Lutheran Spokesman." Please speak with Pastor Luke for more info.

Daily Rest Subscription Renewal – Our congregation provides each family with a subscription to the *Daily Rest* daily devotions. If you would like an additional subscription for yourself or someone else, please speak with Pastor Luke. Subscriptions are **\$15 per year**.

CLC News – From Missionary Todd Ohlmann:

Pray for the People of Myanmar and the Sheep of our Savior's CLC-Myanmar Flock.

From Pastor Kham...

Thank you for your prayers.... We are blessed and thankful for your helping hand. Please continue to pray for us. We need peace, justice, and survival.

There was a big battle of civil war in Chin State on 12-19 May 2024. Cikha Town, Tonzang township and several villages and also on 20-30 May 2024 till today the civil war continues in Tedim City and burned 38 houses. The civilians innocent people are leave and lost the house, just flee from the house nothing to carrying while the gunfire began and they could not look back at their property. Those who are affected victims of our CLCM membership we collected the names and investigate the situation how we can help better as much as we can. It is our hardest time to survive human life and sometimes there is no telephone communication and internet connection available at all. The military junta has control of all such conditions. Praise the Lord! I could write and respond to your email within strict conditions.

Please continue to pray for the people of Myanmar and especially the sheep of our Savior's CLCM flock!

For more information, as well as pictures from the recent devastation please click visit Missionary Ohlmann's blog at this link:

<https://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/2024/06/pray-for-people-of-myanmar-and-sheep-of.html>



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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
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