

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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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 92 (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: 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

## 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...

**“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”** *LSB 811*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: "I Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es, Would then pro-claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher - ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me." The score consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The final line ends with a double bar line.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758  
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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and always hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life. We pray this through the same 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

## *Psalm 46 (NKJV - Responsive)*

**P** God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

**C** **Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,**

**P** And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

**C** **Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling.**

**P** There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,

**C** **The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.**

**P** God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

**C** **God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.**

**P** The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;

**C** **He uttered His voice, the earth melted.**

**P** The LORD of hosts is with us;

**C** **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**P** Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**C** **Who has made desolations in the earth.**

**P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**C** **He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.**

**P** Be still, and know that I am God;

**C** **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!**

**P** The LORD of hosts is with us;

**C** **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

## Second Reading

## *Mark 4:26-34 (EHV)*

**P** The second reading is from Mark 4:26-34.

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

<sup>26</sup> He said, "The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup> Then he said, "To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. <sup>32</sup> Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. <sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

**P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

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

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

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**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 there 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.

## Hymn of the Day: 538 *Praise Be to Christ*

LSB 538



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the  
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -  
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and  
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our  
God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and  
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born  
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

Tune: Johann Störls . . . Schlag- Gesang- Und Noten-Buch, 1744, Stuttgart

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## **Sermon Text: Mark 4:35-41 (EHV)**

**<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. <sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. <sup>38</sup> Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"**

<sup>39</sup> Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

## Sermon Theme: "Be Still!"

- † How do Jesus' words, "**Peace! Be still!**" (v. 39) give you comfort? (v. 39, see also **Psalm 46:10**)
  
- † Think of the worst "storm" of life that you've ever lived through. Think about how Jesus got you through it.
  
- † What "storm(s)" of life are you facing right now? Jesus is right there "in the boat" with you and He has promised to get you through it!

*"...the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below."* (Hymn 752 v. 2 LSB)

## 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

*(song continues on next page ->)*



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.

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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.*

**Sermon Hymn: 752 *Be Still, My Soul***

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and and pro-vide; In ev-ry change He faith-ful will re-noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,





Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697–1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.  
 Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt.  
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**Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests** *We bring our prayers to God.*

**Lord’s Prayer**

LSB 209

**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** *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: 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me** *(please stand for last verse)*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**  
**Worship – 10am**

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

This Week: Thurs. – Sun. – **CLC Convention** (Eau Claire WI) – **June 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
(Pastor Luke out of town Mon. 6/17 – Mon. 7/1)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Worship – 10am**  
6/23/24 Conducting Worship: Michael S. (sermon); Scott M. (liturgy)

**St. Stephen – East Bay** (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm**  
Conducting Worship: Timothy Blank



**Happy and Blessed Father's Day!** - to all of you who are fathers and grandfathers. What a blessing God has given us all in having Christian men like you in our lives! ***"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."***  
- ***Ephesians 6:4***

**Pastor Luke Out of Town – Mon. 6/17 – Mon. 7/1** – Pastor Luke and Jewels will be heading out of town tomorrow to attend Kirsten Gullerud's wedding on Tuesday, and the CLC Convention this weekend (6/20-6/23). They will be returning after spending some vacation time with family, Lord willing, on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Several of our church council members will be conducting our worship services in Pastor's absence over the next two Sundays. We thank them for their willing service! If pastoral assistance is needed during this time, please call Pastor's cell **(402) 389-2147**.

**CLC Convention – Eau Claire, WI - Thurs. June 20<sup>th</sup> – Sun. June 23<sup>rd</sup>** –

Mark Gullerud (Delegate), Isaac Schmitt (teacher), and Pastor Luke will be the delegates from our Mountain View 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.

**Kitchen Flooring & Cabinets / Hallway Flooring Projects in Progress** – There are a number of remodeling projects underway currently. The kitchen counters are being re-done by Michael Horrillo and his crew. Peninsula Flooring has been hired to come in on Monday morning (6/17) to install new kitchen flooring (which will match our fellowship hall flooring). Scott Mueller is in the process of putting in new tile in the school hallway. We thank these men for their time, skill, and efforts in these projects!

### **Pastor's Call Announcement** –

Dear St. Stephen Members and Friends,

I have received the call to serve as pastor of our CLC church in the Milwaukee, WI area, Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI, following Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement in September. What this means is that over the next few weeks I will be prayerfully considering where the Lord would have me serve best: Either continuing my ministry here among our St. Stephen congregations & preaching stations, or accepting the call from Messiah and serving the congregation in the Milwaukee area.

Please pray that the Lord would give me clarity as I consider this call. Your prayers for me and Jewels during this time are greatly appreciated, as well as any thoughts or advice you'd like to share. My prayers are with our congregations and school as well, as a call can be a difficult time for both pastor and congregation. We can be confident that the Lord will guide and direct us, that His good and perfect will will be done, and that it will be for our ultimate good!

In Christ, the Lord of the Church,

Pastor Luke

**TVBS Volunteer Donations** – We have two volunteer TVBS teachers helping with our Vacation Bible School July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. During that week we usually try and do one or two sightseeing activities with them in the area. This year we plan to take our teachers on the Alcatraz tour in San Francisco, and do an afternoon in Santa Cruz. If you would like to donate to help pay for our volunteers' activities during the week of VBS please mark your offering "TVBS." If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Luke or Mikkela Schmitt.

**CLC News** - Mr. Darin Lau, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, *has returned the call* to that congregation to teach the 5th & 6th grades in its school.

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