

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. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 46 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Note: Sung responses will have musical notes 🎵 next to them.

All other responses will be spoken.

**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: 915 *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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THE INVOCATION

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

(TLH, p. 5)

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

G Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

"Glory Be to God the Father" LSB 506

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry, glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!"

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

P We pray:

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness. 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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-10 (ESV)

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.

***² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.***

³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,

⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"

To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

***⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."***

***⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.***

***⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.***

***⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.***

***¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.***

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing “Hallelujah!”—meaning “Praise the Lord!”

P Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!

C Hallelujah!

P The second reading is from 1 John 3:13-18.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Reading

1 John 3:13-18 (ESV)

¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

P Here ends our second reading.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (LSB p. 207)

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.**

Hymn of the Day: 523 O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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THE SERMON

Luke 14:16-24 (ESV)

¹⁶ But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Sermon Theme: God's Great Invitation: "Supper Is Ready!"

- I. There's no excuse for rejecting it
- II. There's every reason to attend

By Pastor Sam Rodebaugh
Faith Lutheran Church – Manchester, MO

THE OFFERTORY

(TLH, p. 12-13)

*♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, 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: 514 (tune of hymn 858 LSB) ***The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us***

- ♪ 1 ***The Bridegroom soon will call us, "Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning, May find an open door!***
- 2 ***There shall we see in glory Our dear Redeemer's face;
The long-awaited story Of heav'nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us, The prophets' holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us In that celestial land.***
- 3 ***There God shall from all evil Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil, From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness, From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness And wipe away our tears.***
- 4 ***In that fair home shall never Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising The Giver of the feast.***

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THE GENERAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- ☐ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* (please stand for last verse)



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Worship – 10am**
Conducting Worship: Michael Slattengren (sermon); Scott Mueller (liturgy)

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

Next Sunday:

6/30/24 **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Worship – 10am**
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Thank You! – to Michael Slattengren (sermon) and Scott Mueller (liturgy) for conducting our worship service today and bringing us the Gospel message. We appreciate your willing service to our congregation!

CLC Convention – Eau Claire, WI – The CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI concludes today. Pastor Luke, Mark Gullerud, and teacher, Isaac Schmitt are attending the Convention this weekend as delegates from our congregation.

Pastor Luke on Vacation this Week – Returning July 1st – Pastor Luke and Jewels will be on vacation visiting family this week. They will be returning, Lord willing, next Monday, July 1st. Mark Gullerud (sermon) and Michael Slattengren (liturgy) will be conducting the worship service next Sunday in his absence.

TVBS Volunteer Donations – We have two volunteer TVBS teachers helping with our Vacation Bible School July 22nd – 26th. 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.

VBS – July 22nd-26th – Ages 4-13 – Registration can be done online 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 22nd–26th from 9am-11:30am.**



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.

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.



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