

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Misericordias Domini (I will sing the mercies of the Lord)

## Today's Focus:

*OUR VICTORIOUS SAVIOR GIVES US POWER TO LIVE FOR HIM*

Pre-service: "The War" (printed on cover)

Words/Music: Neal Radichel

OPENING HYMN (Blue Songbook – see handout) – Page 30, #33

"Here I Am, Lord"

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 22

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION - Worship Supplement, Page 22 (Taken from 1 John on back)

## 1st SCRIPTURE READING

**Acts 4:8-12** (on back) Peter boldly preached Jesus Christ as the only Hope of Salvation, so proven by the resurrection.

## FIRST LESSON – "MY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD"

NIV 1 John 1:1-4 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

HYMN 155 v. 1-3 (Red Hymnal)

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

## Baptism of: Graham Sebastian Kesterson

Performing Baptism: CLC Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Spokane, WA (Grandfather of Graham)

HYMN 750 (Worship Supplement)

See This Wonder in the Making

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 23 – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

## 2nd SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 24:36-49** (on back) Our Savior calms the fears of His frightened disciples, teaching them the Word of God and its fulfillment in Him, and commissioning them to be His witnesses.

## SECOND LESSON – "MY FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS"



NIV 1 John 1:3-7 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

HYMN 155 v. 4-5 (Red Hymnal)

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OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 441 v. 1, 2 (Red Hymnal)

Pastor: We give Thee but Thine own, what'er the gift may be;

ALL: All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive

And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

SPECIAL PRAYERS (At the conclusion of each special petition)

P: ...hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 800 v. 1, 4 (Worship Supplement)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

## NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-TODAY: Our Comparative Religion study continues today on Judaism. Come and take notes!

-THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> - Bible class at 10am continuing the study of the prophet Zephaniah.

THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> – SSLS Book Club, No Choir

-CALL NEWS: Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Peace Thru Christ, Middleton WI, where she has taught for 8 years, will be retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of the school year. <> The Rev. Michael Gurath has received AND now accepted a one-year call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

