

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Rogate "to ask" Sunday

## Today's Focus:

*JOYFUL PRAYER AND WORSHIP IS A FRUIT OF FAITH IN CHRIST*

OPENING HYMN (*Blue Songbook – see handout*) – Page 10

*"On Eagles Wings"*

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Acts 11:19-26** (*on back*) God desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. This assures Paul, and Christ's victory is proof of His gracious attitude towards sinful mankind.



Reception into membership of: **Mark Duncan**

Holy Baptism of: **Molly Michelle Duncan**



HYMN 753 (*Worship Supplement*)

*Let the Children Come to Me*

**John 15:9-17** (*on back*) Jesus tells us our faith is demonstrated for all in obedience to our Heavenly Father.

**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.*

HYMN 457 (*Red Hymnal*)

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**SERMON** NIV 1 John 4:1-11 1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



**THEME: PUT "LOVE" TO THE TEST**

1. Recognition
2. Distinction
3. Application

HYMN 23 (*Red Hymnal*)

*Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring*

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

Pastor: We give Thee but Thine own, whate'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 - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN 736 v. 1, 4-5 (*Worship Supplement*)

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

### 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 with Hinduism. Come and take notes!