

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Pentecost 14

THE CHRISTIAN FINDS JOY IN IMITATING CHRIST

Pre-service meditation: 790 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

OPENING HYMN 767 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 1

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joshua 24:1-2; 14-18 (on back) In the Old Testament Lesson, we see Joshua, the servant of God, calling on the Israelites to join him in putting aside false gods and false practices and following the true God and His Word alone.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 34:15-22

The Psalmist tells how God watches over the righteous according to His will and redeems them in His mercy.

Pastor: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

Congregation: And his ears are attentive to their cry;

P: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

C: To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

P: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;

C: He delivers them from all their troubles.

P: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

C: And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

P: A righteous man may have many troubles,

C: But the LORD delivers him from them all;

P: He protects all his bones,

C: Not one of them will be broken.

P: Evil will slay the wicked;

C: The foes of the righteous will be condemned.

P: The LORD redeems his servants;

C: No one will be condemned who takes refuge in him. Amen.

Ephesians 2:13-22 (on back) In the Gospel, some turn away from following Jesus, but the disciples recognize Him as the only Source of hope and pledge to follow Him.

- Reception into membership of: **Wayne Bliss**



CONFESSION OF FAITH, Tan Worship Supplement Page 5 - Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching that the MAN Jesus Christ is TRUE God.

HYMN 756 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SERMON - Ephesians 5:21-31 – NIV - 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."



SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST.

1. As **Christ** to the **Church** / the Church to Christ
2. As **husband** to the **wife** / the wife to the husband
3. As the **head** to the **body** / the body to the head

HYMN 307 (Red Hymnal)

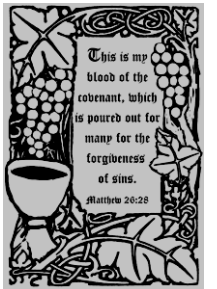
Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

OFFERTORY, Page 6 - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT - Tan Worship Supplement, Page 7

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – In the front of Red Hymnal pg. 118

The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). Out of love for God's Word it is for this reason we ask that communicant members of St. Stephen or a sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers. (Pastor would be happy to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.)



BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 656 (Red Hymnal)

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

NEWS and NOTES

-TODAY: Refreshments in classroom/Bible class will be finishing our study of the Masonic Lodge
-ST. STEPHEN MEN'S RETREAT: Oct. 30, 31 - Nov.1 –sign up in the entryway if you haven't already.
-CHURCH CALENDAR'S for September are in... check newsletter for important dates and fiscal info
-CALL NEWS: The Rev. Gordon Radtke has resigned his call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, effective immediately. The Rev. Daniel Fleischer, Corpus Christi TX, has announced his retirement, effective the end of April 2010. Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called Rev. Michael Eichstadt, Hales Corners WI.