

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Mission Festival Sunday

Pre-service meditation: "The Garden"
(Words on cover of bulletin)

Today's Focus:

THE WORD OF CHRIST LEADS US TO SERVE HIM!

OPENING HYMN 496 (Red Hymnal)
the Voice of Jesus Crying

Hark



THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 50:4-10 (on back) The Old Testament Lesson presents God's Servant facing enemies without fear of what they might do because He knows God's saving power.



WOMAN'S CHOIR "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Thomson

Based on Psalm 23

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18 (on back) The Epistle teaches that faith enables us to ignore earthly distinctions as we seek to share Christ's love.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

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

HYMN 773 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Rise, Shine, You People!

SERMON – NIV Matthew 25:14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. 15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. 17 So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. 18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his

master's money. 19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' 21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. 29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



Theme: THE GRACE OF GOD WORKING THROUGH US

CHOIR "Who Will Go for Me?"

Music/Lyrics Larson/McGuire

Who will go and tell the world that Jesus is the way? Who will brave the dark of night to bring the light of day?
All around are captive hearts that yearn to be free. God is calling His Children, "Who will go for Me?"
I will go and tell the world that Jesus is the way. I will brave I will brave the dark of night to bring the light of day.
There are those who do not know God's holy Word is true. "I can hear You calling, Lord, and I will go for You."
Who will share God's love at home or in a foreign land? Who will share His hope with those who need a helping hand?
Who will share the joyful news with those who need to know? Jesus died for the world! "My children, who will go?"
If by a still, small voice God calls to paths that I do not know, I'll answer, "Dear Lord, with my hand in Yours,
I'll go where You want me to go." "Lord, I can hear You calling and I will go for You."

HYMN/OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

HYMN 505 (Red Hymnal)

O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 400 (Red Hymnal)

Take My Life and Let it Be

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!

THANK YOU to Missionary Pastor Matthew Ude for bringing the forgiveness in the Word of God to us today to encourage us in speaking about Jesus Christ to others whenever and wherever the opportunity comes!

TODAY: Refreshments/Sunday School/Bible class will hear a presentation from Missionary Ude on the work we have going on overseas. This is a great time to be able to ask questions and discuss and hear first hand how the Gospel is spreading throughout the world!

TUESDAY: 10am Bible Study continuing on in the Gospel of John chapter 5. Join us if you can make it!