

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Pentecost 18

Today's Focus:

SERVING THE LORD WITH HUMILITY...

OPENING HYMN 780 *(Tan Worship Supplement)*

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jeremiah 11:18-20 *(on back)* In the Old Testament Lesson, the prophet Jeremiah serves God and finds himself despised by unbelievers who are planning evil against him. Jeremiah leaves their judgment into the LORD's hand.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 119:33-40

The Psalmist seeks God's help in living by His standards and His continual instruction for life.

Pastor: Teach me, O LORD, to follow Your decrees;

Congregation: Then I will keep them to the end.

P: Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law and obey it with all my heart.

C: Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight.

P: Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

C: Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your word.

P: Fulfill Your promise to Your servant, so that You may be feared.

C: Take away the disgrace I dread, for Your laws are good.

P: How I long for Your precepts!

C: Preserve my life in Your righteousness. Amen.



James 3:13-18 *(on back)* The Epistle tells us that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Here we see qualities that God determines as true wisdom.

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 442 *(Red Hymnal)*

Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us

SERMON - NIV Mark 9:30-37 30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were

afraid to ask him about it. 33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." 36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



THEME: YOU FIRST.

1. THE SERVANT OF SELF
2. THE SERVANT OF ALL

HYMN 304 *(Red Hymnal)*

An Awe-full Mystery is Here

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 17*

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. *(Our pastor would be happy to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.)*

Page 21 - THANKSGIVING / BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 309 *(Red Hymnal)*

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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: Refreshments in classroom/Bible class will be watching a video discussing the flood/evolution.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY – This coming Saturday... 10/10 at 10am (Many hands make light work!)

ST. STEPHEN MEN'S RETREAT: Oct. 30, 31 - Nov.1 – sign up in the entryway if you haven't already.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: Council moved to Nov 1st followed by a meal, instead of on the 25th of Oct.

CHURCH CALENDAR'S for October are in... check newsletter for important dates and fiscal info

CALL NEWS: Eau Claire WI, called the Rev. Todd Ohlmann, Manchester MO, to become its second pastor.

TUESDAY: 10am Bible Study won't be this week since pastor will be out of town at Pastoral conference.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY: SCLS students are making cards for our CLC orphans in Kenya (pictured right) and we are collecting donations to send over with Pastor Ude in November when he returns. This money will be used to purchase Christmas gifts to give to the orphans along with the cards.

