

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Pentecost 20

Today's Focus:

FAMILY LIFE AND THE SALVATION OF OTHERS

OPENING HYMN 3 (Red Hymnal)

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 2:9-11 (on back) In the **Epistle**, we have the example of Jesus Who in His human form faced and overcame the same problems and challenges that we face. Because of His devotion to His heavenly Father, He overcame them and won our salvation. Thus we can turn to Him for help, knowing He understands our needs and will respond.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 119:49-56

The Psalmist points us to God's Word as our source of hope in life. We do not let ourselves be discouraged or turned away by the ridicule or scorn of those who defy God, but are concerned with their unfaithfulness.

Leader: Remember Your word to Your servant,

Congregation: For You have given me hope.

L: My comfort in my suffering is this:

C: Your promise preserves my life.

L: The arrogant mock me without restraint,

C: But I do not turn from Your law.

L: I remember Your ancient laws, O LORD, and I find comfort in them.

C: Indignation grips me because of the wicked, who have forsaken Your law.

L: Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.

C: In the night I remember Your name, O LORD, and I will keep Your law.

L: This has been my practice:

C: I obey Your precepts. Amen.

Mark 10:2-16 (on back) In the **Gospel**, Jesus explains God's will for marriage and divorce and shows His loving concern for all, even little children. We learn from this that our concern in marriage is to please God by showing unselfish love to our spouses. Such a relationship is illustrative of God's concern for us which does not divorce us when we are unfaithful or foolish. The disciples, concerned with Jesus' importance, try to push away little children from bothering Him, but He points out in no uncertain terms that God's concern is to help all, especially the child-like in faith. So we are to be concerned with the salvation of even the lowliest.

What is a promise?

CONFESSIO 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 394 (Red Hymnal)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

SERMON – NIV Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." 19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.



THEME: **He Knows Before You Ask Him!**

HYMN 625 (Red Hymnal)

Oh, Bless the House, Whate'er Befall

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

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
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 644 (Red Hymnal)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 on the vastness of the cosmos.

-**TUESDAY: 10am Bible Study** this week continues our study of the Gospel of John.

-**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.

-**MISSION CALENDARS** are in the entryway. Please help yourself to one!

-**SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES** for the CLC "Jubilee Thank Offering" are on the entryway table and are being used for the ILC Student Aid Fund and for anniversary materials.

-**LUTHERAN SPOKESMANS** are in...pick up a copy in the entryway! There are plenty there!

-**THE CHURCH DIRECTORY** is in the entryway. Please check over your information to make sure that everything is current. They will be done shortly. We thank Ruth Holt for putting them together again!

-**CALL NEWS:** Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, has called Stephen Sydow, Eau Claire WI, to be its pastor and Prof. John Ude to serve in the interim.

