

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Easter 5

Today's Focus:

THE CONFIDENCE A CHRISTIAN HAS IN CHRIST!

Pre-service meditation: "Take Time" (Words on cover)
Although life in this world can be frustrating, worrisome, and painful, the child of God finds joy because the Savior has conquered all opposition and shares His victory with us.

OPENING HYMN 425 (Red Hymnal) *All Depends on Our Possessing*

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – (Tan Worship Supplement), Page 22

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 17:41-51 (See handout) In the Old Testament Reading, the well known account of David and Goliath speaks a greater truth than an underdog winning. We ought to rethink *who* is the underdog!

PSALMODY (Psalm 45:1-3; 6-7) – (Tan Worship Supplement), Page 32

John 13:31-35 (on back) In the Gospel, Jesus prepares His disciples for His coming departure, and calls on them to live in love while they await His return. Even though they will see Him in the depths of His humility, they are not to worry, but to be assured that the Father will glorify Him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH, Apostles Creed - Page 23

HYMN "Consider Now What God Has Done" (See handout) Text: Judith Snell

SERMON (NIV) **Matthew 6:25-34** (See handout)

Theme: IF God is Your Father, than Worry is Silly.

- (1) WORRY makes us *near*-sighted.
- (2) WORRY makes us *self*-reliant.
- (3) WORRY makes us look *foolish*.

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD - SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – AS FOLLOWS

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

→ **A note to our visitors:** We are so glad you are here! Please permit us a moment to tell you about our practice regarding Holy Communion – In Holy Communion we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you are not a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please permit us to tell you about what we believe before you partake with us of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us. Thank you so much!

PREFACE - sung responsively (To the Tune of TLH 473 "The Church's One Foundation")

P: May God the Lord be with you.
C: **God also be with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts rejoicing!
C: **We lift them up anew!**
P: Give unto God all glory, all honor and all praise.
C: **To God is due thanksgiving and worship all our days.**
P: It's right and salutary to give You thanks, O God,
At all times, in all places, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The saints and angel chorus rejoice in boundless mirth;
We join, to sing Your praises, the Church in heav'n and earth:
C: **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory fills the heavens, and earth shines in Your light.
Hosanna in the highest! Blest ever is the One
Who comes the Lord's name bearing. Hosanna, Risen Son!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI **P:** Amen! Then come, Lord Jesus; be present at Your feast.
Amen! O Holy Spirit, unite us in Your peace.
C: **Amen! Almighty Father, give strength to do Your will.
O Trinity most holy, feed us and love us still.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI sung
C: **O Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, our sin You take away;
O Lamb of God, Redeemer, have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, our Savior, Your grace in us increase;
Behold us with Your favor, and grant to us Your peace.**

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BENEDICTION

P: The good Lord bless and keep you,
Lift up His smiling face,
With favor look upon you
And grant eternal peace.
C: **To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Most gracious One-in-Three,
The Church sings ALLELUIA!
Now and eternally.**

CLOSING HYMN 726 (Tan Worship Supplement) *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We're very happy that you're here today and hope you come again!
Please sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have questions about our church/school just ask!
-**Today:** Refreshments in classroom/Bible class will be continuing with our study of Genesis ("Only One Race.")
-**Tuesday: 10am Bible Class** finished Gospel of John and will begin a study of the CLC's document of CCF.
-**THIS Wednesday 6-7:30pm @ church – Witnessing Workshop** (for the month of May only)
-**Sunday, May 16th** (2 weeks) the CLC churches celebrate 50 years in the form of a special worship service!
-**Lutheran Spokesman** - It is time to renew or begin your family's subscription to the Spokesman. The Spokesman is the official publication of the CLC. It contains many fine informative devotional articles. If interested, take a couple past copies on the entryway table to keep and use to sign up (info may be found in cover).
-**Call News** Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has called Mrs. Janelle Hein to teach full time at its school. <> St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, / Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID, have called the Rev. David Naumann, Fond du Lac WI.
-**Check your calendars!** Also, take a few flyers to hand out to friends for our Sat. May 15th ewaste date (9-3pm).
Next week scriptures lessons: (Series C) Psalm 67; Acts 14:8-18; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-39