

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Father's Day/Pentecost 4

Today's Focus:

## OUR FATHER FORGIVES BECAUSE OF CHRIST!



**Pre-service Meditation:** Where love is present, forgiveness is freely and joyfully offered to the penitent. Because God loves us so much, He delights in forgiving those who turn to Him for mercy. Last week's service emphasized the gracious aspect of God's love, today the emphasis is on His joy in forgiving. We are not to think of Him as an angry vindictive judge who is anxious to punish, rather, He is a loving father Who wants nothing more than for His wayward children to come home again and receive His blessing. He is the father in the Gospel parable.

**OPENING HYMN 23** (Red Hymnal) *Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring*

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

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15** (on back) The *Old Testament Lesson* tells about Nathan's rebuke of David, as well as David's remorse and forgiveness.

### Psalm 32 - RESPONSIVE READING

The *Psalmist* describes the blessing and joy of the forgiveness of sins.

L: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

**C: Whose sin is covered.**

L: Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,

**C: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.

**C: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.**

L: I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

L: For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found;

**C: Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.**

L: You are my hiding place;

**C: You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

L: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

**C: I will guide you with My eye.**

L: Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

**C: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.**

L: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;

**C: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Amen.**



**Luke 7:36-50** (on back) The *Gospel* relates the incident of the sinful woman anointing Jesus, and His assurance that her sins are forgiven. Her love demonstrated her faith that brought pardon. The critical Pharisees are reprimanded for their lack of love.

### CONFESSON OF FAITH, Apostles Creed - Page 15

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as believed/taught by the Apostles.

**HYMN 154** (Red Hymnal)

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

### SERMON (NKJV) Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Theme: **Christ Lives in Me.**

1. It means that someone else had to leave
2. It means that all of life is affected
3. It means that I am an epistle to the world

**HYMN 760** (Tan Worship Supplement)

*Oh, Love, How Deep*

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD - Sing 50 v. 2 (Red Hymnal)

**C: Thanks we give and adoration, For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Thy salvation, In our hearts and lives abound;  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful, To the Truth may we be found!**

GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTON

**CLOSING HYMN 51** (Red Hymnal)

*Now May He Who from the Dead*

### 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 continues with the CLC interview with Pastor/Professor David Lau

-Tuesday morning: no Bible Class this week

-Thank you! To our council men for their leadership this morning and helping out while pastor is away at the CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI. He will be returning this coming Saturday.

Next week scriptures lessons: Psalm 119:41-48, Zechariah 12:7-10, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 9:18-24

