

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Pentecost 5

Today's Focus:

Faith in God's Promises allows us to serve him boldly!



Pre-service Meditation: Praise of our God involves much more than the time we spend in an actual worship service. It rather involves every facet of our existence. We are renewed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and this inner renewal becomes obvious in our daily lives. Thus all of life becomes a way of praising our wonderful God. Today our worship emphasizes that as we lead these renewed lives in service to God, we often meet trouble and opposition, but we are not to fear, for God delivers His children.

OPENING HYMN 472 (Red Hymnal) *Rise, Ye Children of Salvation*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Zechariah 13:7-9 (on back) In the *Old Testament Lesson*, the Prophet tells of the coming time of victory for God's followers in which they will be richly blessed. Those in Jerusalem will mourn Him Whom they have pierced.

Psalm 119:41-48 - RESPONSIVE READING

The Psalmist declares his intention of witnessing God's Word before all. He is not afraid of being put to shame, for he is confident of the reliability and truth of God's Word which he loves.

L: May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;

C: Then I will answer the one who taunts me, for I trust in your word.

L: Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth,

C: For I have put my hope in your laws.

L: I will always obey your law, for ever and ever.

C: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

L: I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame,

C: For I delight in your commands because I love them.

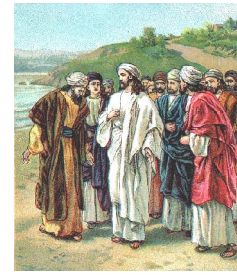
L: I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees.

C: Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. Amen.

Luke 9:18-24 (on back) Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ in the Gospel. Jesus warns His disciples that serving Him will not be easy, for He Himself will have to suffer and die. All His followers must in turn be willing to follow Him in taking up their crosses.

CONFESSON OF FAITH, Apostles Creed - Page 15

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



HYMN 452 (Red Hymnal)

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

SERMON (NASB) 1 Timothy 6:12-13

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge 13 you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Jesus Christ, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate...

Theme: **“Let me tell you about THE good confession!”**

1. The good confession *points to Christ*
2. The good confession is *based on God's Word*
3. The good confession *produces blessings*



HYMN 447 (Red Hymnal)

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD- Sing 50 v. 2 (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!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTON

CLOSING HYMN 758 (Supplement) *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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/**VOTERS MEETING** – please stay to help with the work of our church!

-Tuesday Morning Bible Class resumes this week studying our CLC's Concerning Church Fellowship document.

-Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the last full week in July this summer. We are looking for helpers!!!

Please sign up on the entryway table if you are able to help teach, do crafts, or bring treats. We need you!

Next week scriptures lessons: (series C) *Psalm 16, 1 Kings 19:14-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62*