

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Pentecost 6 / Independence Day

Today's Focus:

GOD'S GRACE THROUGHOUT HIS-STORY...

OPENING HYMN 575 (Red Hymnal)

Before the Lord We Bow

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – (Tan Worship Supplement), Page 1

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 19:14-21 (on back) In the *Old Testament Lesson*, Elijah, feeling sorry for himself, is instructed to get busy doing what God asks. Even though he feels all alone in serving God, The Lord reminds him that there are many who are still faithful to Him. We are to remember that it is God Who keeps people faithful to Him, not we by our efforts.

Psalm 16 - RESPONSIVE READING

The *Psalmist* asks God to keep His followers safe. He delights in blessing His followers while those who seek false gods find only sorrows. Verse 10 refers to the Messiah not being abandoned in the grave. Even though trouble may enter the lives of God's servants, He does not abandon them or allow them to fail.

L: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

L: As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

C: The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

L: LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

L: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

C: I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

L: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

C: Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

L: You have made known to me the path of life;

C: You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Amen.

Luke 9:51-62 (on back) In the *Gospel*, Jesus rebukes James and John for wanting to destroy an inhospitable Samaritan Village. Prospective disciples are warned that serving Christ involves self-sacrifice and devotion. We must look past the things of this life to what He wants us to do.

CONFESSIO OF FAITH, Nicene Creed - Page 5

The Nicene Creed sums up the Bible's teaching: the man Jesus Christ is true God.

HYMN 778 (Worship Supplement)

Grace Has a Thrilling Sound

SERMON (NKJV) Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Theme: Give me Liberty (in Christ)... or give me Death!

1. The **Law** brings Bondage (5:19-21; 13-15)
2. But **Grace** brings Liberty (16-18; 5:22-25)

THE FUNCTION		THE EFFECT	
Of Law	Of Grace	Of Law	Of Grace
Based on works (3:10)	Based on faith (3:11,12)	Works put us under a curse (3:10)	Justifies us by faith (3:24)
Our guardian (3:23, 4:2)	Centered in Christ (3:24)	Keeps us for faith (3:23)	Christ lives in us (2:20)
Our tutor (3:24)	Our certificate of freedom (4:30,31)	Brings us to Christ (3:24)	Adopts us as sons & heirs (4:7)

The law functions to (1) declare our guilt, (2) drive us to Christ, and (3) direct us in a life of obedience. However, the law is powerless to save.

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AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD - 2 Corinthians 9:7

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – (Tan Worship Supplement), Page 7

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – In the front of the 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 10 - THANKSGIVING / BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 577 (Red Hymnal)

God Bless Our Native Land

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.

-Tuesday: 10am Bible Class continues with our study of the Gospel of John chapter 19.

-Next Sunday: Voters Meeting next Sunday July 11th. Voters please be present for this important meeting.

Next week scriptures lessons: (Series C) Psalm 19, Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16, Luke 10:1-12, 16 (17-20)