

SSLS Family Fun Night – THIS Wed, June 7th @ 6:30pm – St. Stephen’s Lutheran School will be having its end of the year “**Family Fun Night**” **THIS Wed. June 7** at the **63rd Regional Support Command Headquarters Auditorium (230 R T Jones Rd, Mt. View, CA 94043)**. The SSLS children will begin their variety show and play at **6:30pm**. We will have pizza and snacks following the performance at roughly **7:30pm**. We hope you all can join us for the fun, and show your support for our school and our students!

VBS Fliers & Registration Sheets Available – July 24th – 28th – Ages 4-13 – Start spreading the word! Registration can be done online through either the church’s website (sslwest.org), or the school’s website (ssls.org). Fliers and registration forms are also available in the entryway if you know of anyone who would be interested in sending their children to our **VBS** it will be held **Mon. – Fri., July 24th – 28th from 9am-11:30am**. The CLC’s TVBS program is sending us 3 teachers to assist us as well [Zach Sippert (college student), and Tim and Grace Meyer (high school students)].

VBS Committee – We are forming a VBS planning committee and are looking for volunteers. If you would like to help with any aspect of VBS or if you’d like to be on the committee, please speak with Pastor Luke. We will be having a committee meeting, Lord willing, shortly after Pastor Luke returns from Wisconsin (see note below).

Pastor Out of Town – June 12th – 23rd – Pastor Luke will be out of town attending the CLC Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI (June 13th-15th), and the Arise & Shine 20’s-30’s Retreat in Pillager, MN (June 15th-18th), followed by some vacation time with Jewels and family (June 19th-23rd). Lord willing, he will be leaving Mon. June 12th and returning Fri. June 23rd. If pastoral assistance is needed during that time please call his cell phone (402-389-2147), or our congregation’s president, Paul Pelzl (734-660-4248), or one of our elders. Chris Holt and Scott Mueller will be conducting our worship service here at St. Stephen on Sunday, June 18th at the usual time of 10am (there will be no Bible Class that Sunday).

CLC News – Please continue to pray for Mrs. Rebecca Lillo and her family, as we have called her to serve as the 2nd teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School. <> Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ, to teach grades 1-8 in the school they plan to open this fall. Debra Mayhew will be teaching pre-school and kindergarten. <> Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has called Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran School, Lynnwood, WA, to re-open its Christian day school. <> Pastor David Koenig, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to St. Luke’s Lutheran, Lemmon, SD.

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June 4, 2017 † Pentecost



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 51:10-19 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

Invocation

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **50th Anniversary Discussion – Congregational Meeting** – After worship
(meet in fellowship hall)

This Week: Tuesday – **RESCHEDULED: Stockton Worship Service – 2pm**
(Meet at Niblett’s Home)
Wednesday – **SSLS “Family Fun Night” – 6:30pm** (see announcements below)
Pizza & Snacks – 7:30pm
Thursday – **Last Day of School Year for SSLS – Late Start – 10am**
Saturday – **School Clean-up – 9am – 11am**
Picnic – 12noon

Next Sunday: *Trinity Sunday*
6/11/17 **St. Stephen – West** (Mountain View): **Bible Class – 8:45am / Worship – 10am**
St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm / Bible Class – 2pm**

Coming Up: **CLC General Pastoral Conference – Eau Claire, WI (June 13th – 15th)**
Arise & Shine – 20’s-30’s Retreat – Pillager, MN (June 15th – 18th)

June Elder & Usher: Michael Slattengren (Elder) & Brenton Horrillo (Usher)

St. Stephen 50th Anniversary Meeting – We will be having a congregational meeting following the worship service to discuss our 50th anniversary celebration. We need to decide whether we will go forward with having it on July 30th, or wait till next year so that we can do more planning and invitations for the celebration. Please stay after the service and meet in the fellowship hall and give your thoughts and input.

Nunc Dimittis

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

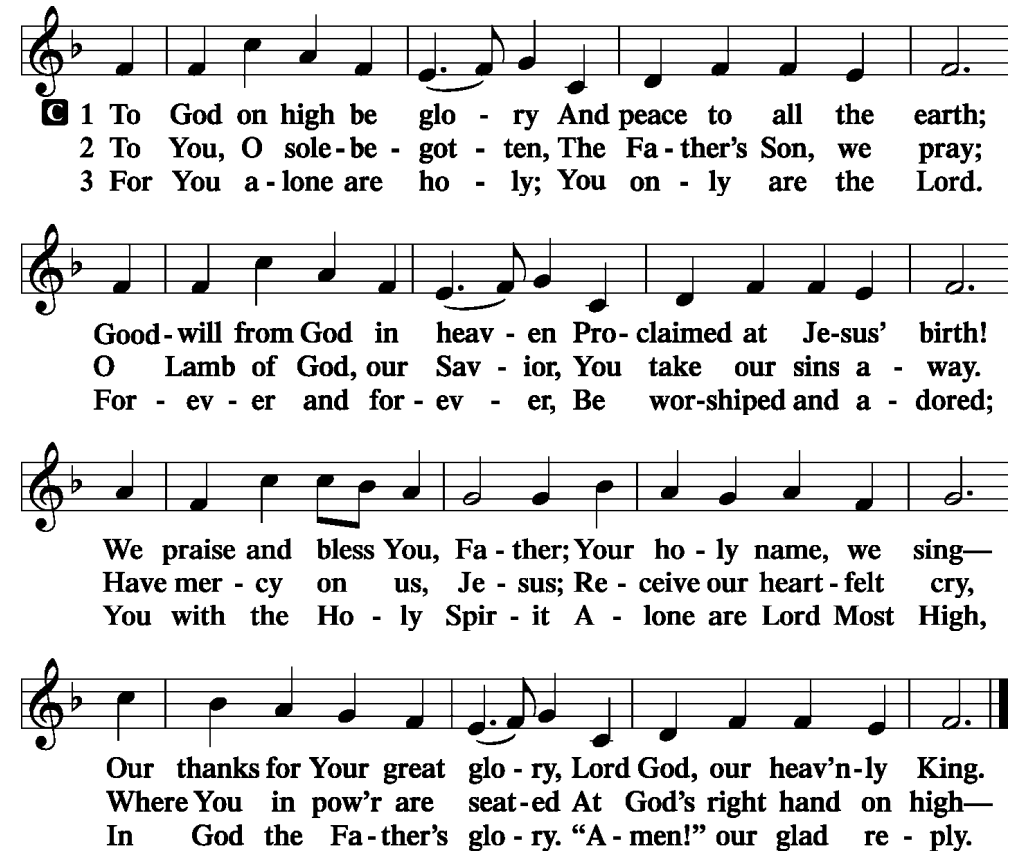
Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Gloria in Excelsis

Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.
Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;
We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,
Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P We pray:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and to always rejoice in His holy consolation.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading – Acts 1:1-13 (NKJV)

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" ⁹ "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ "Cretans and Arabs - - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" ¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - John 15:26-27 (NJKV)

P The second reading is from John 15:26-27.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

26 " But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. **27** "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



Agnus Dei

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymn: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☐ We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.

Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

LSB 209

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☑ Amen.



☑ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
☑ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3rd Article of the Apostle's Creed (with Luther's Explanation from the Catechism)

We boldly confess what we believe.

Luther's Small Catechism (Sydow - p. 105)

☑ I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him.
But the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts,
sanctified and kept me in true faith.
In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies
the whole Christian Church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In This Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins
to me and all believers.
On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead
and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Sermon: The Greatest Miracle of Pentecost

1. NOT the _____

2. But the _____

Text: Acts 1:14-21 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
 a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Sermon Hymn: 500 *Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid*

Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who on this day kept His promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower His Church to proclaim the Gospel in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing: