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# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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**June 11, 2017** † **Trinity Sunday**



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**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.

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† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 150 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Opening Hymn: 790 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty***

LSB 790

## Invocation

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

**P** In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

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

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

**We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

### 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507 v. 4

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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**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 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Pastor Luke will be heading out of town, Lord willing, tomorrow morning and will be attending the CLC Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI (June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>), the Arise & Shine 20's-30's Retreat in Pillager, MN (June 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>), followed by some vacation time with Jewels and family (June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>). Lord willing, he will be returning Fri. June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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 next Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 10am (there will be no Bible Class that Sunday).

**Voter's Meeting – Annual Financial Meeting – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – 11am** – Our annual financial voter's meeting on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** after our worship service. We will be setting the budgets for both our church and school. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

**St. Stephen 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – RESCHEDULED for Summer 2018** – At our congregational meeting last Sunday we decided to reschedule our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for next summer 2018 (exact date to be determined) in order to give us more time to plan properly for this special celebration. (2018 is also the actual 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary date of our congregation's incorporation). We also formed a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee with Leslie Horrillo as the chairperson heading up the committee. Our first meeting will be held Wed. June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Ida and Don Drews' home.

**Church Picnic – Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** - The church picnic for this year will still be held on **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** after our worship service. That Sunday will be a joint worship service with both St. Stephen congregations attending. The Women's Auxiliary will be making the preparations for the church picnic.

**CLC News** – Carly Meyer, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan, WI.

**St. Stephen's School Call News** – We rejoice to announce that Mrs. Rebecca Lillo has accepted our call to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School. Her acceptance letter is below:

Dear members of St. Stephens Lutheran Church and School,

After much prayerful consideration, I have decided to accept your call to serve as a teacher at your school. It is with great joy that I will be returning to the church where I was both baptized and married. St. Stephens will always hold a special place in my heart and I am excited to be a part of educating and nurturing His little lambs in the school. May the Lord continue to guide me by His holy will.

Thank you for your prayers over the past few weeks as I have considered this call. I humbly ask that you would continue to keep me and my family in your thoughts and prayers as we begin this transition from Wisconsin to California. There is always uncertainty when making such a big change; especially in regards to my husband's employment, our housing situation, and our children's transition through this process. While we don't know exactly the plan that the Lord has for us, we are trusting in His divine wisdom and power.

*"For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!" (Ps 117:2)*

While we are still unsure of all of the details, our youngest son Jacob and I are tentatively planning on arriving in late-July. In the meantime, I will be preparing for this call by prayerfully studying His Holy Word as well as the curriculum taught at the school.

Your sister in Christ,  
Rebecca Lillo

**VBS – Registration is Open! – July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Ages 4-13** – 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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)].

## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:  
Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and to confess and worship you, the one true God.  
Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## First Reading

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> *Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.* <sup>12</sup> *Greet one another with a holy kiss.* <sup>13</sup> *All the saints greet you.* <sup>14</sup> *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 28:16-20 (NJKV)**

**P** The Gospel reading is from Matthew 28:16-20.  
**G** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

<sup>16</sup> *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.* <sup>17</sup> *When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.* <sup>18</sup> *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."* <sup>19</sup> *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"* <sup>20</sup> *"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

**P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Athanasian Creed (Selected sections - with Hymn 506)

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a confession of our faith in the one, true, Triune God.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

- 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.



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

Closing Hymn: 922 v. 1-4 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

LSB 922

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Monday – Pastor Out of Town – Mon. June 12th – Fri. June 23rd
Tues. – Thurs. – CLC Pastoral Conference – Eau Claire, WI
Thurs. – Sun. – Arise & Shine 20's – 30's Retreat – Pillager, MN

Next Sunday: Father's Day 6/18/17 St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Worship – 10am (\*\*NO Bible Class\*\*)
Conducting Worship: Scott Mueller & Chris Holt

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm (\*\*NO Bible Class\*\*)
Conducting Worship: Timothy Blank

Coming Up: Voter's Annual Financial Meeting – Sun. June 25th – 11am

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

## Sermon: Thank God...For Our Triune God!

**Text:** Romans 8:14-18 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. <sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

### Offertory

LSB 956



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.*

**Sermon Hymn: 798** (Worship Supplement) **God, We Praise You**

W.S. 798

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,  
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,  
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

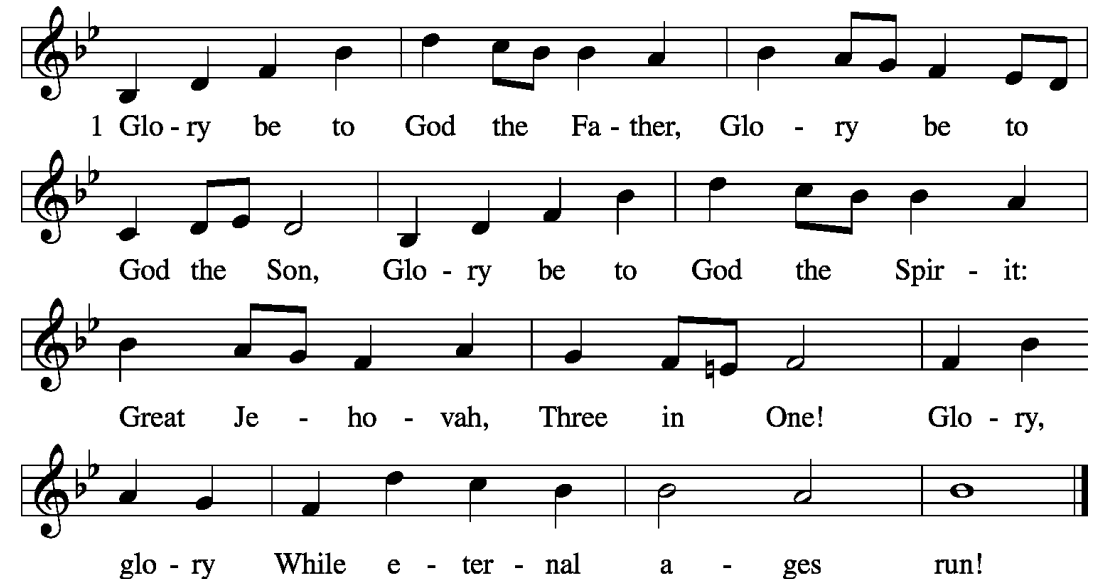
For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually

to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

### 506 Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506 v. 1



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.  
 The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.  
 The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,  
 but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;  
 one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe  
 that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.  
 He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in  
 time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human  
 flesh,

equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity;  
 and though He is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one not by  
 changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;  
 one indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;  
 for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,  
 so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
 and from there will come to judge the living and the dead...

This is the true Christian faith.

3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!

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