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July 16, 2017 † **Pentecost 6**

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 89:1-18 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

- ♪ 1 *To Your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.*
- 2 *I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.*
- 3 *While Your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.*
- 4 *While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.*

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- ♪ 5 ***While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.***
- 6 ***While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.***
- 7 ***From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."***

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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...

822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822 v. 4

4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all of your Word, the Holy Scriptures, to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear it, read it, learn from it, and apply it to our lives that we may embrace and always hold fast the blessed sure hope of everlasting life. 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.

C Amen.

First Reading

Romans 6:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)

P The second reading is from Hebrews 10:23-25.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923 v. 1

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Almighty Father, Bless the Word'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The music is simple and melodic, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

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Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 785 *We Praise You, O God*

LSB 785

Sermon: The True Beauty of the LORD's House

1. In What He Gives Us There 2. In What We Give in Return

Text: Psalm 84:1-4, 7-12 (NIV) (RESPONSIVE)

- P** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!
- C** **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

- P** Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
- C** **a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.**

- P** Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
- C** **they are ever praising you**

- P** They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- C** **Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.**

- P** Look upon our shield, O God;
- C** **look with favor on your anointed one.**

- P** Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

- P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
- C** the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
- A** O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

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.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn: "As the Deer" – Praise & Worship Folder #4

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.*

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.

Prayer Before the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

C Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation I come to Your altar.
Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may approach Your table in true faith
and receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of my sins and the
strengthening of my faith. Amen

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 v. 1



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.

Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be
for my soul the high - est good!

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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.

Prayer After the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

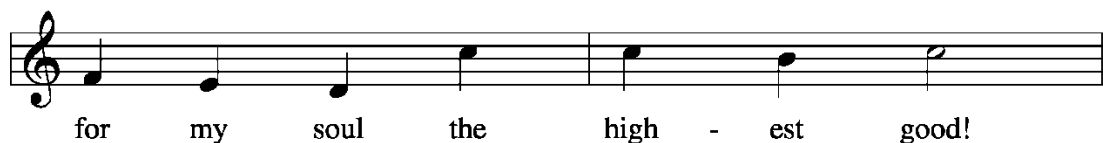
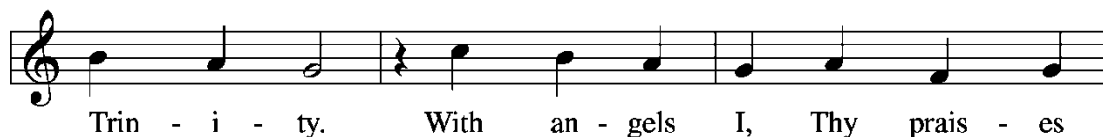
G O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Your faith and favor. As You live in me, let me also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!

The Thanksgiving

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 v. 5



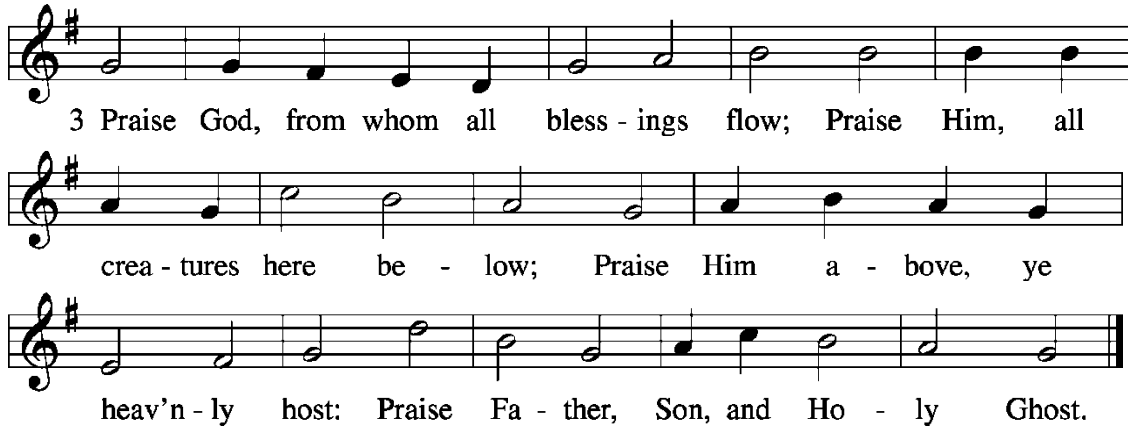
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- 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.

The Doxology

LSB 923 v. 3



3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Closing Hymn: 643 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

LSB 643

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **VBS Staff Meeting**

This Week: Wednesday – **Villa Fontana Service – 11am**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 8:45am**
7/23/17 **Worship – 10am**
VBS Teachers Meeting – 6pm

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Bible Class – 2pm

Coming Up: - **VBS – July 24th – 28th – 9am -11:30am (ages Pre-K – 8th Grade)**
- **Teacher Installation (Rebecca Lillo) / Church Picnic /**
Joint Worship Service w/ East Bay - Sun. July 30th

July Elder & Usher: Wayne Bliss (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)



VBS – July 24th – 28th – Ages 4-13 – Our VBS is fast approaching!

Registration is open and available online at our church or school websites (sslcwest.org or ssls.org), or you can fill out a registration sheet in the entryway. We'll be having a brief meeting for VBS staff and volunteers after the worship service TODAY (7/16). Our TVBS teaching team is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, July 22nd.

VBS / TVBS Donations – We have 3 young people from the TVBS program coming to help teach at our VBS this summer (2 high schoolers: Grace and Tim Meyer; 1 college student: Zach Sippert). As a “thank you” for their volunteer efforts we’d like to do some sightseeing and fun activities with them in the Bay Area in the afternoons and evenings while they are here. Plans include: redwood tour & beach day (Santa Cruz); Great America; Golden Gate Bridge & S.F. sights; and a few other local sights as time permits (Mt. View & Sunnyvale area). We also hope to send a donation to the CLC’s TVBS program to help fund their efforts. If you’d like to donate to the costs of the sightseeing for the teachers, or if you’d like to donate to the TVBS program, please mark your offering: “VBS/TVBS.” If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Luke.

Rebecca Lillo Teacher Installation / Joint Worship w/ East Bay / Church Picnic – July 30th -

We will be having the installation service for our new teacher, Rebecca Lillo, on **Sunday, July 30th**. We'll be having a “welcome meal” as part of our church picnic after the service as well. We'll be having the picnic here at the church & school facility for this special occasion. The Women's Auxiliary will be making the preparations for the church picnic. That Sunday will be a joint worship service with both St. Stephen congregations attending. Please make plans to come and join us!

CLC News – Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called Teacher Katie Naumann to teach grades 3-4. <> Teacher Ross Kok of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena, MN, has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ.

“Slice of Life in the CLC” Spokesman Article – St. Stephen – Mt. View –

The “A Slice of Life in the CLC” article for the October, 2017 *Lutheran Spokesman* has been assigned to us, and is due on **August 1st**.

We will plan to take a congregational picture (or two) after the worship service on July 30th (church picnic Sunday).

Please speak with Pastor Luke if you have any digital photographs, historical summaries, or other items that you think would be important to be included in this article. Thank you!