

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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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 25 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Opening Hymn: 590 *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy***

LSB 590

## 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...

## 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790 v. 1

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Merciful God, in Holy Baptism You washed away our iniquities and cleansed us from our sins. Do not cast us from Your presence, but restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Open our lips to declare Your praise that we may sing of Your righteousness for all eternity. 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

*Titus 3:4-7 (NIV)*

***<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.***

## Second Reading

*Romans 6:1-6 (NKJV)*

**P** The second reading is from Romans 6:1-6.

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

***<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> 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.***

**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 covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for congregational singing.

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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: 596 *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized***

*LSB 596*

**Sermon: Baptism Saves Us!**

1. Not By Our Act of Obedience
2. But By the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (NASB)**

**<sup>18</sup> For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; <sup>19</sup> in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, <sup>20</sup> who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. <sup>21</sup> Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.**

## Offertory

LSB 956

### 956 Create in Me

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: 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It***

TLH 594

## 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

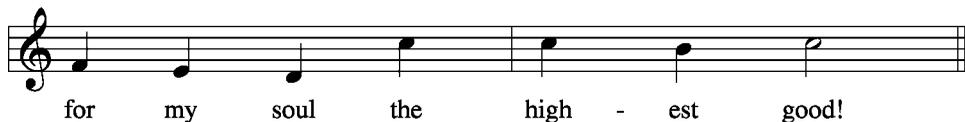
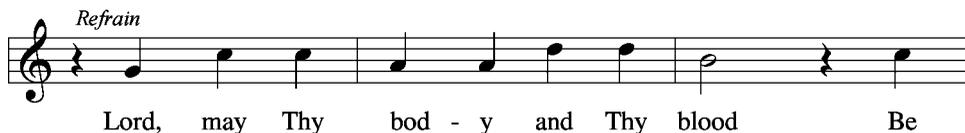
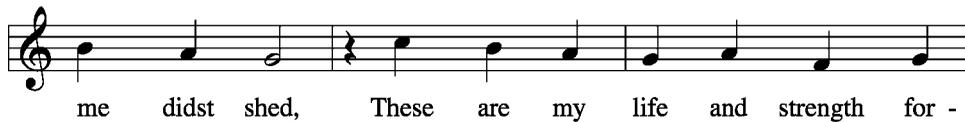
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Preparation

### 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 v. 1



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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

5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless-ed, ho-ly  
Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Thy prais-es  
tell-ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal-ly.

*Refrain*

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

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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  $\text{†}$  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: 548 *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

LSB 548

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Mon. – Fri. – **NO SCHOOL at SLS** (Teacher’s Conference in Mankato, MN)  
Monday – **Board of Missions Meeting – 7pm** (Meet at parsonage)  
Wednesday – **Pastor Leaves for Wisconsin** (Returns, Lord willing, Fri. 10/27)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **NO Bible Class**  
10/22/17 **Worship – 10am** (Liturgy – Paul Pelzl;  
Sermon – Chris Holt)  
**Choir Practice (Reformation) – 11am**

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

Coming Up: **Sunday – 10/29 - 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation –**  
**10am - Joint Worship - (West & East Bay)– Mt. View**  
**- Fellowship Meal & Presentation After Worship Service**

**October Elder & Usher:** Paul Pelzl (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)



**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation** – We will be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation with a joint reformation service with our West and East Bay congregations on **Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10am at St. Stephen in Mountain View.** We will have a fellowship meal and a Reformation-themed presentation after the worship service. Make plans to join us!



**In Your Mailbox** – CLC Coordinating Council (Fall) and CLC September Financial Report

**Devotion Books Have Arrived** – If you requested a devotion book by Mark Weis, please speak with Pastor Luke. A few extra copies are available as well.

**Pastor Out of Town** – I will be flying to Wisconsin on Wednesday to help my fiancé, Julia, pack up, say good-bye to family, and move out here to the Bay Area. Lord willing, we will be returning on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safe travels! If pastoral assistance is needed during that time, please call my cell phone **402-389-2147.**

**Baptisms this Week** – We rejoice to report that one of our students at St. Stephen Lutheran School, Oliver Herd, was baptized this past Wednesday (10/11) here at St. Stephen. In our worship service this afternoon at St. Stephen – East Bay in Hayward we will be baptizing Timothy & Sue Blanks new baby girl, Elizabeth (born October 6<sup>th</sup>). We thank the Lord for bringing and sealing these two young lambs into Jesus' family through the miracle of the Word and water in baptism!

***“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” – Galatians 3:26-27***

**North Bay Wildfire Relief Donations** – If you are looking for ways to donate and help our neighbors to the north who have been affected by the devastating wildfires here are a few resources with information, donation options, and some things to consider in order to send direct help to people in the Sonoma County / Napa Valley areas:

**Napa Valley Community Foundation (Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund) –**  
<http://www.napavalleycf.org>

**Alliance Redwoods (housing Cal Fire employees and families displaced by the fire) –**  
<https://allianceredwoods.cloverdonations.com/online donations/>

Things to consider if you choose to help (From the FAQs page of the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund):

- **At this time monetary donations are what are needed. Please visit <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/napafirerelief> to make a secure online donation.**
- **Clothing, food, and “in-kind” donations are not being accepted, due to the overwhelming amount that has been donated and needs to be distributed already.**
- **Volunteer help is not needed at this time either.**
- **Needs are developing, so they ask that people please check this website at <https://cvnl.org>**

† **Please, above all, continue to pray!**

***“In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength,  
And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people;  
Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.” – Psalm 62:7-8***

**Reformation Choir – Next Sunday – 11am & Thurs. 10/26 - 6:30pm at SSLC - Mt. View**

We are assembling a "Reformation Choir" to sing "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" for our upcoming 500th Anniversary of the Reformation worship service. If you are interested in joining us we will be meeting NEXT Sunday after the worship service, and on Thurs. 10/26 @ 6:30pm at St. Stephen - West (Mt. View).

**CLC News** - David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac, MI has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, to serve as co-pastor. <> The installation of Mark Weis as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD is planned for November 12 at 5:00 pm.