# 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.

⊕ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 96 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ⊕

**Opening Hymn: 850** God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

#### **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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** 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.

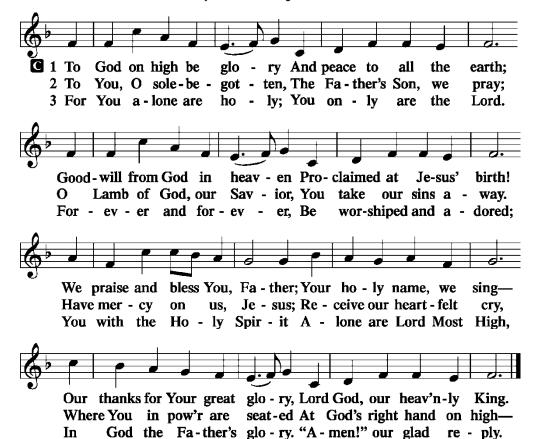
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.
- 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.



## Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P We pray:

Merciful and gracious Lord, You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## First Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# Second Reading - Romans 13:1-7 (ESV)

- **P** The second reading is from Romans 13:1-7.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### 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!"









**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,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

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: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LSB 851

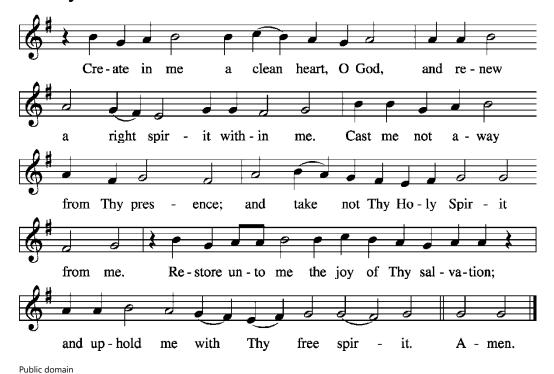
# **Sermon:** Words for Christian Citizens to Live By:

- Give to Caesar What is Caesar's
- 2. Give to God What is God's

## Text: Matthew 22:15-22 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. <sup>16</sup> And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. <sup>17</sup> "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> "Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

Offertory LSB 956



**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: 783 Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 783

## Service of the Sacrament

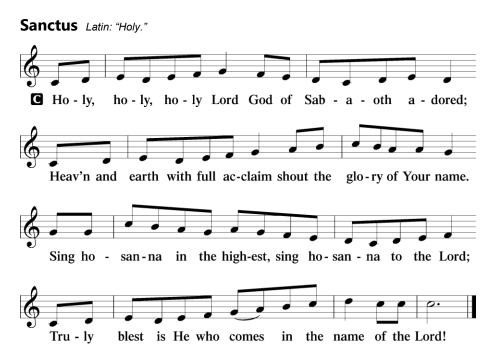
Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

LSB 208



#### **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

#### 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.

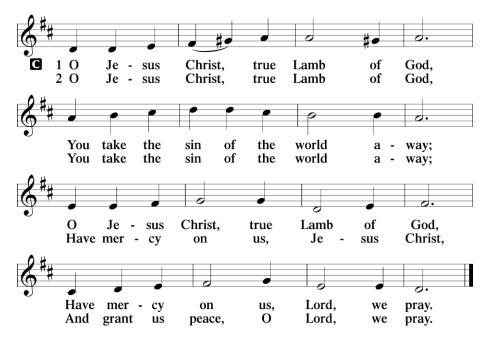
#### Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

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- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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



## 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.

Nunc Dimittis

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

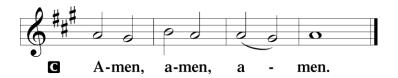


**Benediction** The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

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 H give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 788 (Worship Supplement) Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Week: Thursday – Choir Practice at SSLC – West (Mt. View) - 6:30pm

<u>Friday</u> – **NO School at SSLS** (Veteran's Day Observed)

**Board of Education Meeting** (Jordan Horrillo's Apt.) – **7pm** 

Next Sunday: St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am

11/12/17 Worship – **10**am

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

Voter's Meeting - 2pm

St. Stephen - South (Pastor Mike Gurath) (Corona, CA): Worship - 6pm

Coming Up: St. Stephen – West (Mt. View) Voter's Meeting – Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

**November Elder & Usher:** Scott Mueller (Elder) & Dan Gullerud (Usher)

In Your Mailbox - St. Stephen Financial Report - October

# "Evangelism Sunday" - Invite a Friend to Church - NEXT Sunday, November 12th -

In our continuing celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation we are having an "Evangelism Sunday" on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging everyone to personally invite both a member who may not have attended in a while and a "non-member" who may not know their Savior Jesus yet. Our worship service and Bible Study that Sunday will have evangelism themes as well. Please join us and invite others to join us as well!



<u>Voter's Meeting – Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – After Worship Service</u> – A reminder that we will be having our voter's meeting on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.**On the agenda for the meeting: Elections for 2018 and possible budget adjustments.

<u>Southern California Worship – Corona, CA - NEXT Sunday 11/12 – with Pastor Gurath</u> – We will be having our Southern California worship service **NEXT Sunday evening at 6pm** at the Spring Hill Suites in Corona, CA. Pastor Mike Gurath from Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ will be conducting the service.

<u>Don Drews Update</u> - I am happy to report that on Nov. 1st Don was released from the hospital after successful hip surgery and was moved to Mountain View Health Care Center (just south of El Camino Hospital on Grant Rd. in Mt. View). He is looking good and has started the process of rehabbing his repaired broken hip under the care and supervision of physical therapists, nurses, and doctors. We thank the Lord for his recovery so far and request prayers for continued good health and healing, as well as strength and comfort for his wife, Ida, and their family.

If you would like to send him a card, or stop by and visit (visiting hours are 11am-8pm. Visitors must check in at the front desk.) his address is:

Don Drews c /o Mountain View Healthcare Center 2530 Solace Place Mountain View, CA 94040 Tel: 650-961-6161

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases." – Psalm 103:2-3

God's blessings in Christ, Pastor Luke