

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 47 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 525 v. 1-3 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LSB 525 v. 1-3

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

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.

Confession and Absolution

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

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13

♪ Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13

**♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading – *Psalm 47 (Responsive)* (NKJV)

P Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

C **Shout to God with the voice of triumph!**

P For the LORD Most High *is* awesome;

C **He is a great King over all the earth.**

P He will subdue the peoples under us,

C **And the nations under our feet.**

P He will choose our inheritance for us,

C **The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.**

P God has gone up with a shout,

C **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

P Sing praises to God, sing praises!

C **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

P For God *is* the King of all the earth;

C **Sing praises with understanding.**

P God reigns over the nations;

C **God sits on His holy throne.**

P The princes of the people have gathered together,

C **The people of the God of Abraham.**

- P** For the shields of the earth *belong* to God;
C **He is greatly exalted.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:27-31 (NKJV)


- P** The Gospel reading is from Matthew 27:27-31.
C **Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

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!"

 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

W.S. p. 15

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Hymn of the Day: 540 *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

LSB 540

Sermon: The Crowns of Christ

Text: Hebrews 2:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hymn at Conclusion of Sermon: 525 v. 4-5 *Crown Him the Lord of Life*

♪ *Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.*

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 And renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Your presence,
 Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
 Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

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: 757 (Worship Supplement) **Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning** W.S. 757

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).*

[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.



[C] A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: “Look You Saints, the Sight is Glorious” *(Tune: “Guide Me”)*

- ♪ **1. Look, you saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!
 From the fight returned victorious, Every knee to Him shall bow.
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.**
- 2. Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
 On the seat of power enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.
 Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Savior King of kings.**

**3. Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame!**

**4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and Lord of lords!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Church Decorating (Lunch in the Fellowship Hall) – Following Worship**

This Week: Monday – (School Resumes at SSLS)

Memorial/Victory Service for Don Drews – 4pm

Tuesday – **Stockton Area Worship – Communion at Niblett's – 1:30pm**

Worship at Atria – 2:30pm

Wednesday – **Villa Fontana Worship Service – 11am**

Catechism Classes (via Skype) (Fossum) – 7pm

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

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Choir Practice – 9:40am (choir sings in worship service)

Worship w/ communion– 10am

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

Bible Class – 2pm

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

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

Christmas Decorating – TODAY – After Worship Service –

We will be decorating the church and putting up the Christmas Tree for the Advent and Christmas Season **TODAY** after the worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please make plans to join us if you are able!



Don Drews Memorial/Victory Service – Monday – 4pm at St. Stephen – West –

The Lord, in His grace and mercy, took Donald Drews to his heavenly home late Wednesday night. We will be having a memorial victory service for him on Monday at 4pm at St. Stephen - West in Mountain View. A reception at the Drews' home will be held after the service (1161 S. Mary Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94087).

We praise and thank the Lord for the blessed life He gave to Don, and we rejoice that he is free from pain and suffering and with his Savior in heaven. At the same time, Don will be dearly missed as a husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Please continue to keep Ida and the rest of the Drews family in your prayers.

CLC News – Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA, as co-pastor.

Food Donations for Christmas – We are collecting non-perishable food items to deliver to the Community Service Agency (CSA) in Mountain View for Christmas. There is a large box in the church entry marked "Food Drive."

Advent / Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Wed. Dec. 13th @ 7pm - Advent Worship / Christmas Carols & Cookies **(Mt. View)**

Christmas Eve – Sun. Dec. 24th –

10am (Mt. View) - Christmas Eve Worship & Children's Program

1pm (Hayward) - Christmas Eve Worship Service

Christmas Day – Mon. Dec. 25th –

11am (Hayward) - Christmas Day Worship **(NO Worship service in Mt. View)**

Wedding Service – Fri. Dec. 29th – Pastor Luke Bernthal & Julia Anderson

Noon (Mt. View) Refreshments following the wedding service

New Year's Eve – Sun. Dec. 31st – Pastor Mark Bernthal (guest preaching)

10am (Mt. View) NO Bible Class & **NO Worship in East Bay (Hayward)**