

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 67 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 702 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

LSB 702

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days. 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 67 (Responsive)(ESV)*

P May God be gracious to us and bless us

C and make his face to shine upon us,

P that your way may be known on earth,

C your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for you judge the peoples with equity

P and guide the nations upon earth.

C Let the peoples praise you, O God;

P let all the peoples praise you!

C The earth has yielded its increase;

P God, our God, shall bless us.

C God shall bless us;

A let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Gospel Reading

John 1:35-42 (NKJV)

P The Gospel reading is from John 1:35-42.

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

³⁵ *Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.* ³⁶ *And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"* ³⁷ *The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.* ³⁸ *Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"* ³⁹ *He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).* ⁴⁰ *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.* ⁴¹ *He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).* ⁴² *And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).*

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.*

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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: 384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

LSB 384

Sermon: Jesus Revealed - The Lamb of God

Text: John 1:29-34 (NKJV)

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹ "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." ³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

Offertory

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♪ *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: 547 *The Lamb*

LSB 547

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: 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Southern California Worship** (Corona, CA) – Pastor Michael Gurath – **6pm**

This Week: Monday – **NO School at SSLS** (MLK Day)

Tuesday – **Elders Meeting – 6:30pm / Church Council – 7pm**

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

Thursday – **Board of Education Meeting** (Ida Drews' residence) – **7pm**

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

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Worship w/ communion & baptism–10am

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

Bible Class – 2pm

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| January Elder & Usher: Wayne Bliss (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher) |
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Baptism for Clare Evangeline Hasulak – Next Sun. Jan. 21st – We rejoice to announce that Nick and Erin Hasulak's baby daughter, Clare Evangeline, will be baptized next Sunday, January 21st during our worship service.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
– Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

St. Stephen's Annual Voters' Meeting – Sunday, January 28th – Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Jan. 28th, at 11:15am** (after the worship service). For those who have reports to prepare for the meeting, please have your reports submitted to our secretary, Nick Hasulak, no later than next Sunday, January 21.