

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 62 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 914 *Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten*

LSB 914

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...

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394 v. 1



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us. 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

Isaiah 9:1-4 (ESV)

¹ *But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations [or, "Gentiles"].*

² *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.*

³ *You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

⁴ *For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

Second Reading

John 1:1-14 (NKJV)

P The second reading is from John 1:1-14.

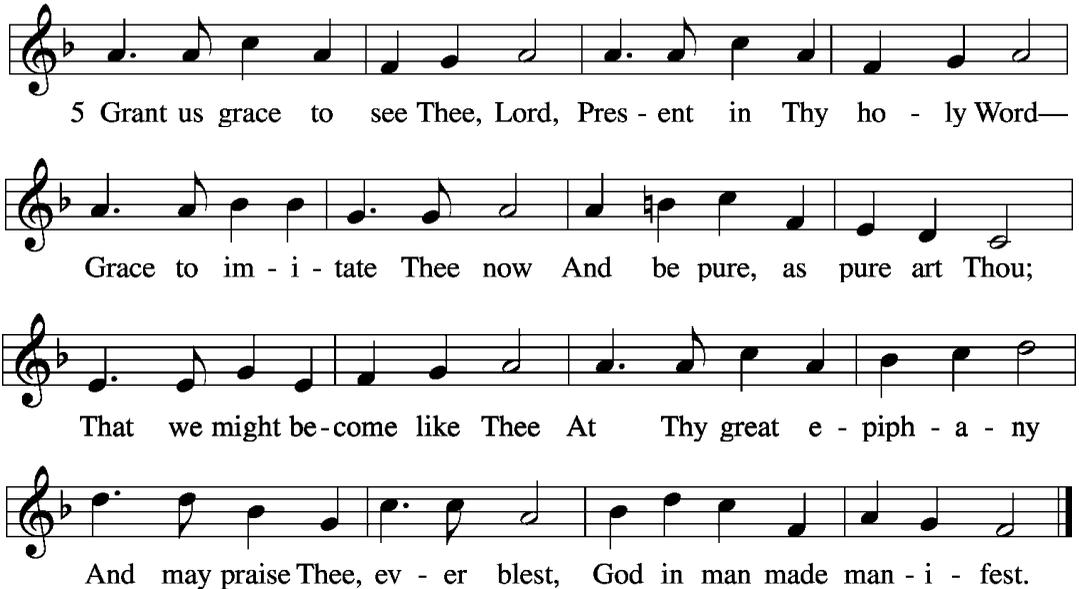
C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was in the beginning with God.* ³ *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* ⁴ *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.* ⁵ *And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.* ⁶ *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.* ⁷ *This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.* ⁸ *He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.* ⁹ *That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.* ¹⁰ *He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.*

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

“Grant Us Grace to See Thee, Lord” LSB 394 v. 5



5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Baptism of Clare Evangeline Hasulak

Born: December 29th, 2017

Reborn of Water and the Spirit: January 21st, 2018

Parents: Nick and Erin (Mahan) Hasulak

Sponsors: Megan & Charles Gandee



- ☐ 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.**

Sermon: Jesus Revealed – The Light of the World

Text: Matthew 4:12-17, 23 (NKJV)

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, *By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:* ¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"...²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

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.

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: "O Light of Gentile Nations"

Adapted from TLH 138

- ♪ **1. O Light of Gentile nations, O Savior from above,
Drawn by Your Spirit's leading, We come with joy and love
Into Your holy temple And wait with earnest mind
As Simeon had waited His God and Lord to find.**
- 2. Lord, be our Joy and Brightness, Our Cheer in pain and loss,
Our Sun in darkest terror, The Glory round our cross,
A Star for sinking spirits, A Beacon in distress,
Physician, Friend, in sickness, In death our Happiness.**
- 3. Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end,
So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend:
"O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in peace, I pray,
Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld His day."**
- 4. My Savior, I behold You With faith's enlightened eye;
No foe can rob me of You, His threats I can defy.
Within Your heart abiding, As You, O Lord, in me,
Death can no longer frighten Nor part my soul from Thee.**
- 5. Lord, when life's troubles touch us, You seem to hide Your face,
And through our tears we often Can scarcely sense Your grace.
But in the heavenly mansions Shall nothing dim our sight;
There we shall see Your glory In never-changing light.**

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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!

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 My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling

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).*

- ☐ 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: 873 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

LSB 873

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Wednesday – **Catechism Class (via Skype)** (Fossum) – **7pm**
Thursday – **Choir Practice** – **6:30pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
1/28/17 **Worship – 10am**
Voters' Annual Meeting – 11am

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

<p><u>January Elder & Usher:</u> Wayne Bliss (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)</p>

St. Stephen's Annual Voters' Meeting – NEXT Sunday, January 28th – Our annual meeting is scheduled for **NEXT 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 TODAY.

CLC News – Pastor Neal Radichel, of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, has accepted the call as co-pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN. Pastor Radichel is a former pastor here at St. Stephen – West. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they prepare for this move and transition.

