

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 6 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 435 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

LSB 435

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...

(tune of "The Doxology")

 **Lord Jesus Christ, You set us free—
Accept our thanks eternally!
Forgiven through Your precious blood,
We now are reconciled to God. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the promised land of heaven. 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.**

Scripture Reading

THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 2

(See booklet, "The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Four Gospels")

L Here ends our Passion History reading.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(tune of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - Adapted from TLH 325 v. 5-6)

♪ A broken heart, my God, my King, Is all the sacrifice I bring.

Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye

And save the soul condemned to die.

Oh, may Your love inspire my tongue Salvation shall be all my song;

And all my powers shall join to bless

The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness.

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Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

**C 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: 424 *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

LSB 424

Sermon: *Powerful Words – Powerful Passion – “I Find No Fault in Him”*

Text: John 18:28-38 (NKJV)

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. ²⁹ Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" ³⁰ They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." ³¹ Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," ³² that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. ³³ Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

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: 550 *Lamb of God*

LSB 550

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!

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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 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: 837 Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Mon.-Fri. – **No School – SSLS** (Winter Break)
Tuesday – **Elders – 6:30pm / Church Council – 7pm**
Wednesday – **Catechism Class (via Skype)** (Fossum) – **7pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
2/25/17 **Worship – 10am**

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm**
Church Council (Rescheduled) – 2pm

February Elder & Usher: Nick Hasulak (Elder) & BJ Lillo (Usher)

*The
Season
of
Lent*



May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during this season of Lent. Please continue to join us as we remember Christ's suffering and death for our sins in our Sunday morning services.

Please leave the booklets of the Passion History readings on the table in the church entry. We will be using them during the services throughout the season of Lent.

New Church Lighting – “Phase 1” of our sanctuary lighting is complete with the new lighting in the front/altar area of the sanctuary. We’d like your opinion on “Phase 2.” Please take a look at the catalog on the entryway table and give your opinions & suggestions for the new chandelier lights and wall sconces we’ll be ordering for the sanctuary. Please make your suggestions today as we will be discussing them and our lighting options at our Church Council meeting this **Tuesday, Feb. 20th**.



Church Directory – If you have not done so yet please check the directory pages on the entryway table and make sure your contact info is correct. Please make any corrections, additions, or subtractions by **NEXT Sunday, Feb. 25th**. Or you can email any corrections to Chris Holt (crholt@gmail.com), or Pastor Luke (lbernthal@live.com). We hope to get the new directories printed and distributed by the first Sunday in March. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

Mission Helper Trip Assistance Request –

From Katherine Reim, granddaughter of Pastor Rollin Reim:

Dear St. Stephen congregation,

God has graciously given me the opportunity to be a part of the 2018 Mission Helper Trip to East Africa. We will be conducting child evangelism programs along with the pastors of the Church of the Lutheran Confession of Tanzania, Kenya, and Zambia. I and the other volunteers will, God willing, have innumerable opportunities to spread the Gospel with children who may not have any other exposure to the Word of God. We will be travelling to various villages every day to teach Bible stories at churches affiliated with the CLC.

I am incredibly excited for this opportunity to spread God's Word overseas, but I am also in need of some assistance. Please pray for me and all of this year's volunteers as we prepare for and head out on the trip. This is a team project and the team includes all those who support this effort to carry out Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all nations."

I am also requesting any financial assistance you may be able to provide. Anything would be appreciated and used for the purpose of spreading God's Kingdom.

The cost for a volunteer to go on the trip this summer is estimated to be \$3000-\$3500. This includes airfare, food, lodging, travel costs, and any recommended vaccinations for travel to a developing country. The cost is broken down as follows:

- \$1700-\$1800 for airfare
- \$550 for food and lodging
- \$450 for in-country transportation
- \$200 for teaching and miscellaneous travel expenses
- \$80 for travel insurance
- \$120 for passport and passport photos
- \$100 for the visa fee, postage, and photos

A deposit for the cost of airfare will be due in early March. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this trip, please send any checks to:

Katherine Reim
S7850 Fox Pointe Trail
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Please remember me and this effort to spread the Gospel with others in your prayers.

In Christ,
Katherine Reim

CLC News – Teacher Andrew Roehl, Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call of teacher/principal from Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA.

