

# 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.

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† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 73 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Opening Hymn: 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary***

LSB 423

## 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,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

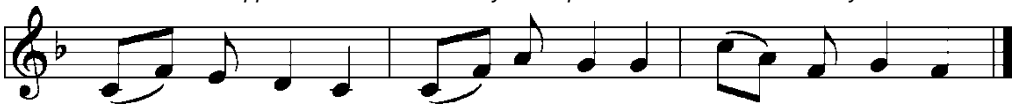
## Confession and Absolution

*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.
- G** **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.**
- P** 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.
- G** **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



**G** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** We pray:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may hurt our bodies and from all evil that may assault and hurt our souls. We pray this in Jesus' name, 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 3

(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.

## 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!"



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

LSB 207

**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 thence 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: 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

*LSB 425*

**Sermon: *Powerful Words – Powerful Passion –  
“By Our Law He Ought to Die!”***

**Text: John 18:39-19:7 (NKJV)**

[Pontius Pilate speaking:]<sup>39</sup> "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"<sup>40</sup> Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.<sup>19:1</sup> So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.<sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.<sup>3</sup> Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.<sup>4</sup> Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

## Offertory

LSB 956



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.*

**Sermon Hymn: 439 v. 1-5, 12, 15 O Dearest Jesus...**

LSB 439 v. 1-5, 12, 15

**Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests** *We bring our prayers to God.*

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 209

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

LSB 202

- 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.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **Closing Hymn: 611 *Chief of Sinners Though I Be***

LSB 611

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Tuesday – **Stockton Worship at Atria Assisted Living – 1:30pm**  
Wednesday – **Villa Fontana Worship Service – 11am**  
**Catechism Class (via Skype) (Fossum) – 7pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**  
3/4/18 **Worship – 10am**

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

Coming Up: **SSLS 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders @ CLC Grade School Basketball Tourney –**  
**Eau Claire, WI – March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** (Pastor out of town)

<b>February Elder &amp; Usher:</b> Nick Hasulak (Elder) & BJ Lillo (Usher)
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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during this season of Lent.**

**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.**

**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 **TODAY (Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>)**. Or you can email any corrections to Chris Holt ([crholt@gmail.com](mailto:crholt@gmail.com)), or Pastor Luke ([lbernthal@live.com](mailto:lbernthal@live.com)). We hope to get the new directories printed and distributed by next Sunday, if possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

**CLC Convention – June 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Eau Claire, WI - Delegates Needed!** – The CLC Convention is held every other year and will be held this summer from **Thurs. June 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun. June 24<sup>th</sup>** on the Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary campus in Eau Claire, WI. We are able to send 2 delegates from our congregation along with our pastor. Any voting member of our congregation is eligible to attend and represent our congregation. Questions? Please speak to Pastor Luke if are interested in serving your church and our church body as a delegate this summer.

### **CLC News** –

-From Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI:

The congregation has called Becky Buck to serve as a full-time teacher for grades 3-4, Valerie Hammett to serve as half-time teacher in the lower grades, and Jane Murch to serve as music teacher.

Pastor Caleb Schaller has returned the call to serve as pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI.

-St. John's Lutheran, Okabena, MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, to be principal and teacher at its school.

-Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has called member Heidi Nelson to the position of lower grade teacher.

### **Women's Gathering – Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane, WA – Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup>** –

A Women's Gathering at one of our CLC congregations in Spokane, WA is scheduled for Sat., April 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the poster in the church entryway.

**A WOMEN'S GATHERING**

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church**  
11315 E. Broadway Avenue  
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

**Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018**  
**Time: 8:30 a.m. to Evening**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 14, 2018**

Registration Fee: \$5.00 (pay that morning)  
8:30 a.m. - Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Opening and Introductions  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Bible Study  
**THEME: MOTHERS AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**  
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch  
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Presentations and Crafts  
4:00-7 p.m. - Geology Walk and Picnic Supper  
at Mirabeau Point Park  
Evening - Gathering with Friends and Wine Tasting  
(etc.) on the Back Patio

**To RSVP or Questions, Contact:**  
Patty Bischoff (509) 230-3576  
or email: [ilovevacations@live.com](mailto:ilovevacations@live.com)  
Are you interested in presenting a subject or sharing  
your talent by leading a class, or arts/crafts?  
Contact Patty!