

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 19 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 437 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

LSB 437

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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.
- C** **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.
- C** **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



C 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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with repentant hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word. 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 4

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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.

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 of the Day: 609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

LSB 609

Sermon: *Powerful Words – Powerful Passion – “I Am Not He!”*

Text: John 18:15-18; 25-27 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. ¹⁶ But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself...²⁵ Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" ²⁷ Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

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.*

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

Sermon Hymn: 427 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

LSB 427

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.*

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn, by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us...

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

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.

Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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: 452 O Perfect Life of Love

LSB 452

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Tuesday – **Choir Practice - 6:30pm**
Wednesday - **Catechism Class (via Skype)** (Fossum) – **7pm**
Fri. – Sun. – **CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament – Eau Claire, WI**
Saturday Night – ☀ **Daylight Savings Time – Turn Clocks Ahead 1 hour** ☀

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **No Bible Class** (Pastor out of town)
3/11/18 **Worship – 10am**

Conducting Worship: Scott Mueller (liturgy); Chris Holt (sermon)

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): **Worship – 1pm**
No Bible Class (Pastor out of town)

Conducting Worship: Timothy Blank

NO St. Stephen - South (Corona, CA): **Worship** – Resumes again April 8th

In Your Mailbox – St. Stephen Church Directory 2018

<p><u>March Elder & Usher:</u> Chris Holt (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)</p>
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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.

SSLS at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament this Week – 5 of our SSLS upper grade students will be traveling to Eau Claire, WI for the CLC Grade School Basketball tournament this weekend. We are combining our team with our CLC grade school in the Milwaukee, WI area: Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI. Pastor Luke (aka, “Coach Luke”), teacher Rebecca Lillo and her husband, BJ, will be chaperoning along with 2 other SSLS parents. The team will be flying to Wisconsin on Thursday and returning again on Sunday evening. Please pray for safe travel and for a time of fun and fellowship for our students and chaperones. The game schedule is as follows:

Friday @ 3:00PM PT vs. Columbia, SC

Saturday @ 9:00AM PT vs. Michigan United

Saturday @ 6:30PM PT vs. Okabena, MN

You can watch the live-streaming of the games here: www.ilc.edu/tv

For more info about these tournaments, please visit: <http://clclutheran.net/events-2/youth-young-adult-events/tourney/>

Because of Pastor’s absence, both St. Stephen – West and East Bay will have lay-led services next Sunday.

New Church Directory – The new church directory is in your mailbox. There are extra copies on the table in the entryway next to the guest book.

CLC News - Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, has extended the call to teacher Collette Krause as full time teacher/principal for grades K-8. <> St. John’s Lutheran, Clarkston, WA, has called Brian Fox, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, and supervisor at the boys’ dorm at ILC, as teacher/principal at Valley Bible Academy.

CLC Convention – June 21st – 24th – Eau Claire, WI - Delegates Needed! – The CLC Convention is held every other year and will be held this summer from **Thurs. June 21st – Sun. June 24th** 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.

Women’s Retreat Opportunities

Women’s Gathering – Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane, WA – Sat. April 28th –

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

Midwest Christian Women’s Retreat – Winona, MN - sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held **April 20-22, 2018**, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year’s theme is: "That Your Joy may be Full!"

Our Joy is Full:

- When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with God
- When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with each other
- Even in the midst of tribulation
- When we show joy in our service
- When we rejoice in Jesus
- With the certainty of eternity

Registration is open 2/1/18 - 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. There is also a poster on our bulletin board with more information.



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-? 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:
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Are you interested in presenting a subject or sharing your talent by leading a class, or arts/crafts?
Contact Patty!