

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 38 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 433 *Glory Be to Jesus*

LSB 433

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.**

Holy Week & Easter Schedule – Holy Week and Easter are coming up soon. Here is the worship service schedule for this year:

Good Friday w/ communion (3/30) – St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward) – 1pm
St. Stephen – West (Mountain View) – 7pm

Easter Sunday (4/1) – Joint Parish Easter Worship in Mt. View – 10am
Easter Brunch – 11am

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!"

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Tuesday – 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting (Horrrillo residence) – 7pm
Wednesday - Catechism Class (via Skype) (Fossum) – 7pm
Thursday – Choir Practice (Mt. View) – 6:30pm

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

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

March Elder & Usher: Chris Holt (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)

Thank You! – to Scott Mueller and Chris Holt for conducting our worship service this morning. Pastor Luke will be returning, Lord willing, with our upper grade students from SSLS this evening from the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI.

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 - Heidi Nelson, Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has accepted the call to teach lower grades at its school. <> Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan, WI.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may gratefully acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. 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.

Scripture Reading

THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 4

(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!"

♪ 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: 560 *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed* LSB 560

Sermon: *Powerful Words – Powerful Passion –
“Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”*

Text: John 19:6-16 (NKJV)

⁶ 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." ⁷ 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." ⁸ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, ⁹ and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" ¹¹ Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." ¹³ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" ¹⁶ Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

Offertory

*♪ 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: 420 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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).*

- 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: 422 *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*