

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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**March 18, 2018 † Lent 5**



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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 143 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Opening Hymn: 615 *When in the Hour of Deepest Need***

LSB 615

## 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.

**G** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

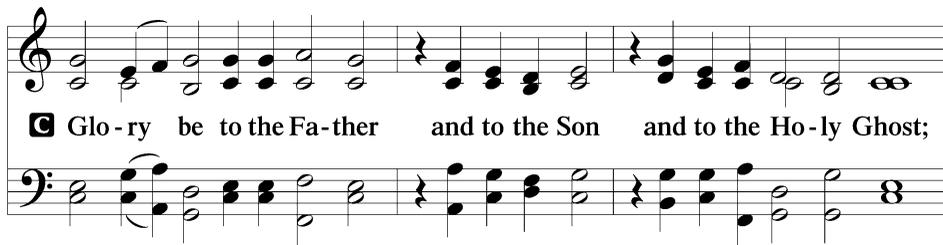
**C** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

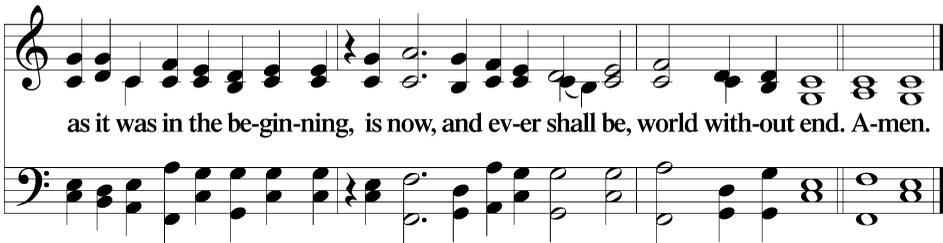
**C** Amen.

**Gloria Patri** *Latin for "Glory to the Father."*

LSB 186



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Salutation (“Greeting”) and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** We pray:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved always in both body and soul. 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 6

(See booklet, “The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Four Gospels” – p. 9)

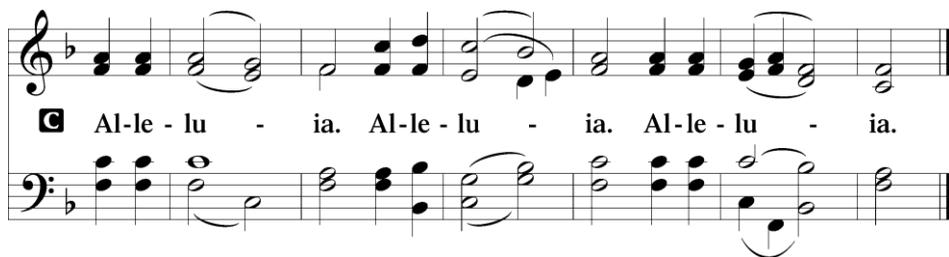
**L** Here ends our Passion History reading.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Alleluia

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.

## Choir Song: “Come, Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus”

**☩ 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: 432 *In Silent Pain the Eternal Son***

LSB 432

**Sermon: *Powerful Words – Powerful Passion*  
“Truly this Was the Son of God!”**

**Text: Matthew 27:50-56 (NKJV)**

<sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

<sup>51</sup> Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, <sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup> So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup> And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

**Offertory**

LSB 192

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.*

**Sermon Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

LSB 451

## 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.*

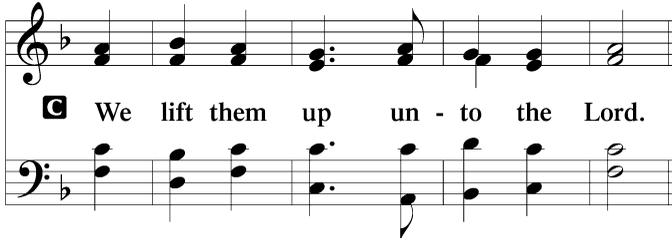
**Preface**

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

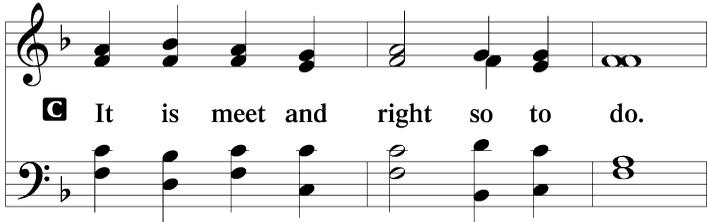
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

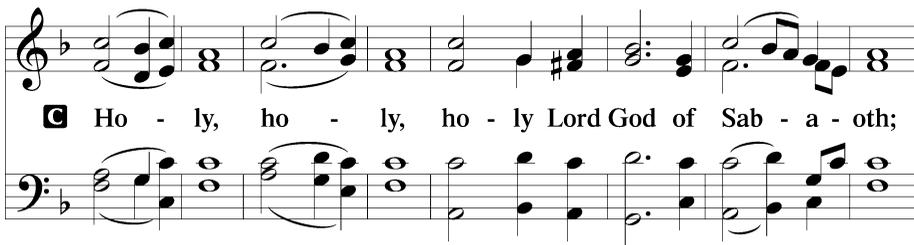


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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 195



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

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Musical notation for the beginning of the piece. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'A', followed by the lyrics 'A - men.' The melody is simple, with a long note on 'A' and a shorter note on 'men.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of chords and notes, with a long note on 'O' and a shorter note on 'Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## 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 199

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

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

**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: 453 v. 1, 5-7 Upon the Cross Extended**

LSB 453

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Week: Tuesday – **Catechism Class (via Skype)** (Fossum) – **1pm**  
Thursday – **Elders Meeting – 6:30pm / Church Council – 7pm**  
Friday – **Board of Education** (meet at parsonage) – **7pm**

Next Sunday: *Palm Sunday*

3/25/18 **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**  
**Worship – 10am**

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

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

**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**

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** – In grateful thanks and praise to the Lord for His grace, our congregation is planning a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this summer on **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**. All are invited to attend. The itinerary for the day is as follows:



**Theme: “50 Years of Lifting High the Cross”**

- ✝ **10am - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship service**  
(Guest Preachers: Pastor Bruce Naumann & Pastor Neal Radichel)
- ✝ **Noon - Meal & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentations**  
at the Historic Adobe Building in Mt. View.

We hope to see you there!

In Christ,

The St. Stephen 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

PS – Below is a link to St. Stephen’s Facebook page. We encourage everyone to invite friends that might be interested in attending or sending a letter of memories from their time here at St Stephen: <https://www.facebook.com/events/127203087945876/>

**CLC News** – Pastor David Schierenbeck, of Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced his plan to retire from the ministry and from his call to Berea at the end of June. <> Collette Krause has accepted the call to be principal and K-8 teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

**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!"

The Winona Ladies Retreat is waiting for your registration! If you are planning on attending, please let us know, asap. We will be making final arrangements for food and retreat meeting rooms in a couple of week.

If you are planning to attend, please go to our website, <http://LadiesRetreat.CLClutheran.net> and follow the path to the Winona Spring Retreat Registration. **Registration is open until Fri. of this week 3/23/18.** The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found on the website. There is also a poster on our bulletin board with more information.

**SSLS Basketball Tournament Recap** – The SSLS "Quakes" sent five of their upper graders to Eau Claire, WI last weekend to play in the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament. Below is a team photo of the "Ram-Quakes," our joint basketball team with Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI. We won our first game, lost the second by only 3 points (a very close and exciting game), and lost the third game by 10 points. Our team played very well and were exemplary teammates and good sports. Our SSLS students all had lots of fun playing basketball, sledding in the snow, eating some Wisconsin "delicacies," doing some sightseeing, and making new friends with their teammates from Messiah, Hales Corners, WI, and other school children in the CLC. Way to go Ramquakes! A big thank you to all involved in making this trip happen for our basketball team.



**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.

## 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](mailto:ilovevacations@live.com)

Are you interested in presenting a subject or sharing  
your talent by leading a class, or arts/crafts?

Contact Patty!