

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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**April 15, 2018 † Easter 3**



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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 118 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Opening Hymn: 816 *From All that Dwell Below the Skies***

LSB 816

## 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...

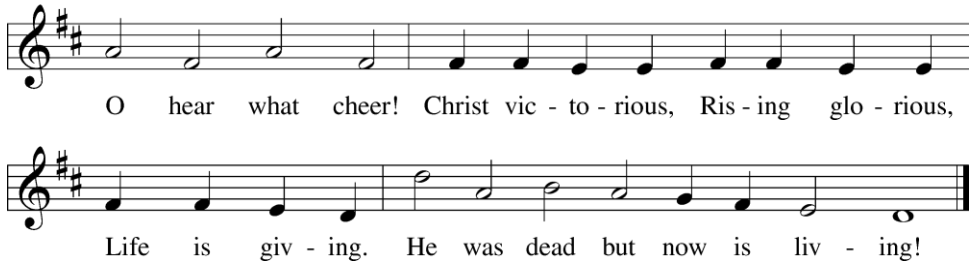
**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

**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...

#### 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Give to Your faithful people perpetual gladness and eternal joys. 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.

**G** Amen.

## First Reading

**Luke 22:31-34, 54-62 (NJKV)**

***<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." <sup>33</sup> But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup> Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."... <sup>54</sup> Having arrested Him [Jesus], they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." <sup>58</sup> And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup> Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." <sup>62</sup> So Peter went out and wept bitterly.***

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:21-25 (NIV)

**P** The second reading is from 1 Peter 2:21-25.

**C** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

*<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

## 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923 v. 1

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!

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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 of the Day: 549 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

*LSB 549*

## **Sermon: Unfinished Business**

**Text: John 21:1-19**

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." <sup>6</sup> And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not

able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. <sup>9</sup> Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" -- knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. <sup>14</sup> This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." <sup>18</sup> "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish." <sup>19</sup> This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

## 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.*

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sermon Hymn: 485 *Long Before the World is Waking***

LSB 485

## 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*

**☞ 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**

**☞** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**☞ 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!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G-clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is for the first line of lyrics. The second line of music is for the second line of lyrics. The third line of music is for the third line of lyrics. The fourth line of music is for the first line of the refrain. The fifth line of music is for the second line of the refrain. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a hymn book.

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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

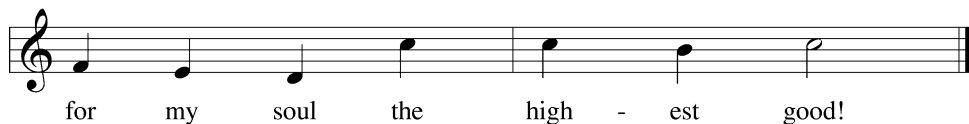
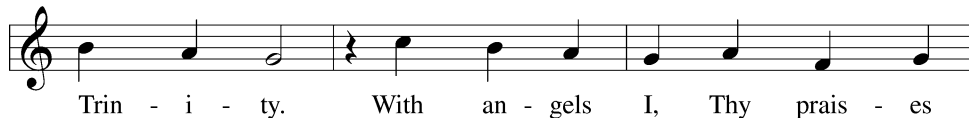
**G** O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Your faith and favor. As You live in me, let me also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!

## The Thanksgiving

### 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 v., 5



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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 805

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. A - men.

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## Closing Hymn: 740 *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

LSB 740

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Monday – **School Resumes at SSLS**  
Tuesday – **Board of Missions Meeting – 7pm** (Fellowship Hall)  
Wednesday – **Villa Fontana Service – 11am** (Note change in schedule for April)  
**Catechism Classes (via Skype)** (Fossum) – **7pm**  
Thursday – **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting – 7pm** (Drews' residence)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**  
4/22/17 **Worship – 10am**

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

**Coming Up:** - Spring Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference – Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA  
Tues. April 24<sup>th</sup> – Thurs. April 26th  
- Stockton Area Worship Moved to **Tues. May 1st @ 2pm**

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| <p><b><u>April Elder &amp; Usher:</u></b> Paul Pelzl (Elder) &amp; Brenton Horillo (Usher)</p> |
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**CLC News** - Professor Paul Schaller, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement from the fulltime public ministry effective at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. <> Valerie Hammett has accepted the lower grade part time teacher call issued to her by Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. <> Amy Mielke has accepted Messiah's full time 3-4 grade teacher call. <> Jane Murch and Valerie Hammett have returned their music teacher calls. Messiah's voters have now called Lisa Noeldner to this position. <> Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Hts, MN, has called Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Mathew Lutheran, Dallas, TX, to be its next pastor. He now holds two calls in addition to his present call, having also been chosen by the voters of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI <> Teacher Andrew Roehl, Altoona, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI. <> Professor Steven Sippert has accepted the call to serve as ILC President for the next two years. <> The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the one graduate from the ILC teaching program, Michaela Winters, to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI.

**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.

**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.

**Arise and Shine (20's & 30's Retreat) - June 14th-17th - Pillager, MN**

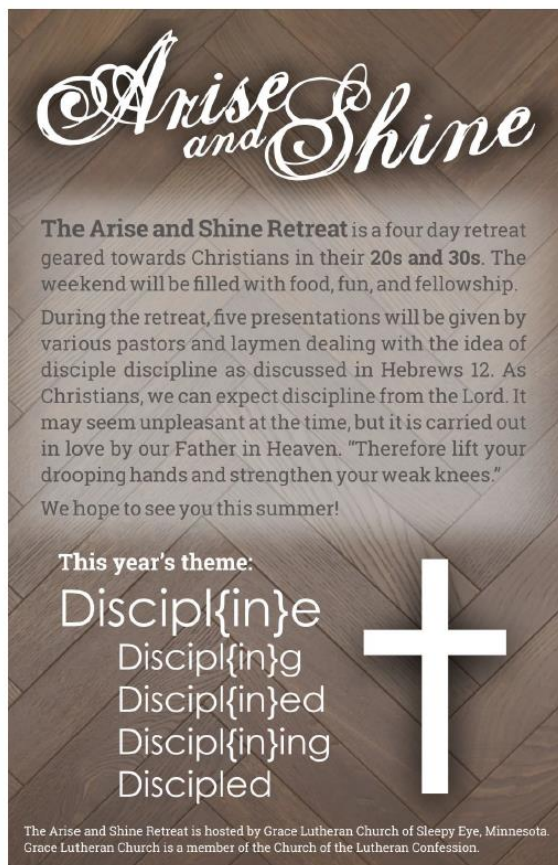


For more information and to register, visit our website today!  
**[www.ariseandshineretreat.com](http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com)**

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| <br>Thursday-Sunday<br><b>June 14-17</b><br>2018  | <br><b>Camp Jim</b><br>1026 Camp Jim Rd SW<br>Pillager, MN |
| <br>\$140 for adults<br>\$100 for children 0-11 | <br><b>The Arise and Shine Retreat</b>                   |

Further Questions? Contact a retreat director!

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**The Arise and Shine Retreat** is a four day retreat geared towards Christians in their **20s and 30s**. The weekend will be filled with food, fun, and fellowship.

During the retreat, five presentations will be given by various pastors and laymen dealing with the idea of disciple discipline as discussed in Hebrews 12. As Christians, we can expect discipline from the Lord. It may seem unpleasant at the time, but it is carried out in love by our Father in Heaven. "Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees."

We hope to see you this summer!

**This year's theme:**  
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The Arise and Shine Retreat is hosted by Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession.