

# ***St. Stephen Lutheran Church***

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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 103 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✝

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.  
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:**

**<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>**

# Opening Hymn: 578 *Thy Strong Word* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

**5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

**△ 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

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## **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 we stand in awe of You.**

**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.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

LSB 204



**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 - shipped 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 Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may always be defended by Your mighty power. 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.

## First Reading

## Psalm 103 (RESPONSIVE – selected verses) (ESV)

**P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**C** and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**C** and forget not all his benefits,

**P** who forgives all your iniquity,

**C** who heals all your diseases,

**P** who redeems your life from the pit,

**C** who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**P** who satisfies you with good

**C** so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**P** The LORD works righteousness

**C** and justice for all who are oppressed.

**P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P** He will not always chide,

**C** nor will he keep his anger forever.

**P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**C** so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**P** as far as the east is from the west,

**C** so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**P** As a father shows compassion to his children,

**C** so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**P** Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**C** Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Mark 1:29-34 (NKJV)*

**P** The second reading is from Mark 1:29-34.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*<sup>29</sup> Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. <sup>32</sup> At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were*

*demon-possessed.* <sup>33</sup> *And the whole city was gathered together at the door.* <sup>34</sup> *Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.*

**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!”*



## 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: 551 *When to Our World the Savior Came*

LSB 551



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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## **Sermon Text: Mark 1:35-39 (NKJV)**

<sup>35</sup> Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. <sup>37</sup> When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." <sup>38</sup> But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." <sup>39</sup> And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

## **Sermon Theme: What Does this Text REVEAL About Jesus? – His Purpose**

### **It REVEALS...**

- † 1) ... that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- † 2) ... that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ !
- † 3) ... most importantly, that Jesus' purpose was to \_\_\_\_\_.

## **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.

**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: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## 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 up to the Lord.

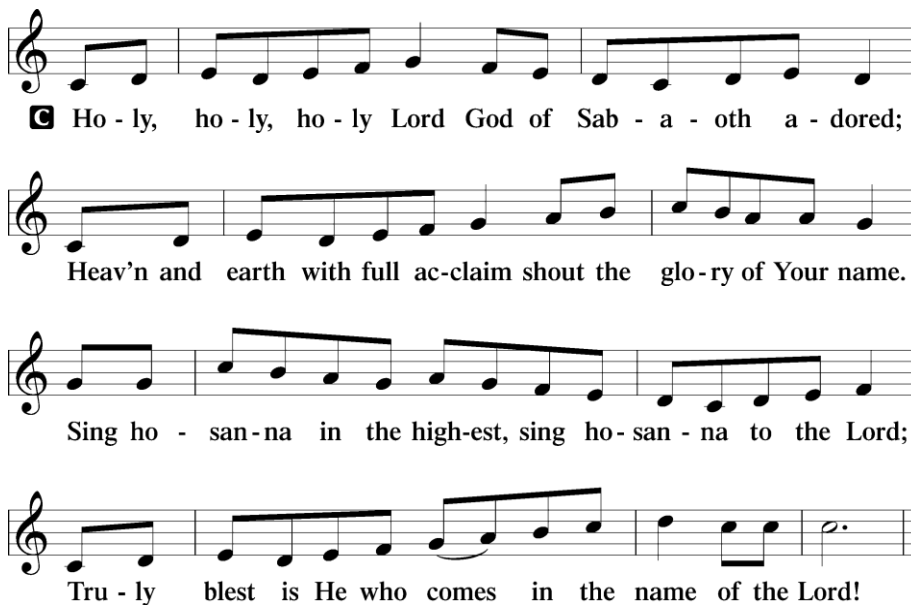
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. 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

- C** 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 209

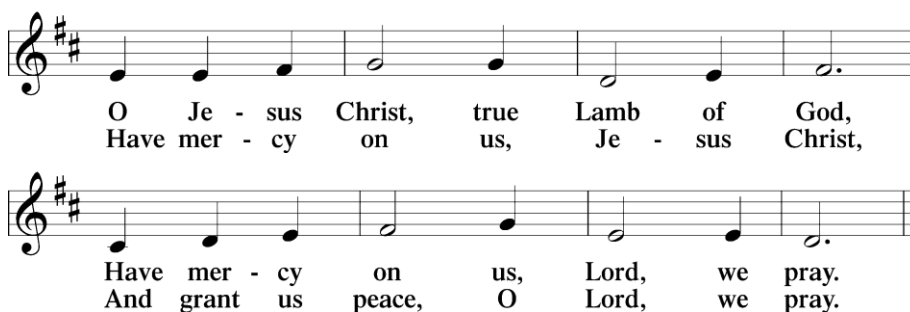
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## 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;



## The Distribution

- ✝ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our usher.

*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. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. 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).

- 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.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **Closing Hymn: 846 *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old*** (please stand for last verse)



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
 And now, O Lord, be near, to bless,  
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
 beds of pain, As by Gen - es - 'ret's shore.  
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**  
**Worship w/ Communion– 10am**  
**Women’s Auxiliary – 11:15am**

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

This Week: Saturday – **Work Day: Painting and prep work** (fellowship hall) – **8am**  
(Mt. View)

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**In Your Mailbox** – St. Stephen Church Calendar – *February*

*“Daily Rest”* Daily Devotional

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (VAL) Invitation – Tuesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you!** – to all who helped with our workday yesterday. We had a good-sized and hard-working crew and got a lot accomplished in the church entryway and fellowship hall. Your willing service is greatly appreciated! We will be working on more painting and prep work before the flooring is installed (Mon., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>) over the next two weekends. Please come and join us if you are able!



**Please Pardon Our Dust – Interior Remodel in Progress** – Please watch your step around the church facility and please pardon our construction work while we are in the midst of re-painting and remodeling over the month of February. It’s gonna look worse at times before it looks better!

**CLC News** - Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WI, *has returned* the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. < > Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, *has accepted* the call to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI < > Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ *has returned* the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynwood, WA.