

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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June 4, 2023 ✝ Trinity Sunday

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.

✝ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 150 (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: 506 *Glory Be to God the Father*

LSB 506

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89 Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919 Text and tune: Public domain

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...

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507 v. 1

I Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76
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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and to confess and worship you, the one true God.

Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5; 26-27; 31; 2:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day...²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them...³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Gospel Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (NKJV)

P The Gospel reading is from 2 Corinthians 13:11-14.

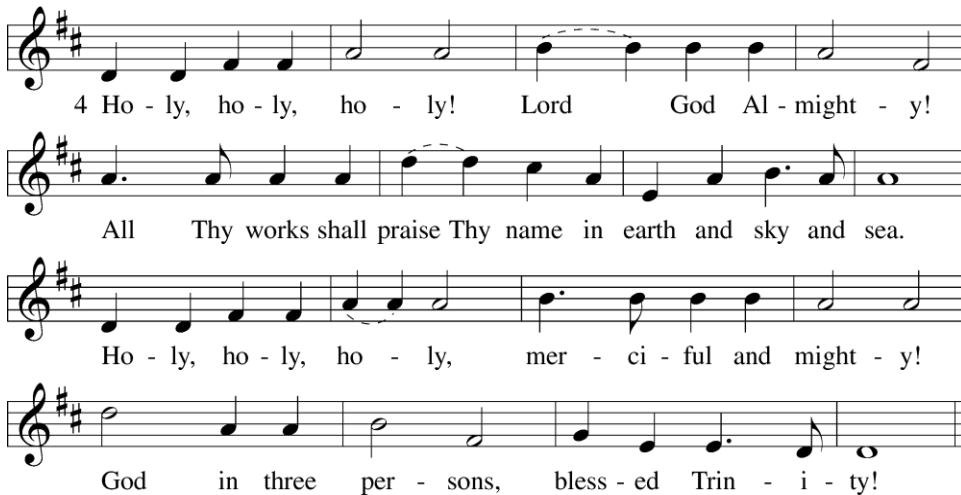
G Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507 v. 4



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Athanasian Creed (Selected sections - with Hymn 905 LSB)

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a confession of our faith in the one, true, Triune God.

C Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

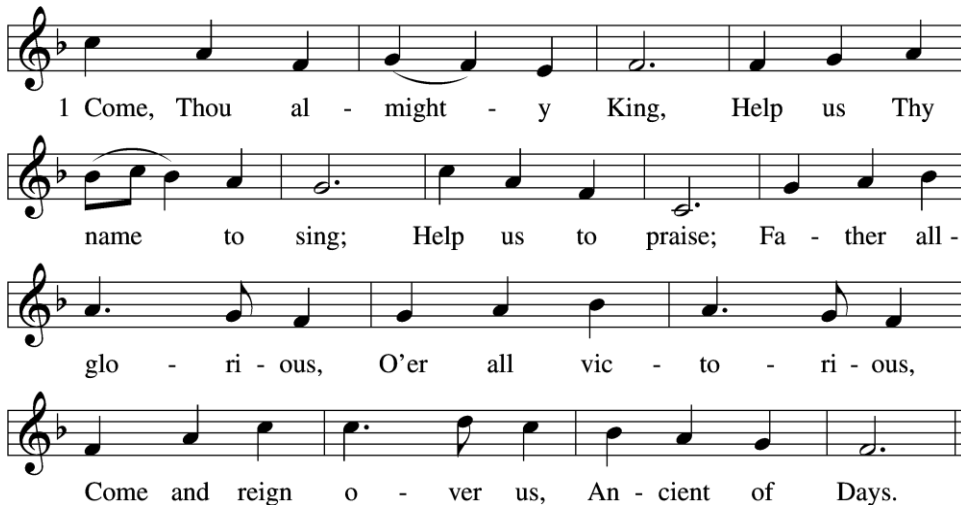
So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually
to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905 v. 1



Text: English, before 1760, alt.
Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96
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The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

“Come, Thou Incarnate Word”

LSB 905 v. 2



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Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96
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**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe
that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.**

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is both God and man.
He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in
time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human
flesh,**

**equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity;
and though He is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one not by**

changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
one indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,
so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

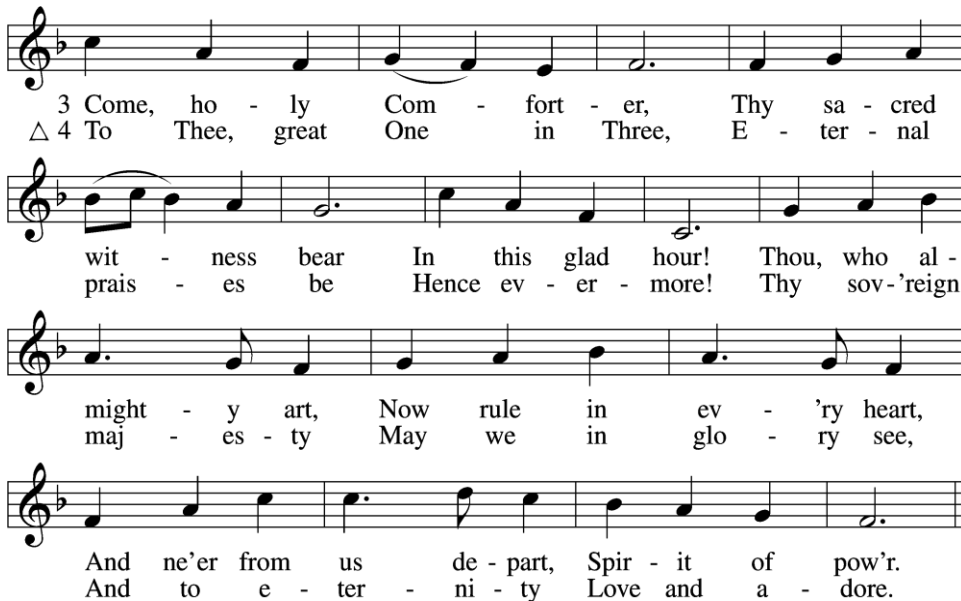
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
and from there will come to judge the living and the dead...

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

"Come, Holy Comforter" *(please stand for last verse)*

LSB 905 v. 3-4



3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been

given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Sermon Theme: "I Believe..."

- 1. In God the Father...**
- 2. In God the Son...**
- 3. In God the Holy Spirit...**

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.*
(† *If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway.* †)

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

Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

Sermon Hymn: 953 ***We All Believe in One True God***

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen
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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.*

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

C 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

"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!

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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

C 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

"My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling"

LSB 619 v. 5

5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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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.

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: 798 (Worship Supplement) ***God, We Praise You***

W.S. 798

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am

Worship w/ Communion– 10am

Voter's Teacher Call Meeting – 11am

Brief Choir Practice for Graduation Sun. - 11:20am

Women's Auxiliary – 11:30am

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

This Week: Wednesday – **SSLS Family Fun Night/School Play – 6:30pm**
Thursday – **Last Day of School Year at SSLS**
Board of Education Meeting (Mt. View) (Zoom) – 6pm
Saturday – **SSLS School Clean Up Day – 9am – 12noon**

Next Sunday: *Graduation Sunday*
6/11/23 **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Worship – 10am**
Cake Reception for Graduates – 11am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm

St. Stephen – South (Ontario): Worship and Bible Study-6:30pm

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

Voter's Teacher Call Meeting – Today – Sunday, June 4th @ 11am – Because of a generous donation of \$75,000 given to SSLS the Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, May 25th to discuss the potential use of the donation, including the possibility of calling a 2nd teacher to teach kindergarten next school year. As a result of the meeting, the Board of Education has recommended extending a part-time call to teach kindergarten, and potentially lower grades, to Isaac Schmitt (who will be marrying our current teacher, Mikkela Hammond, on July 4th). The Church Council also met this past Wednesday, May 31st and have also recommended that we call Isaac Schmidt as a part-time teacher at SSLS.

In the event that we do, in fact, call Isaac, and should he accept the call, Mikkela Hammond, in light of her upcoming marriage to Isaac and in consideration of the Bible's headship principle, has requested to relinquish being principal. Both the Board of Education and the Church Council have recommended that the congregation call Pastor Luke Bernthal as principal at St. Stephen Lutheran School.

The voters of the congregation are asked to meet for **a call meeting today, Sunday, June 4th after the worship service**. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend.

SSLS Family Fun Night / School Play – Wednesday, June 7th @ 6:30pm – You are invited to join us for our SSLS Family Fun Night this **Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30pm**. The students will be performing their school play for this year—a funny and unique twist on some of your favorite fairy tale characters!

Graduation Sunday with Cake Reception Afterwards – Next Sunday, June 11th @ 10am



Our three eight grade students will be graduating from SSLS this week. We will be having our graduation worship service next **Sunday (6/11) at 10am** with a cake reception to follow. Congratulations Rachel, Akhil, and Serena!

Southern California Worship and Bible Study – NEXT Sun. 6/11 @ 6:30pm

Our Southern California Worship Service and Bible Study will be held **NEXT Sunday, June 11th @ 6:30pm**. We will be meeting in the conference room at Kevin Fossum's workplace. The location is near the Ontario airport. Here is the address and parking info:

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Voter's Meeting – Annual Budget Meeting – Sunday, June 18th – 11am – Our annual financial voter's meeting is **Sunday, June 18th** after our worship service. We will be setting the budgets for both our church and school. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions - If you are interested in renewing or starting a new subscription to the Lutheran Spokesman devotional magazine please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway. Please sign up by **June 25th** to receive the reduced congregational subscription rate of only **\$14 per year**. Please mark your offering "Lutheran Spokesman." Please speak with Pastor Luke for more info.

Daily Rest Subscription Renewal – Our congregation provides each family with a subscription to the *Daily Rest* daily devotions. If you would like an additional subscription for yourself or someone else, please speak with Pastor Luke. Subscriptions are **\$15 per year**.

CLC News - Pastor Sam Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX *has returned the call* to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. Calvary Lutheran *has now called* Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX *has returned the call* to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.