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June 18, 2023 ✝ Pentecost 3 (Father's Day)

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 119:1-18 (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.sslctest.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn: 504 *Father Most Holy*

LSB 504



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good-ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea-tures praise Thee; All for Thy
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin, c. 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Tune: Antiphoner, 1681, Paris
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THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(TLH, p. 5)

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (TLH, p. 6)




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.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (TLH, p. 7)




Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



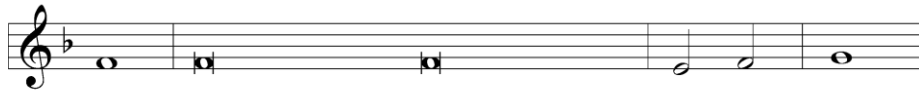
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

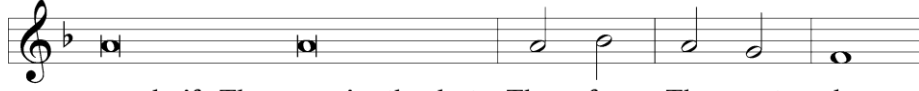
In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice In our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. (TLH, p. 7)



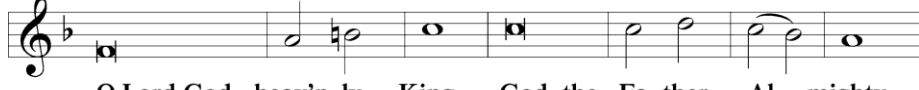
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



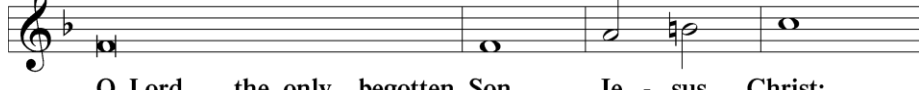
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



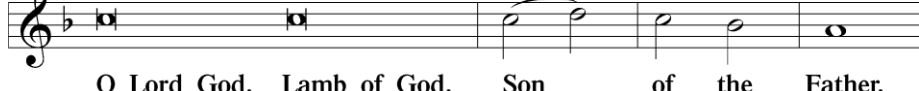
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



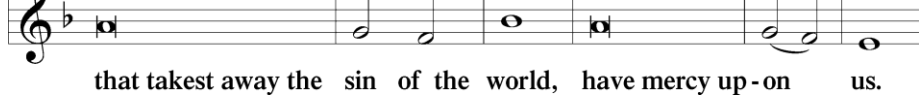
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

- P** We pray:
- Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation. 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 READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading

Hebrews 12:5-13 (EHV)

⁵ *Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons?*

*My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly,
and do not become weary of his correction.*

⁶ *For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves,
and he corrects every son he accepts.*

⁷ *Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him?* ⁸ *If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons.* ⁹ *In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live?* ¹⁰ *They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness.* ¹¹ *No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.*

¹² *Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees,* ¹³ *and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.*

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Hallelujah!"—meaning "Praise the Lord!"

P Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Allelujah!



P The Gospel reading is from Matthew 6:5-13.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Second Reading

Matthew 6:5-13 (NKJV)

⁵ " *And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.* ⁶ " *But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.* ⁷ " *And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.* ⁸ " *Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.* ⁹ " *In this manner, therefore, pray:*

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread.*

¹² *And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

¹³ *And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.*
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

P Here ends our Gospel reading.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

TLH p. 12

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

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: 760 *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

LSB 760

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm

I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly

To Him, then, I will yield me.
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
My life to Him com - mend - ing.
That He has loved me dear - ly.

**5 *What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.***

**6 *What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.***

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Severus Gastorius, 1646–82, alt.
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Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:4 (EHV)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Sermon Theme: God’s “To Do” List for Dads

1) Do Not Provoke to Anger



2) Provide Nurture



3) Train and Instruct



THE OFFERTORY

(TLH, p. 12-13)



C 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.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, 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. †)

Sermon Hymn: "O Christ, To Our Dear Fathers Give" *tune of LSB 717*

- 1. O Christ, to our dear fathers give A living faith, and make them live
As men who boldly fill the breach In all they do and think and teach.
Fill them with love for us and You; Uphold them in the work they do.***
- 2. Give them a humble spirit, Lord, That gladly they obey Your Word.
Let none but You their Master be In whom is found true liberty.
Cause them to seek Your face each day And for their children often pray.***

**3. In all their sins cause them to flee To You, whose blood can set them free.
When sorrow weighs their spirits down, Revive them by Your Gospel's sound.
When anxious thoughts swell in their hearts, Salvation's joy to them impart.**

**4. In them may we, their children, see The Father's heart; and so may we
Love them and e'er obey their word As unto You, our Living Lord.
As they direct our steps to You, Lord, bless the work they're giv'n to do.**

Text: Pastor Frank Gantt
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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.**

THE 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.



Closing Hymn: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word *(please stand for last verse)*

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
Δ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text (sts. 1–2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**
Worship – 10am
Voter’s Annual Budget Meeting – 11am

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

This Week: Monday – **Pastor Luke leaves for Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI**
(see announcements below)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Worship – 10am**
6/25/23 Conducting worship: Mark Gullerud & Scott Mueller

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Conducting worship: Timothy Blank & Jerry Dimpel

Online Worship Services - <https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>



Happy and Blessed Father's Day! - to all of you who are fathers and grandfathers. What a blessing God has given us all in having Christian men like you in our lives! ***"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."***
- ***Ephesians 6:4***

Voter's Meeting – Annual Budget Meeting – Today, June 18th – 11am – Our annual financial voter's meeting is **today, 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. If you are unable to attend in person you can attend via Zoom using this link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

Pastor Luke Out of Town – Mon. 6/19 – Thurs. 7/6 – Pastor Luke will be flying out on Monday for the CLC Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI. He will also be spending some vacation time with family and preaching at Mikkela and Isaac's wedding on July 4th. He will be returning, Lord willing, on Thurs. July 6th. If pastoral assistance is needed during that time please call his cell phone **(402) 389-2147**.

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VBS – Registration is Open! July 24th-28th – Ages 4-13 – Registration can be done online



COME JOIN US

Vacation Bible School

July 24 - July 28
Monday through Friday
9 am to 11:30 am

Activities include Bible stories, games, crafts, music, playground time, and snacks.

Ages 4-13

ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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through our school's website (**ssls.org**). Flyers are also available in the entryway if you know of anyone who would be interested in sending their children to our **VBS**. It will be held **Mon.–Fri., July 24th–28th from 9am-11:30am**. We currently have 18 students signed up. Praise God! The CLC's TVBS program is sending us up 2 teachers to assist us as well: Marcie Schierenbeck and her daughter, Jordyn. If you would like to volunteer to help with our VBS please speak with Pastor Luke or Mikkela Hammond.

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CLC News - Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND *has returned the call* to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. <> Pastor Mike Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND *has received the call* from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Samuel Naumann *has resigned his call* to Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi for personal reasons. Please keep Sam and his family, as well as the Corpus Christi congregation in your prayers.



I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. -John 15:5

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- to encourage you in your personal and family Bible study
- to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God's gift of Christian sisters, near and far

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