

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Member congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (clclutheran.org)

320 Moorpark Way - Mountain View, California 94041-1600



Pastor: Luke Bernthal

Email: lbernthal@live.com ✝ Cell: (402) 389-2147

Home: (650) 282-5752

Online Video Production: Chris Holt, Julia Bernthal & Scott Mueller

Organist: Barb Gullerud



Website: sslcwest.org

Church Office: (650) 964-5915

St. Stephen Lutheran School: Mikkela Hammond (Principal), Julia Bernthal (Administrator)

School Office: (650) 961-2071

School Website: ssis.org

June 25, 2023 ✝ Pentecost 4

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 100 (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: 902 *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* (please stand for last verse)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein, 1648, Altenburg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Canticale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim
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 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, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.



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-shiped 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 God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love. 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

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (NKJV)

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 (NKJV)

P The second reading is from Matthew 10:5a, 21-33.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵ *These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ...*

²¹ *"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ "When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! ²⁶ "Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ " Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰ "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² "*

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ **"But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.**

P Here ends our second reading.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

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.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Alleluia, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff is for the Verse, with the lyrics 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff continues the Verse with 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff is for the final Alleluia, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

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

LSB 207

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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: 660 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;

Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.

From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see

Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818–88, alt.
Tune: George J. Webb, 1803–87
Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 20:7-13 (NKJV)

⁷ O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. ⁸ For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the LORD was made to me A reproach and a derision daily. ⁹ Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not. ¹⁰ For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!" "Report," they say, "and we will report it!" All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, "Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him, And we will take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten. ¹² But, O LORD of hosts, You who test the righteous, And see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You. ¹³ Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the poor From the hand of evildoers.

Sermon Theme: We are not in it to Win a Popularity Contest.

Preaching Today: Pastor Mark Gullerud

Offertory

LSB 956





Public domain

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.* †)

Sermon Hymn: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

1 O Christ, our true and on-ly light, En-light-en
2 Fill with the ra-diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent-ly call those gone a-stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark-ened and the cold; Re-call the
5 That they with us may ev-er-more Such grace with
those who sit in night; Let those a-far now
lost in er-ror's maze; En-light-en those whose
find the sav-ing way! Let ev-'ry con-science
wan-d'ers to Your fold. U-nite all those who
won-d'ring thanks a-dore And end-less praise to
hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re-joice.
in-most minds Some dark de-lu-sion haunts and blinds.
sore op-pressed In You find peace and heav'n-ly rest.
walk a-part; Con-firm the weak and doubt-ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg
Text and tune: Public domain

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

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.

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

LSB 202

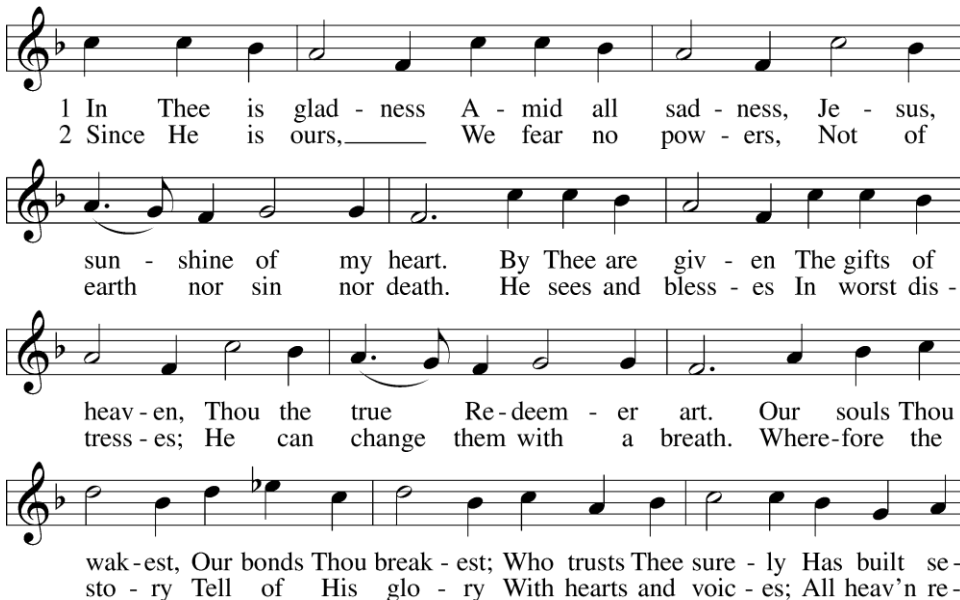
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

Closing Hymn: 818 *In Thee is Gladness* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622
Text and tune: Public domain

Acknowledgments - Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

Adapted from Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

Scripture taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission.

All rights reserved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Worship – 10am**
Conducting worship: Mark Gullerud & Scott Mueller

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

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Worship – 10am**
7/2/23 Conducting worship: Mark Gullerud & Michael Slattengren

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

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

Thank You! – to Mark Gullerud and Scott Mueller (Mt. View), and to Timothy Blank and Jerry Dimpel (Hayward) for conducting our worship services today. Pastor Luke is out of town for Pastoral Conference, vacation time, and will be conducting Mikkela & Isaac's wedding on July 4th. He will be returning, Lord willing, on Thursday July 6th.

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
320 Moorpark Way
Mountain View

For information or to register
WWW.SSLS.ORG | 650-282-5752 | pastor@sslcwest.org

Safe Church policies: our congregation commits to safeguarding all the children and nurturing good conduct consistent with our Christian values.



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.

Pacific Coast Women's Retreat -- Grow in Grace - October 6-8, 2023 | Cusick, WA



We welcome all girls and women to our retreat in the beautiful Pacific Northwest! Planes, trains, and automobiles will bring you to Spokane, and then we'll lead you an hour-ish north to the Ponderosa Lodge. "Stay in the Know" by signing up on the Gethsemane Lutheran Church website for periodic updates.

<https://gethsemaneccl.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat/>

Questions? Contact Tina Eichstadt, teichstadt@gmail.com or 651-398-2386.