

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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July 16, 2023 † Pentecost 7

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.

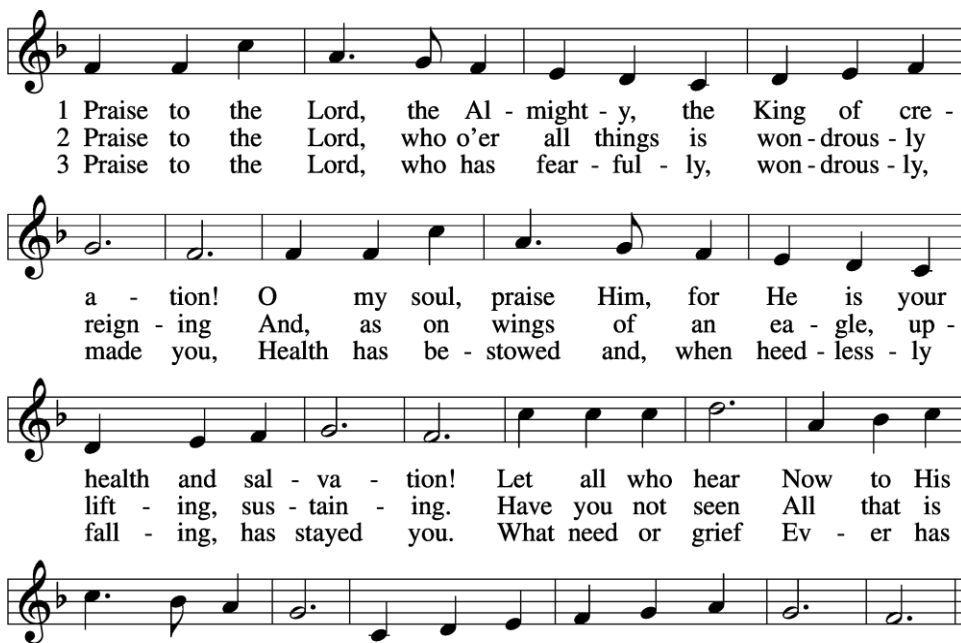
† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 145 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**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: 790 v. 1-3 *Praise to the Lord*

LSB 790 v. 1-3



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.

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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 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...

(LSB 790 v. 4)

4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Merciful God, in Holy Baptism You washed away our iniquities and cleansed us from our sins. Do not cast us from Your presence, but restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Open our lips to declare Your praise that we may sing of Your righteousness for all eternity. 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

Titus 3:4-7 (EHV)

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵ he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

Second Reading

Romans 6:1-6 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Romans 6:1-6.

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

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

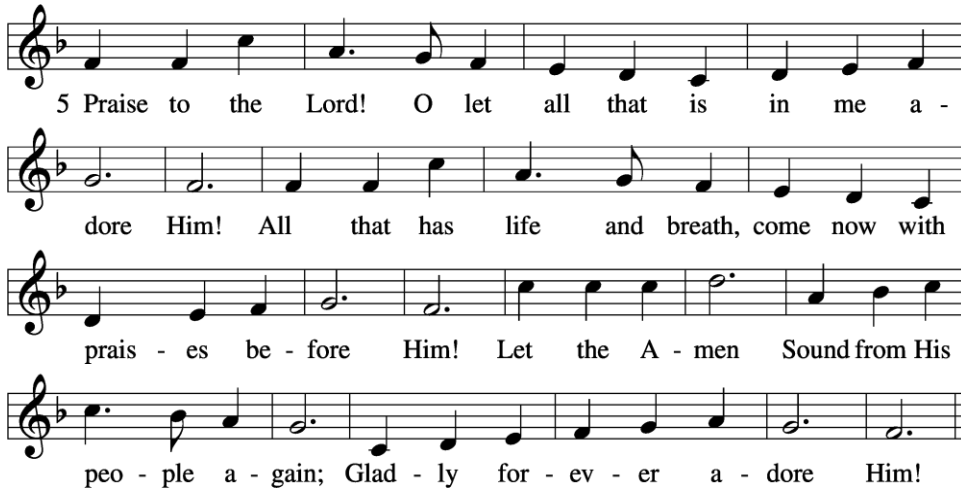
⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

(LSB 790 v. 5)



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Baptism of Aiden Yang Weinberger

Born: April 4th, 2023

Reborn of Water and the Spirit: July 30th, 2023

Parents: Julian and Tina Weinberger

Sponsors: Laura Dominguez & David Dominguez



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

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**☐ 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 there 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: 590 *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;

A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (EHV)

¹⁸ Because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹ in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰ These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹ And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²² He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Sermon Theme: Baptism Saves!

1. Not by Our Act of Obedience

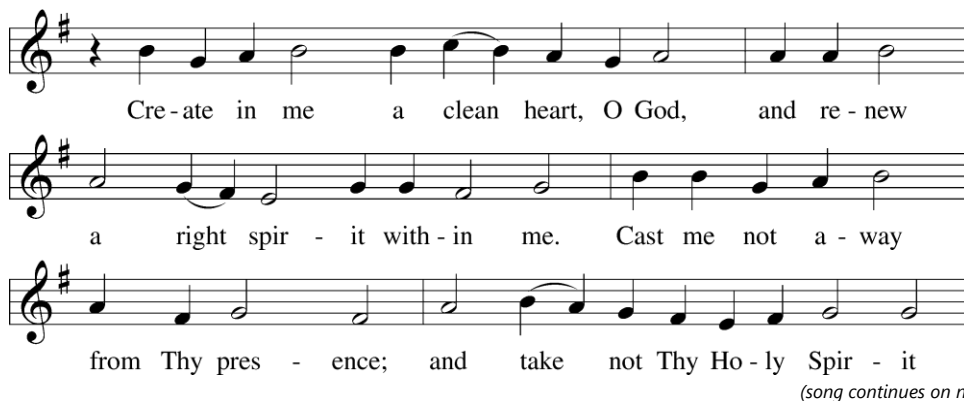
- ✚ Is baptism a "sacrifice" on our part (something we do in obedience to God)? Or is it a "sacrament" (a "sacred act" in which God does something for us)?
- ✚ What miraculous things does God do for us—even for infants—in baptism? (see **Titus 3:4-7** from our Scripture reading earlier)

2. But by What Jesus has Done for Us

- ✚ What does Peter point to as the reason "**baptism now saves you**"? (v. 21)

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

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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.*
(† *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: 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

LSB 594





Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -

trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -

more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

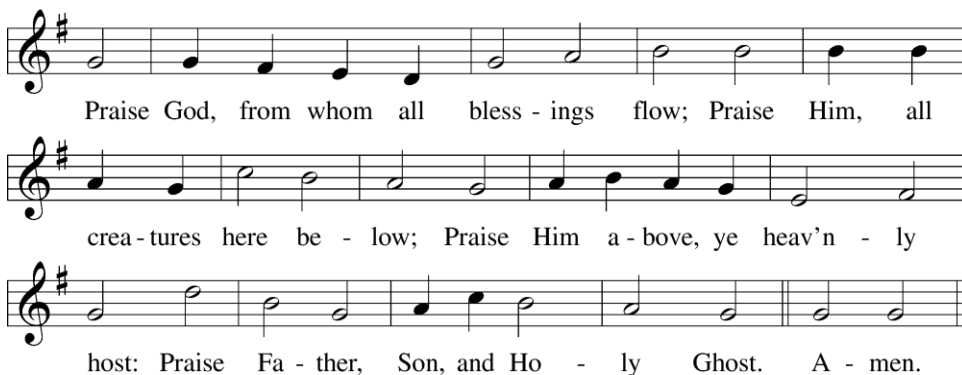
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- [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.

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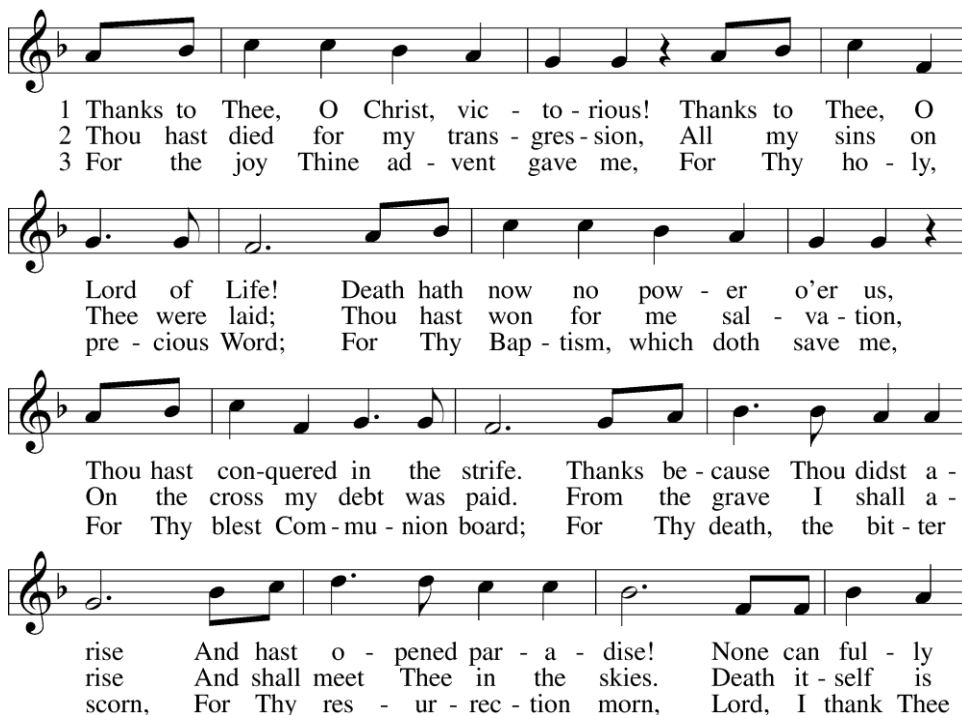
LSB 805



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: 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious *(please stand for last verse)*



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,
Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter
rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**
Worship w/ Baptism (Aiden Weinberger) – 10am
Baptism Reception – 11am
Women's Auxiliary – 12noon

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

This Week: Wednesday – **VBS Teachers' Meeting (Zoom) – 2:30pm**

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Baptism Reception After the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall –

Everyone is invited to a reception in celebration of Aiden Weinberger's baptism in the fellowship hall after the worship service today.

Then Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14



VBS is Almost Here! July 24th-28th – Ages 4-13 – Registration can be done online through our school's website (**ssls.org**). It will be held **Mon.–Fri., July 24th–28th from 9am-11:30am**. We currently have 23 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.

VBS Snack Sign-Up / Lunches for VBS Volunteers – We are in need of volunteers to bring snacks and drinks for the VBS students. If you would like to do so please sign the sheet in the church entryway. NOTE: Please do not bring snacks that contain peanuts or cashews. Also, we will be providing lunch for our VBS teachers and staff each day. If you'd like to help provide lunch on one of the days please sign the sheet in the entryway.

VBS Donations – Meals & Sightseeing – We usually try and do some sightseeing in the Bay Area with our TVBS teacher volunteers as a “thank you” for all their hard work and help. We usually do at least two sightseeing/activity trips in the afternoon/evening during the week of VBS. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for some of the costs of meals and sightseeing expenses please mark your offering envelope “TVBS.” Thank you!

Church Picnic & Joint Worship Service – Sunday, July 30th - Sign-Up Sheet in Entryway



On Sunday July 30th we will be having a joint worship service in Mountain View at **10am**, followed by our church picnic starting at approximately **11:30am** at

DeAnza Park in Sunnyvale (1150 Lime Dr, Sunnyvale, CA 94087). There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway if you'd like to bring some food to share. Please come and join your brothers and sisters in Christ from both congregations at both our worship service and picnic on July 30th!

CLC News - Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI *has called* Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO, to be their third pastor. <> Mrs. Loretta Leinberger *has accepted the call* from Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Saginaw, MI to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant. <> Missionary Peter Evensen *has returned the call* from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI. Calvary *has now called* Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN.