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July 30, 2023 ✝ Pentecost 9

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 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.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn: 830 *Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

***5. Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!***

***6. Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.***

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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, 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:

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded. Help us as Your redeemed and baptized children to be Your witnesses to all people that they may share with us the blessings of Your eternal kingdom of heaven. 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

Responsive Psalm - Psalm 18 (selected verses)

P I love you, O LORD, my strength.

C **The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;**

P my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

C **He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

P I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,

C **and I am saved from my enemies.**

P The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

C **The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.**

P In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help.

C **From His temple he heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears.**

P He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

C **He drew me out of deep waters.**

P He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

C **They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.**

P He brought me out into a spacious place;

C **He rescued me because He delighted in me.**

P As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.

C **He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him.**

P For who is God besides the LORD?

C **And who is the Rock except our God?**

P The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!

C **Exalted be God my Savior!**

P Therefore I will praise You among the nations, O LORD;

C **I will sing praises to Your name.**

- P** He gives his king great victories;
- C** He shows unfailing kindness to His anointed,
to David and his descendants forever.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 3:26-29 (EHV)

- P** The second reading is from Galatians 3:26-29.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ *In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.* ²⁷ *Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.* ²⁸ *There is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one and the same in Christ Jesus.* ²⁹ *And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs according to the promise.*

- 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

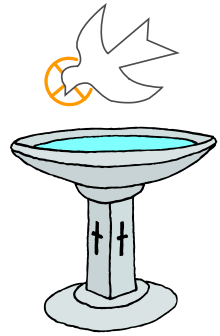
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Baptism of Vincent Maximilian Lang & Natalie Eva Lang

Born: Vincent – December 18th, 2012; Natalie – September 3rd, 2010
Reborn of Water and the Spirit: July 30th, 2023

Parents: Daniel and Sabine Lang



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

LSB 207

☐ 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.**



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5. O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!

It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.

***When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.***

6. So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation!

***As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!***

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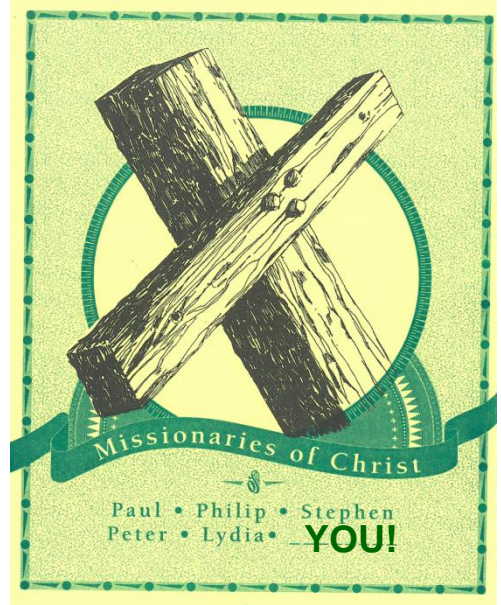
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Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)

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: You are a Missionary!



- ✝ Who comes to mind when you think of someone sent on a "mission"?
- ✝ Who comes to mind when you think of a Missionary of Christ?
- ✝ Do you think of yourself as a missionary? Are you a missionary?
- ✝ Can you put the Gospel ("Good News") message about Jesus into a simple sentence or two? (Or maybe you can think of a Bible passage that presents the Gospel clearly?)
- ✝ In what ways can you be a "Missionary of Christ" this week?

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.

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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.* †)

Sermon Hymn: 826 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

LSB 826

- 1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?**
- 2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.**

**3. If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your off'rings You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.**

**4. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"**

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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

☐ 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

☐ 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: 835 On Galilee's High Mountain (please stand for last verse) LSB 835



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com - mand
 2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,
 3 His strength with - in my weak - ness Will make me bold to say
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der - stand:
 Who preached to all who lis - tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—
 How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans - forms my stub - born clay;
 But ev - 'ry - where I broad - cast His love through crowd - ed streets:



“All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;
 This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at God's right hand,
 His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,
 The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—



There - fore I send My chil - dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”
 Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.
 My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
 Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

***5. That ev'ryone He chooses, For reasons of His own,
 Will find in Christ his calling To live His love alone.
 His presence always leads us Till time no more shall be;
 Christ's strength, His love, His comfort Give us His victory.***

***△ 6. Lord, gather all Your children, Wherever they may be,
 And lead them on to heaven To live eternally
 With You, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,
 Whose Spirit guards and gives us The joy to persevere.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Joint Worship Service w/ Baptisms – 10am**
Church Picnic @ DeAnza Park – 11:30am
(1150 Lime Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087)

No Worship at St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward)

This Week: Tuesday – **Worship Service in Stockton (Oakmont) – 2pm**
Worship Service in Sacramento (Forever Easter House)- 4:30pm

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Worship w/ communion – 10am**
8/6/23

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

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

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

In Your Mailbox – St. Stephen Church Calendar - *August*

Welcome! – We welcome our guests and visitors who are with us today for our worship service and baptism of Vincent and Natalie Lang. Natalie and Vincent have been students at SSLS for several years. We give thanks to God that He has led these children through His Word to desire to receive the blessings of the sacrament of baptism!

“He [God] saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”
– Titus 3:5-6 EHV

Church Picnic at DeAnza Park – Following Our Worship Service @ 11:30am



Our church picnic will be starting at approximately 11:30am at **DeAnza Park in Sunnyvale (1150 Lime Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087)**. Please come and join us!

VBS Recap and Thank You! – We were blessed with a wonderful Vacation Bible School this past week. Our theme was “Missionaries of Christ.” Each day we learned about a different missionary from the Bible and also reminded the students that, as believers, we are all “Missionaries of Christ!” While we didn’t have as many show up as were registered we still had 16 total students attend at least one day, with an average attendance each day of 14 students. 12 of the students were attending our VBS for the first time. Praise God! We were assisted by an incredible group of volunteer teachers and staff who did an amazing job of sharing the love of our Savior Jesus with His little lambs. We thank everyone for their time, efforts, donations, and support. We especially thank God for giving us such a successful VBS!

Teachers: **Ms. Jordyn Schierenbeck** (Preschool) **Mr. Isaac Schmitt** (K-1st Grade)
 Mrs. Marcie Schierenbeck (2nd – 4th Gr.) **Pastor Luke Bernthal** (5th Grade)
 Mrs. Mikkela Schmitt (Music & Crafts)

Staff: **Mrs. Tari Bliss** (Snacks prep & Recess help)
 Mrs. Barb Gullerud (Registration, Classroom, Crafts & Recess help)
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Southern California Worship and Bible Study – NEXT Sun. 8/6 @ 6:30pm

Our Southern California Worship Service and Bible Study will be held **NEXT Sunday, August 6th @ 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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