

# ***St. Stephen Lutheran Church***

## ***West & East Bay, Central Valley, and Southern California***

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**August 20, 2023 ✝ Christian Education Sunday**

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**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.

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✝ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 73 (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: 869 *With the Lord Begin Your Task*

LSB 869



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.  
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.  
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;  
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,  
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.  
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.  
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.  
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.  
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,  
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,  
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,  
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;  
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.  
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.  
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.  
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.  
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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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 864 v.1, 4)

1 Shep-herd of ten-der youth, Guid-ing in  
4 O ev-er be our guide, Our shep-herd,  
love and our truth and pride, Through de-vi-ous ways; Christ, our tri-  
um-phant king, We come Your name to sing  
Christ of God, By Your en-dur-ing Word  
And here our chil-dren bring To join Your praise.  
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Heavenly Father, mercifully bless the Christian education of Your children in our congregation that they may grow up to know and love You and praise Your holy name. Bless our Christian Day School and all other settings in which our children are brought closer to You. Restrain the activities of the evil one who would seek to undermine these efforts to provide for the spiritual growth of Your children. Help us all to regard these children and our educational ministries as gifts from You. Encourage the members of our congregations to support those who teach and those who learn. Give joy to all who serve as teachers, staff and volunteers in our school and give them the privilege of seeing the fruits of their labors. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## First Reading

## 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (EHV)

***<sup>14</sup> As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them <sup>15</sup> and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.***

## Second Reading

## Matthew 11:25-30 (EHV)

**P** The second reading is from Matthew 11:25-30.

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

***<sup>25</sup> At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. <sup>27</sup> Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.***

***<sup>28</sup> "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."***

**P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ!

(LSB 864 v. 5)



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

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

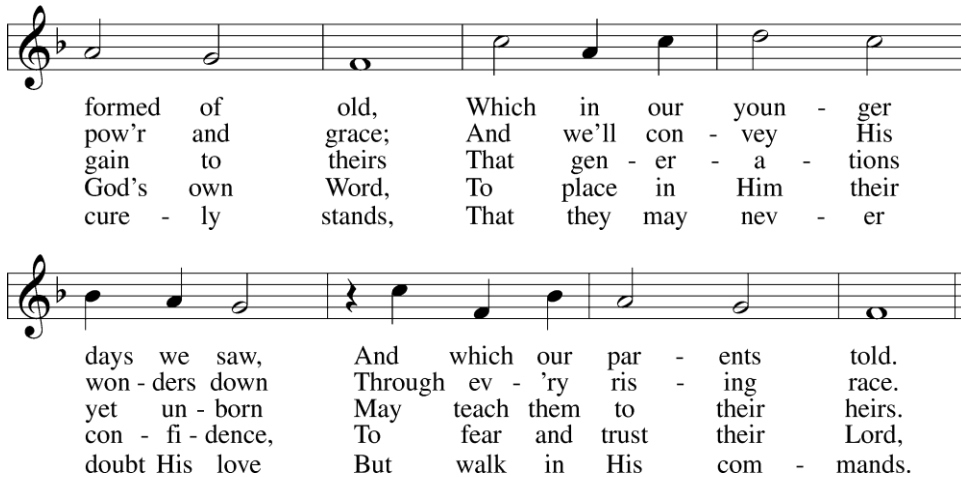
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right 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: 867 *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

LSB 867





formed of old, Which in our young - ger  
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His  
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions  
 God's own Word, To place in Him their  
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er

days we saw, And which our par - ents told.  
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.  
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,  
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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## **Sermon Text: Philippians 2:13 (EHV)**

**In fact, it is God who is working in you, both to will and to work, for the sake of his good pleasure.**

## **Sermon Theme: Get to Work**

- ✝ Have you ever had days or times in which you needed some motivation to do your work?
- ✝ How do the words of our sermon text provide us with encouragement and comfort when it comes to our work—especially our work in God’s kingdom?
- ✝ What role does **work** have in our Christian life? How about when it comes to our eternal salvation? **(see Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 4:5)**

## 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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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: 866 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend*

LSB 866

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the chil - dren's friend, To each of  
2 In Chris - tian homes, Lord, let them be Your bless - ing  
3 That car - ing par - ents, gra - cious Lord, And faith - ful  
4 For by Your Word we clear - ly see That we have  
them Your pres - ence send; Call them by name and  
to teach their fam - i - ly; Let Chris - tian schools Your  
sinned con - tin - ual - ly; But show us too, for -





**5. That all of us, Your children dear, By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;  
Lead us in joy that all we do Will witness to our love for You.**

**6. Then guard and keep us to the end, Secure in You, our gracious friend,  
That in Your heav'nly family We sing Your praise eternally.**

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## **Installation of Isaac Schmitt**

Teacher - St. Stephen Lutheran School

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

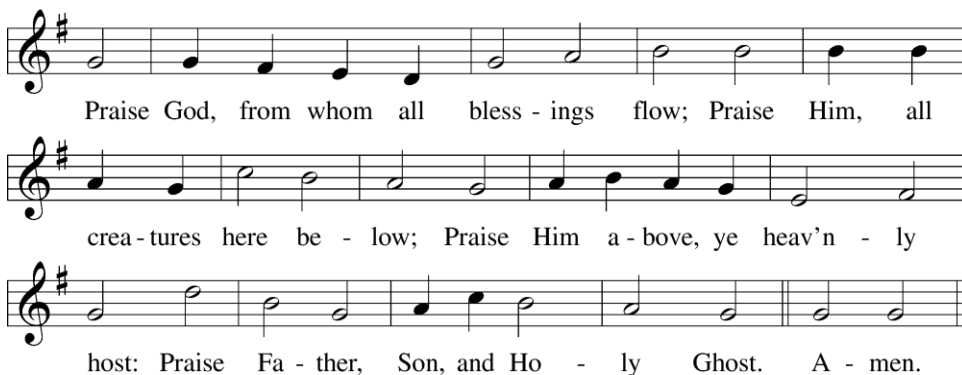
- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

## 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: 861 *Christ Be My Leader* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not  
dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor  
fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**  
**Joint Worship Service w/ Teacher Installation – 10am**  
**Wedding Reception for Isaac & Mikkela – 11:15am**

**No East Bay (Hayward) Worship**

This Week: Monday – **SSLS First Day of School Year – Opening Service – 8:15am**  
Wednesday – **Church Council / Elders Meetings (Mt. View) (Zoom) – 7pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Joint Mission Festival Worship – 10am**  
8/27/23 **Fellowship Meal & Mission Presentation–11:15am**

**No East Bay (Hayward) Worship**

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

### **Reception for Isaac & Mikkela After the Worship Service – Fellowship Hall -**

You are invited to join us after our worship service for a reception and meal as we welcome our new teacher, Isaac Schmitt, and celebrate the recent marriage of our teachers, Mikkela and Isaac Schmitt (married on July 4<sup>th</sup>). Please join us if you are able!



### **SSLS School Year Begins TOMORROW – Monday, 8/21 – Opening Service @ 8:15am -**

You are invited and welcome to join us for our opening service for our school year tomorrow, Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am. Our opening service will take place in the church sanctuary. Praise God for bringing us to the beginning of yet another school year!

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### **Mission Festival Worship Service & Fellowship Meal- Next Sunday – 8/27@ 10am –**

Please make plans to join both of our congregations for a joint Mission Festival worship service next Sunday at 10am in Mountain View with Missionary Todd Ohlmann as our guest preacher. We will be having a fellowship meal after the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway if you'd like to bring a dish to pass. Missionary Ohlmann will also be giving a presentation on our overseas mission work after our fellowship meal.



### **UPDATE: Please Continue to Stay Clear of Back Fence Gate Entrance (Shed Area) –**



Please continue to stay away from the back fence gate entrance/shed area for the time being. We called an exterminator out to remove the large ground nest of yellow jackets from the shed/back gate area. The area has been treated and the queen has been removed, but the hole needs to remain open until the rest of the swarm dies off. The area has been taped off and blocked off by orange cones. Until further notice, please do not go near that area and only use the front entrance door to the church & school. Thank you!

**CLC News** - Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City, SD *has received the call* from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI.