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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.

✝ 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: 793 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LSB 793



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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Tune: John Goss, 1800–80
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

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.

Confession and Absolution

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

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

G **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

G **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13

♪ Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13

**♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise. 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

Exodus 33:11-23 (EHV)

¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses face-to-face, as a man speaks to his friend. Moses would return again into the camp, but his assistant Joshua son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the tent.

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people."

¹⁴ The Lord said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

¹⁹ The Lord said, "I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." ²⁰ He said, "You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live."

²¹ The Lord also said, "Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. ²² It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen."

Second Reading

Luke 19:1-10 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Luke 19:1-10.

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

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. ⁴ He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. ⁷ When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

⁸ Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

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

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

W.S. p. 15

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

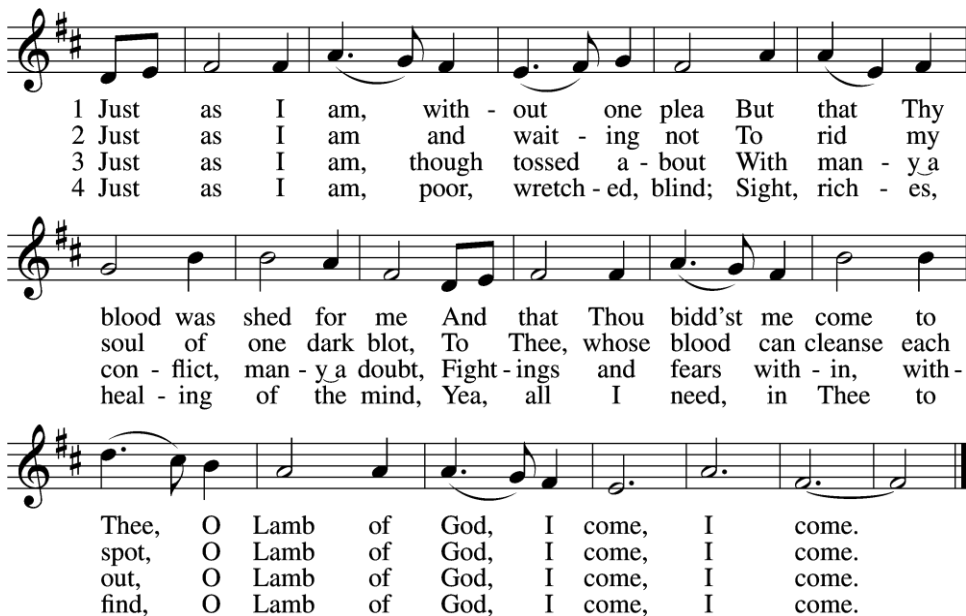
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From 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: 570 *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

LSB 570



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**5. *Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

**6. *Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.***

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68
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Sermon Text: Exodus 34:5-9 (EHV)

⁵The LORD [Hebrew: "Jehovah," or "Yaweh"] came down in the cloud. He took his stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, ⁷maintaining mercy for thousands, forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children's children to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. ⁹He said, "If I have now found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go along with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as your possession."

Sermon Theme: See the LORD's [Jehovah's] Glory

1. Not in the Outward Signs of His Majesty and Power

2. But in His Name!

✠ God's "personal name," *Jehovah*, or *Yaweh*, means: " __ ____ "

✠ God's name = 1)

2)

Offertory

W.S. p. 16

♪ ***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.***

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: 940 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

LSB 940

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna
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Prayer / 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.



Closing Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

TLH 54

- ♪ **1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:
11/12/23

St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Study – 9am
Worship – 10am
Voter’s Meeting (Elections) – 11am
Women’s Auxiliary Meeting – 11:30am

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

This Week: Tuesday – **Bible Instruction Class** (Fenton) (Mt. View) – **11:30am**
Wednesday – **Confirmation Class** (Lang) (Mt. View) – **4pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Study – 9am**
11/19/23 **Worship – 10am**
Choir – 11am
Crafting Bee – 11:15am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Voter's Meeting w/ Elections – 2pm

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

Coming Up:



Thanksgiving Day Joint Worship Service in Mt. View (11/23) – 10am

In Your Mailbox – St. Stephen & CLC Financial Summary – *September & October*

Happy & Blessed Veterans Day Weekend to all who have served in our armed forces. You are a blessing to all of us. We are so grateful for your service to us and to our country!

***So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!***
(Hymn 656 v. 2 – LSB)



Voter's Meeting with Elections TODAY – Following Worship @ 11am –

Our voters meeting will be held **TODAY Sun., November 12th @ 11am** following our worship service. Our annual elections will be held during that meeting as well as designating the offering for the Christmas season. The voters encouraged to attend and we invite the members of our congregation to sit in on the meeting as well. For those who are not able to be there in person but would like to attend, we'll be using Pastor Luke's Zoom link for the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

Thanksgiving Day Joint Worship Service – Thurs. 11/23 @ 10am in Mt. View

Please make plans to join us for our **Thanksgiving Day Joint Worship Service** on **Thursday 11/23 @ 10am** in Mountain View.



Pastor's Call Response –

Dear Members and Friends of St. Stephen,

After much prayer and thoughtful consideration, along with deliberation, counsel, and advice from a number of others, I am returning the call to serve as the second pastor of Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN and will continue to serve as your pastor here. The Lord has made it clear to me that because of the numerous needs of our California congregations, as well as our Christian Day School, I am serving where the Lord wants me to be.

I thank all of you for all of your prayers, your support, encouragement, thoughts, and advice during the past few weeks in which I was considering this call. Your Christian concern and love for me and Jewels, and for the Lord's kingdom has always been evident and was especially helpful and encouraging to me during this time of deliberation.

May God continue to work in and through each one of us here in our congregations and in our communities. God's blessings to you all, and may He continue to bless our service in His Kingdom.

God's blessings in Christ,

Pastor Luke

Food & Gift Card Donations / Volunteer Opportunities for Thanksgiving and Christmas

We are collecting non-perishable food items to deliver to the Community Service Agency (CSA) in Mountain View for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is a large box in the church entry marked "Food Drive." Also, this information comes from the CSA's volunteer coordinator:

"Community Services Agency (CSA) is seeking volunteers and donations of gift cards for their Holiday Sharing Program. This program provides Safeway and Target gift cards to community members struggling to get by so they can purchase what they most need to have a joyful holiday season. ...You can make a donation [online](#) or drop gift cards off at the office during business hours: **204 Stierlin Rd, Mountain View, CA 94043**. To volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Maria Ferreira at mferreira@csacares.org."

Scrip School Fundraising Gift Cards Info Pamphlets on the Entryway Table – As the Christmas shopping season approaches, just a friendly reminder about our online version of the scrip gift cards program to help raise funds for St. Stephen Lutheran School (now called "Raise Right."). There are printed pamphlets with info on the program on the table in the entryway. Please speak with Leslie Horrillo if you have any questions.