

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

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**November 26, 2023 ✝ Last Sunday of the Church Year**



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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.

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✝ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 47 (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: 549 v. 1, 3-5, 7 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Text (sts. 1, 3-5): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.; (st. 7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.  
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844  
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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:

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on Him and the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

## *Psalm 47 (Responsive)(NKJV)*

**P** Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!  
**C Shout to God with the voice of triumph!**

**P** For the LORD Most High is awesome;  
**C He is a great King over all the earth.**

**P** He will subdue the peoples under us,  
**C And the nations under our feet.**

**P** He will choose our inheritance for us,  
**C The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.**

**P** God has gone up with a shout,  
**C The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**P** Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**C Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**P** For God is the King of all the earth;  
**C Sing praises with understanding.**

**P** God reigns over the nations;  
**C God sits on His holy throne.**

**P** The princes of the people have gathered together,  
**C The people of the God of Abraham.**

**P** For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
**C He is greatly exalted.**

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

## Second Reading

## *Matthew 27:27-31 (EHV)*

**P** The second reading is from Matthew 27:27-31.  
**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. <sup>29</sup> They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**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.

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

LSB 207

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

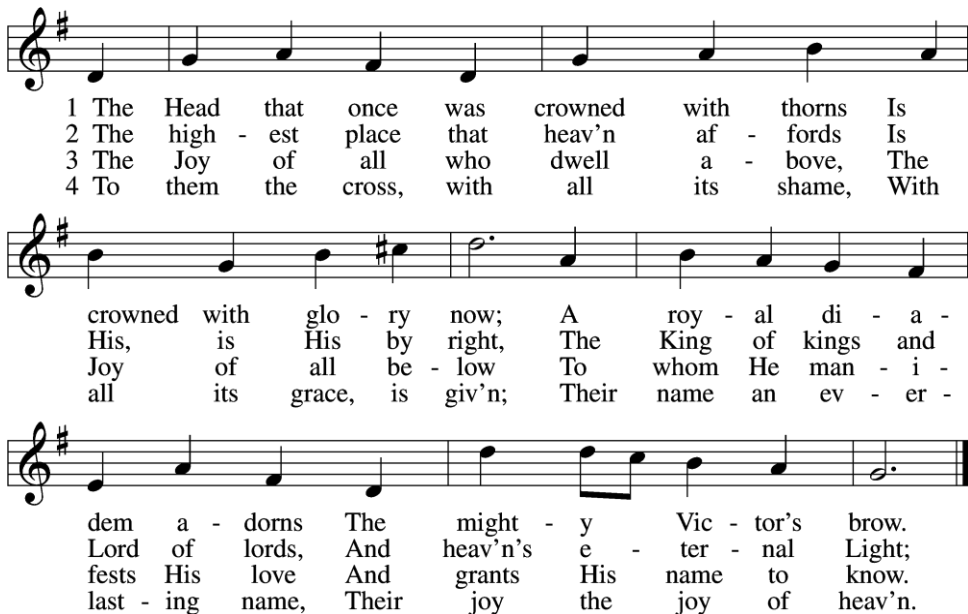
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.

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: 532 *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns***

LSB 532



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With

crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
 His, is His by right, The King of kings and  
 Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -  
 all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -

dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
 feasts His love And grants His name to know.  
 last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

**5** *They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,  
 Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.*

**6** *The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:  
 His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.*

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855  
 Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707  
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## **Sermon Text: Hebrews 2:9-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

## **Sermon Theme: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

✝ What kind of crown do you think would be fitting for Jesus, the King of Kings?

✝ What types of crowns are ascribed to Jesus in the Bible? (see **v. 9**)

✝ Because of Jesus' crowns, what kind of crown will you and I be given? (see **Revelation 2:10**)

## **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.



**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: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903  
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93  
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## 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.



### Closing Hymn: "Look You Saints, the Sight is Glorious" *(Adapted from LSB 495; Tune: LSB 367)*

- 1.** Look, you saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!  
From the fight returned victorious, Every knee to Him shall bow.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Crowns become the Victor's brow.
- 2.** Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
On the seat of power enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Crown the Savior King of kings.
- 3.** Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

**4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
King of kings and Lord of lords!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today:

11/26/23

**St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**

**Worship – 10am**

**Children’s Christmas Program Practice – 11:15am**

**St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm**

**Bible Class – 2pm**

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

This Week:

Tuesday – **Stockton Worship (Oakmont) – 2pm**

**Sacramento Worship (Forever Easter House) – 4:30pm**

Wednesday – **Bible Instruction Class (Fenton) (Mt. View) – 11:30am**

**Confirmation Class (Lang) (Mt. View) – 4pm**

**Church Council / Elders Meeting (Zoom) (Mt. View) – 7pm**

Next Sunday: *First Sunday in Advent*

12/3/23

**St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Study – 9am**

**Worship w/ communion – 10am**

**Christmas Tree & Church Decorating / Soup Lunch – 11:15am**

**Children’s Christmas Program Practice – 12:30am**

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

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

**Christmas Tree and Church Decorating & Soup Lunch (Mt. View) – Sun. 12/3 @ 11:15am**



We plan to put up the Christmas tree and church Christmas decorations **next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** after the worship service (approx. 11:15am). The Women's Auxiliary is providing a soup lunch for those who are able to stay for the decorating. Please come and join us if you are able!

**Food & Gift Card Donations for the Christmas Season** - We are collecting non-perishable food items and gift cards to deliver to the Community Service Agency (CSA) in Mountain View for the Christmas season. There is a large box in the church entry marked "Food Drive."

**Free Tangerines – Help Yourself!** – One of our neighbors has donated several bags full of tangerines from her tree in her yard. They are in the church entryway by the front doors. Please help yourself to as many as you'd like!

**CLC News** - Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, *has received* the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Teacher Daniel Barthels of Gethsemane Lutheran School of Saginaw, MI has announced that he *is retiring* from the teaching ministry effective July 1, 2024. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC *has received* the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN to serve as co-pastor.

**Christmas Season Worship Schedule 2023**

**Advent Worship Carols & Christmas Cookies – Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7pm (Mt. View)**

**Christmas Eve – Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10am (Mt. View)** – Christmas Eve Joint Worship & Children's Program

**Christmas Day – Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – 11am (Hayward)** Christmas Day Worship

