

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

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

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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 119:9-16 (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>**

Note: Sung responses will have musical notes next to them.  
All other responses will be spoken.

### **Opening Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,

Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!

Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.

Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my

naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour,  
O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er  
I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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### **THE INVOCATION**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*  
(TLH, p. 5)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

### **THE GLORIA PATRI**

*Latin for "Glory to the Father" (TLH, p. 6)*

**C** — ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

### **THE KYRIE**

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (TLH, p. 7)*

— ***Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.***

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

### **THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice In our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. (TLH, p. 7)*

***Glory be to God on High, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

### **THE SALUTATION** *(Greeting)*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

*The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.*

- P** We pray:  
O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*God speaks to us.*

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 53:10-12 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup> He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

### **THE GRADUAL**

*WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD IT IS NATURAL FOR US TO RESPOND. WE SING "HALLELUJAH!"—MEANING "PRAISE THE LORD!"*

**[P]** BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT. HALLELUJAH!

**[C]** HALLELUJAH!

**[P]** THE SECOND READING IS FROM MARK 10:35-45.

**[C]** GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

### **SECOND READING**

**MARK 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." <sup>36</sup> And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized

with you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> "but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared." <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. <sup>42</sup> But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. <sup>44</sup> "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**P** HERE ENDS OUR SECOND READING.

**G** PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*WE BOLDLY CONFESS WHAT WE BELIEVE. (TLH, P. 12)*

**G** 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 GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY;  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED;  
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN  
AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;  
FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.  
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST;  
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: 731 O God, Forsake Me Not

LSB



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;  
 2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;  
 3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!  
 4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me  
 Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver-come me.  
 In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;  
 O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
 In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.  
 And when the prince of hell My con-science seeks to blot,  
 Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!  
 O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!  
 Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!  
 Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen  
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## **THE SERMON**

### **HEBREWS 4:15-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**SERMON THEME: WE SINNERS CAN APPROACH THE THRONE OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS AND CONFIDENCE, BECAUSE WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST IN JESUS CHRIST.**

1. HE CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH US AND WAS TEMPTED AS WE ARE.
2. BUT HE REMAINED WITHOUT SIN AND IS THEREFORE OUR PERFECT SAVIOR.
3. THROUGH JESUS WE CAN FIND MERCY AND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

## **THE OFFERTORY**

(TLH, P. 12-13)

—  
***CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM THY PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.  
RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION, AND UPHOLD ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT. AMEN.***

## **THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

*IN TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF OUR GRATITUDE, WE OFFER THE LORD THE GIFT OF OUR MONEY, 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: 428 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

LSB



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

TEXT: A SELECTION OF HYMNS, 1787, LONDON, ALT. TUNE: GENUINE CHURCH MUSIC, 1832, WINCHESTER TEXT AND TUNE: PUBLIC DOMAIN

## **THE GENERAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE 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 UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU.

THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

**C AMEN, AMEN, AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: **919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: **ST. STEPHEN (MT. VIEW): WORSHIP – 10AM**

LITURGIST: TIMOTHY BLANK

THIS WEEK: TUESDAY – **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** (MT. VIEW) (ZOOM LINK

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86876579256?pwd=N0I1aS9QK0svanBsVjNiMW8vZnVJQT09>) – **6PM**

NEXT SUNDAY: **ST. STEPHEN (MT. VIEW): REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10AM**

10/27/24 **VOTER’S MEETING @ 11AM, WITH THE FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO FOLLOW**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES** -<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

**REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY** will be observed next Sunday with a **Reformation Festival Service**. We will also have a fellowship meal, following the voter’s meeting.

**Vacancy Work** by Pastor Mark will be a gradual thing. Since he has been working with a weakened voice, he will start by preaching the sermon on Sundays, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. And layman Timothy Blank will conduct the liturgy for those Sunday services. If this goes well, Pastor Mark will try conducting the whole service, starting Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Restarting Bible class on Sunday mornings will depend on how well the voice is working.

**Prayer Requests** If anyone has a request for a special prayer during Sunday worship services, you are asked to inform the pastor by Saturday so that those prayers can be prepared ahead of time. You can either send an email ([markgull76@hotmail.com](mailto:markgull76@hotmail.com)) or call or text (605-282-9185).

**Voter’s Meeting** Since Pastor Matthew Hanel returned our call to serve as our pastor, voters of the congregation will hold a call meeting on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service.

**Pastoral Care** If there is anyone who is in need of pastoral care, please feel free to contact Pastor Mark.

**Member Boxes** New members of the congregation have been assigned a box to receive

various church materials. Please check the side of the distribution box cabinet for your assigned box number.