# 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.

 $\Phi$  Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 119:9-16 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible)  $\Phi$ 

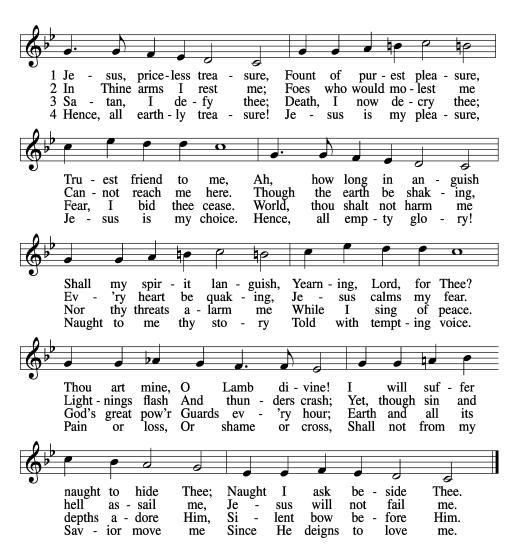
Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.

To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:

https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html

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



- 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.
- 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!

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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.
- **©** 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.
- 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)

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

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

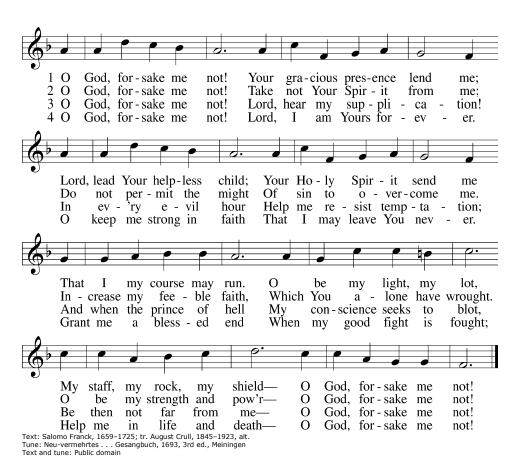
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST;

THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;

AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN



#### **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.

<u>SERMON THEME</u>: 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. ⊕)



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## THE GENERAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE BENEDICTION

THE BLESSING GIVEN BY GOD FOR THE BLESSING OF HIS PEOPLE (NUMBERS 6:24-26).

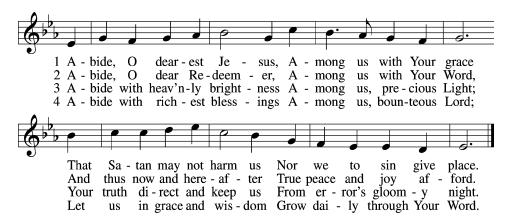
**P** THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.

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.

AMEN, AMEN, AMEN.

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



- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- Abide, O faithful Savior,
   Among us with Your love;
   Grant steadfastness and help us

To reach our home above.

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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 (<a href="markgull76@hotmail.com">markgull76@hotmail.com</a>) 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 12

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