

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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June 8, 2025 † Pentecost Sunday

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 143 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Our Worship Service

will be Posted to Our Website tomorrow at midafternoon.

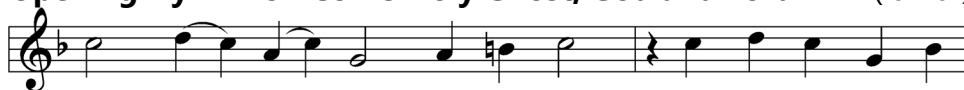
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:

<https://www.sslwest.org/worship.html>

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 497 Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord

(LSB 497)



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pow'r pre-pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con-fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to You, our Lord, as-cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 15th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Tune: Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, 1524, Erfurt

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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 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Responsive Reading (NKJV)

(Joel 2:26-29)

P Praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you;

C And My people shall never be put to shame.

P Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel:

C I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

P And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;

C Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

P Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

C And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Confession

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

Almighty and most merciful Father, I have strayed from Your paths like a lost sheep. Out of my heart have come evil thoughts, emotions, and desires. I have offended against Your holy law of love in my words and actions. I am truly sorrow for all my offenses of thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on me and forgive me for Jesus' sake! Restore me and revive my spirits, according to the promise You have declared to me in Jesus Christ, my Lord. Fill my heart with Your love that I may lead a godly and righteous life, to the glory of Your name.

Absolution

The LORD declares His forgiveness through His called servant.

Lift up your hearts in peace and with joy. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in mercy and love. By the command and in the stead of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P We pray:

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with Your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of Your love so that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Scripture Reading

(NJKV)

Genesis 11:1-9 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Responsive Reading

P Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, saying:

C John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

P You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

C and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

P Praise and thanks be to You, O Lord, for sending Your Spirit on Pentecost.

C Continue to send the Holy Spirit to Your Church, O Lord, to aid us in the spread of the Gospel of salvation.

Second Scripture Reading

John 15:26-27, 4b-11 ²⁶ " But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning... And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ " But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Confession of Faith

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

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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.**

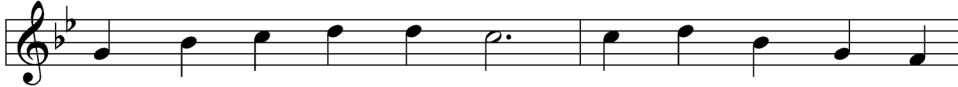
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

(LSB 498)



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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Sermon Text: Acts 2:37-47 ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Sermon Theme: Amazing Acts of the Holy Spirit

- 1. With the confessors of Christ**
- 2. With the conversion of souls to Christianity**
- 3. With the religious fellowship in the Church**
- 4. With the charity of the early Christians**

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.

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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.* †)

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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

**☩ 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.**

Hymn 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

(LSB 496)



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, alt.

Tune: Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

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Responsive Reading (NKJV)

(Psalm 96:1-3,10)

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

C Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P Declare His glory among the nations,

C His wonders among all peoples.

P Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved;

C He shall judge the peoples righteously."

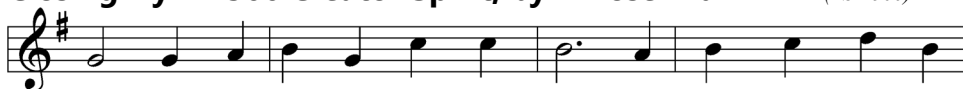
Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to 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 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

(LSB 500)



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
plete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
6/8/25	11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting
Tues.	5:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
6/10/25	
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
6/15/25	4-8 p.m. Open House for Jordan Horrillo
Tues.-Thur.	
6/17-19/25	CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI
Upcoming:	
6/22/25	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
	11:00 a.m. Schmitt Farewell Luncheon
6/29/25	11:00 a.m. Women's Auxiliary
7/21-25	9-11:30 a.m. St. Stephen Vacation Bible School
Mon.-Fri.	

Pastoral Call Last Sunday at the Voter's meeting, Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD was called to serve as our resident fulltime pastor. May the Lord grant Pastor Ude clarity as he considers our call to him.

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Call

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to inform you of my reception of your call. Trusting God's Word, I take this as a call from God and will endeavor to treat it with the reverence it deserves. I will earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit to guide me. May God's will be done, not mine. I ask that you also pray for God to guide me.

May our God, who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, abundantly bless you.

Pastor Aaron Ude

Opening House There will be an open house on Sunday, June 15th from 4-8 p.m. at the Horrillo home (394 Sara Ave. Sunnyvale, CA) for Jordan Horrillo who is graduating from Stanford University with a PHD.

Pastoral Conference Pastor Gullerud and Barb will be traveling to the Midwest this Monday. Pastor will be attending the CLC General Pastoral Conference (6/17-19/25) at the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. They plan on returning on Friday, June 20th.

Lay Service Next Sunday we will have laymen conducting the worship service with Timothy Blank delivering the sermon, Michael Slattengren doing the liturgy, and Isaac Schmitt taking care of the recorded music.

Schmitt Farewell Luncheon Please join us for the Schmitt farewell luncheon that will be held following the worship service on June 22nd.

Sign-up Sheets There are two sign-up sheets on the lectern stand in the entryway. One of the sheets is for our VBS on July 21-25 and the other is for our church picnic at Cuesta Park in Mountain View on Sunday, July 25.

CLC CALL NEWS Pastor Edward Starkey of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN, has **announced his retirement** at the end of June. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Professor Joel Gullerud of Immanuel Lutheran High School, Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Lutheran K-12 School, Mankato, MN. <> Lori Ruthenbeck has **received** a one-year call to teach part-time at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. Lori is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

CLC Coordinating Council Report Summary can be picked up from the cabinet top underneath the stairs in the entryway.