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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 3 (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.ststephenclc.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: English, before 1760, alt.

Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96

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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 Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

(Psalm 100 NKJV)

- P** Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God;
- C** **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**
- P** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
- C** **Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.**
- P** For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,
- C** **And His truth endures to all generations.**

Confession and Absolution

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


- C** **O most merciful God, I confess to You with a sorrowful heart all my sins. I have sinned against You in what I have thought, said, and done. Have mercy upon me, I pray, and forgive me for Jesus' sake. Send Your Holy Spirit to help me know Your holy will and willingly obey it in the spirit of Christian love and thankfulness. Preserve me in the Christian faith so that I finally enter the eternal life in heaven through our Savior Jesus Christ.**
- P** God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us, for He delivered up Jesus on the cross for our offenses and raised Him again for our justification. Since the Lord gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven to the Christian Church, saying that whoever sins you forgive in His stead they are forgiven, therefore according to Jesus' command, as a called servant of God I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The Gloria

We glorify and praise God for His gift of forgiveness and salvation

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

(LSB 946)



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Text: Edwin Le Grice, 1911–92

Tune: Walter Greatorex, 1877–1949

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray: O God, Protector of all the faithful, You alone make strong; You alone make holy. Show us Your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things You have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:17-24 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" ²¹ And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." ²² Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

Second Reading

Galatians 1:11-24 (NKJV)

P The second reading is from Galatians 1:11-24

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

¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.) ²¹

Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. ²³ But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God in me.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

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

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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 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: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79

Tune: Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

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Sermon Text: Luke 7:11-17

(NKJV)

¹¹ Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." ¹⁷ And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

Sermon Theme: Two Processions Meet

1. One is a procession of death and sorrow.
2. Another is a procession of life that overcomes death and replaces sorrow with joy.

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.*

Prayers 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: 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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Responsive Reading

(Selected Verses of Psalm 92 NKJV)

- P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
P To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
C And Your faithfulness every night,
P Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
C Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
P They shall still bear fruit in old age;
C They shall be fresh and flourishing,
P To declare that the LORD is upright;
C He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.


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: 812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

LSB 812



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
6/29/25 **11:00 a.m. Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting**

Next Sunday: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion**
7/6/25 **11:00 a.m. Voters' Call Meeting**

Response to our Pastoral Call We received the following letter from Pastor Aaron Ude:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing to inform you that I am returning the call you extended to me. After much prayer for God's guidance, I am confident that I need to remain in my current call. It was not an easy conclusion to reach, but I am certain of it.

I deeply hope and pray that our God, who can abundantly provide more than we can ask, will soon bless you with a pastor. May our God, who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, abundantly bless you.

Pastor Aaron Ude

Scheduling of Meetings In consultation with President Blank, the voters of our congregation will conduct a call meeting next Sunday, following the worship service. Also,

the Church Council meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 13th after the worship service.

July Church Calendar is available and can be picked up in the distribution boxes..

CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal – Eight CLC Mission Helpers will depart on an evening flight from Chicago on Sunday (6/22) on their way to Kathmandu, Nepal where they will be met by Pastor Raju and his family. They will be helping pastors, leaders, and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) to spread the Gospel in Nepal.. The Mission Helpers will divide into two teams as they spend the next few weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 2,000 children in towns and mountain villages where HCLCN congregations are located. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.