

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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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 41 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✝

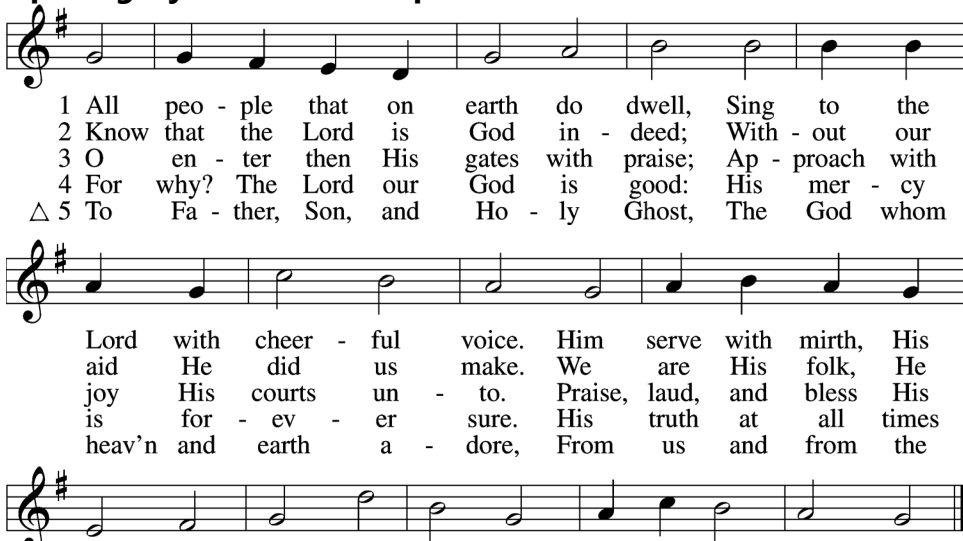
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<https://www.ststephenc lc.org/worship.html>

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the
praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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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.

G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

G If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to

cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” LSB 811

I Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
joic - es, Would then pro-claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758
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Prayer of the Day

P We pray: O God, You rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 13:1-9 (NKJV)

Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. ² Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³ And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴ to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD. ⁵ Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. ⁷ And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. ⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. ⁹ "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

Second Reading

Matthew 19:3-8 (NKJV)

[P] The second reading is from Matthew 19:3-8

³ The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" ⁴ And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' ⁵ "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." ⁷ They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 of the Day: 862 Oh, blest the House LSB 862



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph Carl Ludwig von Pfeil, 1712–84; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, Columbus

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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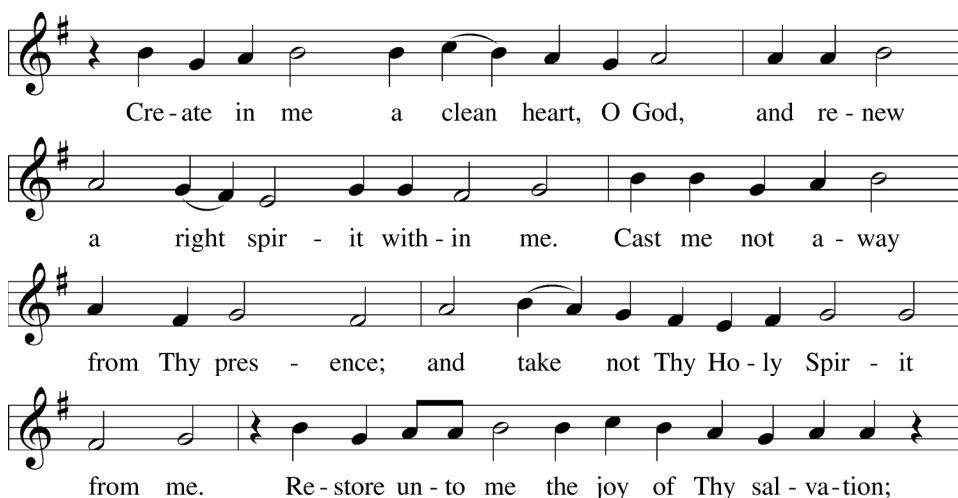
(NKJV)

Sermon Text: Psalm 128:1-4 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. ² When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. ³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. ⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.

Sermon Theme: The Psalmist Reveals Important Ingredients for a Happy Family Life.

Offertory

LSB 956





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 help support the work of the Lord, place your offering in the collection plate found on the table in the entryway.)*

Sermon Hymn: 700 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

LSB 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88

Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87

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Prayer of the Church *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.

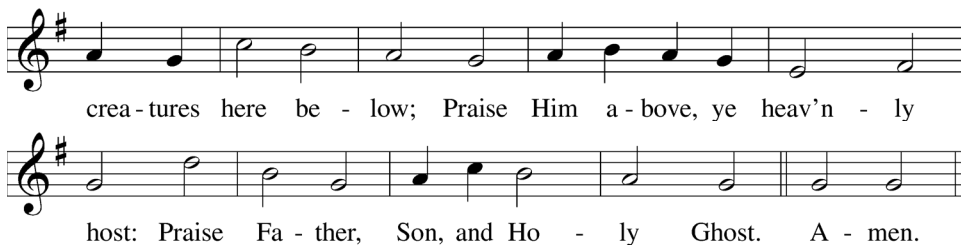
Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- 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.

The Doxology

LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
7/13/25 **11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting**

Next Sunday
7/20/25 **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
 11:00 a.m. VBS Staff Meeting

Upcoming
7/21-25/25 **9-11:30 a.m. St. Stephen Vacation Bible School**

7/27/25 **11:30 a.m. Church Picnic at Cuesta Park in Mountain View**

Pastoral Call Issued At St. Stephen's voter's meeting last Sunday, the voters elected to extend a call to Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI to serve as our pastor.

Pastor Ude's Letter of Call Acknowledgment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, in and through our Savior Jesus Christ,

I pray this letter finds you all well and continuing in the grace, peace, and love of our Father. I am writing to acknowledge that I have received the divine call from you to be your pastor. A call which, as you know, is not really from you but from the Holy Spirit through you and to serve you. As is also the call I have here to the saints at Living Hope in Appleton. It is an astounding thing to consider such blessed truths and then to try to go about deciding in which place the Lord would have me serve at this time. I am reminded of Proverbs 3:5-6:

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Therefore I ask you to help me in this deliberation first by praying with earnest awe to our Father for me and for both congregations that His will and wisdom be seen and done. Secondly, if you have any words of insight or encouragement about the

particular needs, wants, weaknesses, or strengths of the congregation and work there at St. Stephen and, if applicable, how you see the ways I might fit those needs, please reach out! I would be happy to speak with any of you who might desire to reach out to me. For I am reminded in these times also of what Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 18:19, *"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."*

A part of the blessing of our fellowship in Jesus Christ is we are never left to make such decisions entirely on our own but can help one another through wise brotherly counsel. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless us all with His Spirit of love and grace as we together consider His work and call.

In Him,
Pastor David Ude
(715)450-2968

St. Stephen Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 21-25 with sessions going from 9:00-11:30 a.m. There is a Traveling Vacation Bible School team coming here to assist in the teaching of the children, as well as help with aspects of the VBS. The team of two is made up of Becky Noeldner from Eau Claire, WI and Grant Bernthal from Winter Haven, FL. This year the students will be studying about Missionaries in the New Testament (Paul, Philip, Stephen, Peter and Lydia). We pray for the Lord's blessing upon our VBS. It is not too late to invite children to our VBS.

St. Stephen Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27th at Cuesta Park in Mountain View. There is a sign up sheet in the entryway for those willing to bring food for the picnic.

CALL NEWS Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Erin Franson has **accepted** the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has **extended** two part-time, one-year calls to

two St. John's members: Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

INSTALLATIONS On Sunday, July 13, 2025, Caleb Schaller will be installed as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White River, SD, in Valentine, NE. <> On Sunday, July 27, 2025, Mikkela Schmitt will be installed as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

RETIREMENTS Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.



Pieces of Jesus ~ Peace

Women ~s Retreat West

ClubHouse Hotel & Suites, Sioux Falls,
SD September 19-21, 2025

Registration Fee \$125, does not include
lodging or breakfast.




(Breakfast is included with hotel stay)

Last day to register: August 10, 2025

For guests staying at the hotel, you may either call
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Women's Retreat, or by using the website referencing code
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Departure of a Servant of the Lord Early last Sunday afternoon, the Lord graciously delivered the soul of our brother Dale Redlin from the suffering and pain of this world to Himself in heaven. A funeral service will be held at Immanuel, Mankato, MN located at 421 North Second St.. on Saturday, August 2

Dale served as a pastor in our church body for many years before retiring from the ministry.

Condolences can be sent to:

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