

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 138 (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 Prayer

Hymn 537 *Beautiful Savior*

(LSB)

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

Congre: Amen.

Introit

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield;
Congre: My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;

Pastor: Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,

Congre: And with my song I will praise Him.

Pastor: To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent
to me.

**Congre: Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like
those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor: Hear the voice of my supplication when I cry to
You.

**Congre: When I lift up my hands toward Your holy
sanctuary.**

Pastor: Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance;

**Congre: Shepherd them also, and bear them up
forever.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD,

**Congre: Because He has heard the voice of my
supplications!**

The Confession of Sins

**All: Holy and most merciful Father, I confess that I am
sinful by nature and have miserably failed in thought, word,
and deed to obey Your commandments to love You and my
neighbor. For this I deserve Your temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting
in Jesus my Savior, I pray: LORD, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

The Absolution of Sins

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has
offered up His only Son on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for all
our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of God and by His
authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congre: Amen

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: God of all power and might, You are the giver of all that is good. Help us love You with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in Your care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congre: Amen.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load. ⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith... ¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-10, 16-20 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵ "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ "And if a son of

peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹ "And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say...¹¹ 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹² "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. .. ¹⁶ "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." ¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Confession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated 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 647 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head* (LSB 647)

Sermon Text: Isaiah 66:10-14 ¹⁰ " Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; ¹¹ That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory." ¹² For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." ¹⁴ When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, And His indignation to His enemies.

Sermon Theme: The New Testament Church's Loving Care for Her Spiritual Offspring.

♪ **The Offertory**

*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

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**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 648 *Glorious Things of You are Spoken* (LSB 648)

Responsive Reading

(Psalm 111)

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,

Congre: **In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.**

Pastor: The works of the LORD are great,

Congre: **Studied by all who have pleasure in them.**

Pastor: His work is honorable and glorious,

Congre: **And His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

Congre: **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

Pastor: He has given food to those who fear Him;

Congre: **He will ever be mindful of His covenant.**

Pastor: He has declared to His people the power of His works,

Congre: **In giving them the heritage of the nations.**

Pastor: The works of His hands are verity and justice;

Congre: **All His precepts are sure.**

Pastor: They stand fast forever and ever,

Congre: **And are done in truth and uprightness.**

Pastor: He has sent redemption to His people;

Congre: **He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.**

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

Congre: **A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.**

The Benediction

Pastor: 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.

Congre: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Lift High the Cross*

(Ws 769)

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

Refrain

**3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

Refrain.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
7/27/25 **11:00 a.m. Church Picnic at Cuesta Park,**
Mountain View
Next Sunday: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy**
Communion
8/3/25

Church Picnic will be held today, starting around 11:30 a.m.
or 12 Noon at Cuesta Park in Mountain View located at 615
Cuesta Drive. All are invited to share this meal with us.

Vacation Bible School Report This past week we had 8
students who attended our VBS. There were 4 member-children
and 4 non-members children. We thank the VBS staff:
Teachers-Grant Bernthal, Becky Noeldner, and Pastor Gullerud;
Music – Barbara Gullerud; Crafts – Leslie Horrilloo and Angela
Gullerud; and Helpers – Rachel Blank, Natalie Lang and Serena
Stefanek. There are some samples of the craft projects in the
fellowship hall.

Great Gifts Currently in the Pipeline. Thanks be to God for
encouraging news from Immanuel College! This fall, over thirty
students are expected to enroll—fifteen in the pre-theology
program and eleven preparing to teach. God willing, it appears
that our fellowship could see a steady stream of new pastors
and teachers in the coming years. This is a vital blessing as the
Lord continues to provide undershepherds for His flock. "*He
heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*" – *Psalms*
147:3

ILC Pre-theology students last year: Sam Radermacher, Darion
Buck, Ethan Sydow, Troyal Mayhew, Joel Bernthal, Austin Lien,
Daniel Hein, Jeremiah Rosen, Michael Manthe and Luke Strike.

CALL NEWS Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht have
both **accepted** their part-time, one-year calls to St. John's,
Okabena, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck
has **received** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru
Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Tom
Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI,
has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire,
WI. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran
School, Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Luther
Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of
Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **received** the
call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

