

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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August 10, 2025 ✝ Pentecost 9

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 27 (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 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
 △ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-
 Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.

Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

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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 Lord God, Your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. Help Your called servants to faithfully proclaim Your Word. Guide our footsteps by Your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a (NKJV)

Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ² So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³ and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. ⁴ "Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ "And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. ⁸ So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate. ⁹ Then they said to him, "Where *is* Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." ¹⁰ And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

Second Reading

Colossians 1:21-28 (NKJV)

P The second reading is from Colossians 1:21-28

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

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight -- ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

W.S. p. 15

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: 536 One Thing's Needful

LSB 536



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my
5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
 high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer
 all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her
 And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
 But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the
 Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom that
 cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness
 pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are
 Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her
 steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -
 ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -
 Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
 Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.
 vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
 tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.
 vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

Text: Johann Heinrich Schröder, 1667–99; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt.

Tune: Adam Krieger, 1634–66

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Sermon Text: Luke 10:38-42

(NKJV)

³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Sermon Theme: The One Thing Needful is Found with Jesus in His Word.

- 1. Don't let the cares and concerns of this world pull you away from it.**
- 2. Instead, sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him.**

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.

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: 523 O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.

Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

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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.**

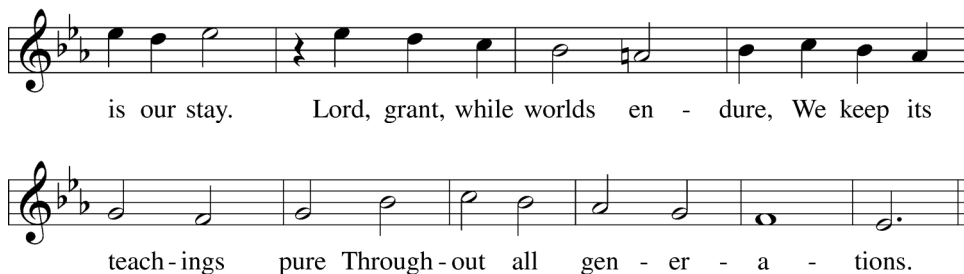
Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- [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: 582 God's Word is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
8/10/25 **11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting**
 6:30 p.m. SoCal Worship Service and Bible Study

Next Sunday: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
8/17/25 **11:00 a.m. Luncheon**

SoCal Worship Service and Bible Study will take place today at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Paul Krause, who is the father of Alyssa Hamblin, will be conducting the worship service and leading the Bible Study. The group will be meeting at Peralta Canyon Park located at 115 N Pinney Dr, Anaheim CA, 92807. Please let Alyssa know if you are planning on attending so that they know whom they may need to wait for before starting. Alyssa's contact information is (714)472-4289 or indyjones2010@gmail.com.

Getting to Know our New Pastor and his Family Pastor David Ude is 37 years old. He is married to Rachel nee Radtke. They have 3 children: ages 11, 8, and 2. Pastor Ude received his High School, College and Seminary training at Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI. He has been in the ministry for 11 years, serving Living Hope in Appleton, WI all that time. His synodical service includes being a writer for the Daily Rest devotionals, serving on the Committee on Domestic Fields, Worship Committee, and Lay Ministry Committee. His pastoral strengths are teaching children and preaching. He enjoys teaching children and visiting, and preaching. His hobbies are sports, running, and cooking. His phone number is (715)450-2968 and his email address is david.m.ude@gmail.com. In the most recent issue of the Lutheran Spokesman, Pastor Ude wrote an article on his congregation in Appleton and is pictured in this article. You will find this issue of the Spokesman on the table in the narthex.

50th Anniversary Next Sunday, August 17th, St. Stephen will observe the 50th Anniversary of Pastor Gullerud's ordination with a special service at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Drew Naumann, who serves Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA, will be our guest preacher. The ladies are planning to have a luncheon after the service.

CLC News Calls: Mr. Peter Reim has returned the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has accepted the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Installations: On Sunday, August 10, 2025, Pastor Frank Gantt will be installed at Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> On Sunday, August 17, 2025 Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN will install Mr. Rick Mariner as Principal, Mr. Michael Wheaton as Assistant Principal with a 1-year call, Mrs. Debra Mayhew as 1-2 Grade Teacher with a 1-year call, Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting as a part-time Religion Teacher, and Mrs. Jackie Friedrichs as Music Teacher.

Retirement: Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of September 6-7, 2025.

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