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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 119v:49-56 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

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

Opening Hymn 648 Glorious Things of You are Spoken

LSB 648



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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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

P How beautiful upon the mountains

C Are the feet of him who brings good news,

P Who proclaims peace,

C Who brings glad tidings of good things,

P Who proclaims salvation,

C Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

P Your watchmen shall lift up their voices,

C With their voices they shall sing together;

P For they shall see eye to eye

C When the LORD brings back Zion.

P Break forth into joy, sing together,

C You waste places of Jerusalem!

P For the LORD has comforted His people,

C He has redeemed Jerusalem.

P The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations;

C And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Confession and Absolution

P The word "minister" means to be a servant. Our churches call pastors to serve on behalf of the congregation, but this does not mean that the pastor is the only one who serves. Each of us have been called to serve the Lord in faith and our neighbor in love. And each of us, pastors and laymen, teachers and students, old and young alike have all failed in our calling time and time again. Today, we take the opportunity to confess our sins and failures to God, seeking His cleansing grace and forgiveness in Christ.

P Holy Father, who perfectly created us to love and serve You as Your dear children, we confess to You our numerous faults.

C We have not always loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not glorified you in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. For these sins we pray: Lord, have mercy!

P Jesus Christ, who perfectly kept God's Law and suffered the anguish of death and hell for Your people, we confess to You our numerous faults.

C We have not always returned to give thanks for Your grace. We have not appreciated Your guidance in our lives and in our churches. We have taken Your forgiveness for granted, and have served ourselves more often than we have served You. For these sins we pray: Lord, have mercy!

P Spirit of God, who comes to us in Word and in power to afflict the comfortable and to comfort the afflicted, we confess to You our numerous faults.

C We have not always rejoiced in Your means of grace - the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. We have not honored those you have placed over us, and we have failed those you have placed under us. We have not proclaimed Your Word on every occasion and we have not prayed as we ought. For these and all other sins, we pray: Lord, have mercy!

P When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. By His perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection, He declares to you today, "Be of good cheer! Your sins are forgiven you." As a servant of Christ, therefore, 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. For Jesus' sake, you are not condemned! Go and sin no more.

C Amen!

Hymn 237 st. 1 All Glory be to God on High

TLH 237

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray: Dear Lord God You have revealed in Your Word that You gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. We thank You for calling pastors to serve us in the Gospel ministry. Enable them to faithfully proclaim and teach Your Word, and work faith and love in our hearts through Your Word so that we accept Your teachings and follow after them in our lives. Continue to keep us in the Christian faith until we are received into 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

Jeremiah 1:1-10 (NKJV)

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ² to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I *am* a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you," says the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

Second Reading

Acts 20:17-32 (NKJV)

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; ²⁰ "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ "Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. ³² "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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: 583 God has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de-spair and tur-moil, One firm an-chor holds us fast:
Spo-ken by the Word In-car-nate, God of God, be-fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na-tions One sure faith yet stand-ing fast;



God is king, His throne e-ter-nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de-scend-ing, He re-veals our God to us.
God a-bides, His Word un-chang-ing; God the first, and God the last.

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Sermon Text: Psalm 90:1,2,8-12,14-17

(NKJV)

¹ LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God... ⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. ⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. ¹² So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom... ¹⁴ Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! ¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Sermon Theme: Our Years of Service are Years of Grace

1. 3 Years
2. 50 Years
3. 6,000 Years

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.*** †)

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: How Beauteous are their Feet (For the musical setting use bulletin insert)

1. How beauteous are their feet who stand on Zion's hill;
Who bring salvation on their tongues and words of peace reveal!
2. How charming is their voice! How sweet their tidings are!
"Zion, behold thy Savior-King; He reigns and triumphs here."
3. How happy are the ears that hear this joyful sound
Which kings and prophets waited for and sought, but never found!
4. How blessed are the eyes that see this heav'nly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long, But died without the sight.
5. The watchmen join their voice and tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs, and deserts learn the joy.
6. The Lord makes bare His arm through all the earth abroad.
Let every nation now behold their Savior and their God.
7. How beauteous are their feet who stand on Zion's hill;
Who bring salvation on their tongues and words of peace reveal!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707

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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: 742 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

WS 742

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
8/14/25 **11:00 a.m. Luncheon**

Next Sunday: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
8/21/25

Thank You We thank Pastor Drew Naumann, who is pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA, for conducting the worship service for us today.

50th Anniversary St. Stephen Lutheran Church is observing today Pastor Mark Gullerud's 50th anniversary of his ordination which took place on July 13, 1975 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church (West Side) of the San Francisco Bay Area. Pastor Arvid Gullerud, who was the uncle of Mark, pastor of Servant of Christ Lutheran Church in Canoga Park, California delivered the sermon. Pastor Rollin Reim officiated the service. The bulletin for that service is found as an insert in this bulletin. The bulletin cover was designed by Mrs. Ida Drews, Mark's mother-in-law. On the backside of this bulletin insert is a hymn which son Joel Gullerud wrote the tune for on the occasion of Pastor Gullerud's retirement observance in September of 2019.

Luncheon The assembly gathered here today are invited to share with us the luncheon which is being served by the ladies of the congregation in the fellowship hall.

The Installation Service of Pastor David Ude will be held on Sunday, September 14th at our regular service time of 10:00 a.m. The guest preacher at this service will be Professor John Ude, who is the father of our new pastor.

Food Shower Since the Ude family will be moving into a home with empty shelves, it would be a fine and helpful gesture to give them a food shower. You may do this either by donating canned or dry goods, or since we don't know the food preferences of the Ude family, grocery gift cards could be given.

New Members Last Sunday, our church council received Alexandria (Lexi) Williams into communicant membership by way of transfer of her membership from Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Her young son Jaelen is being received as a baptized member of our congregation. Both Lexi and her son are living with Lexi's mother Deanna in San Rafael, CA. We welcome both Lexi and Jaelen into our fellowship.