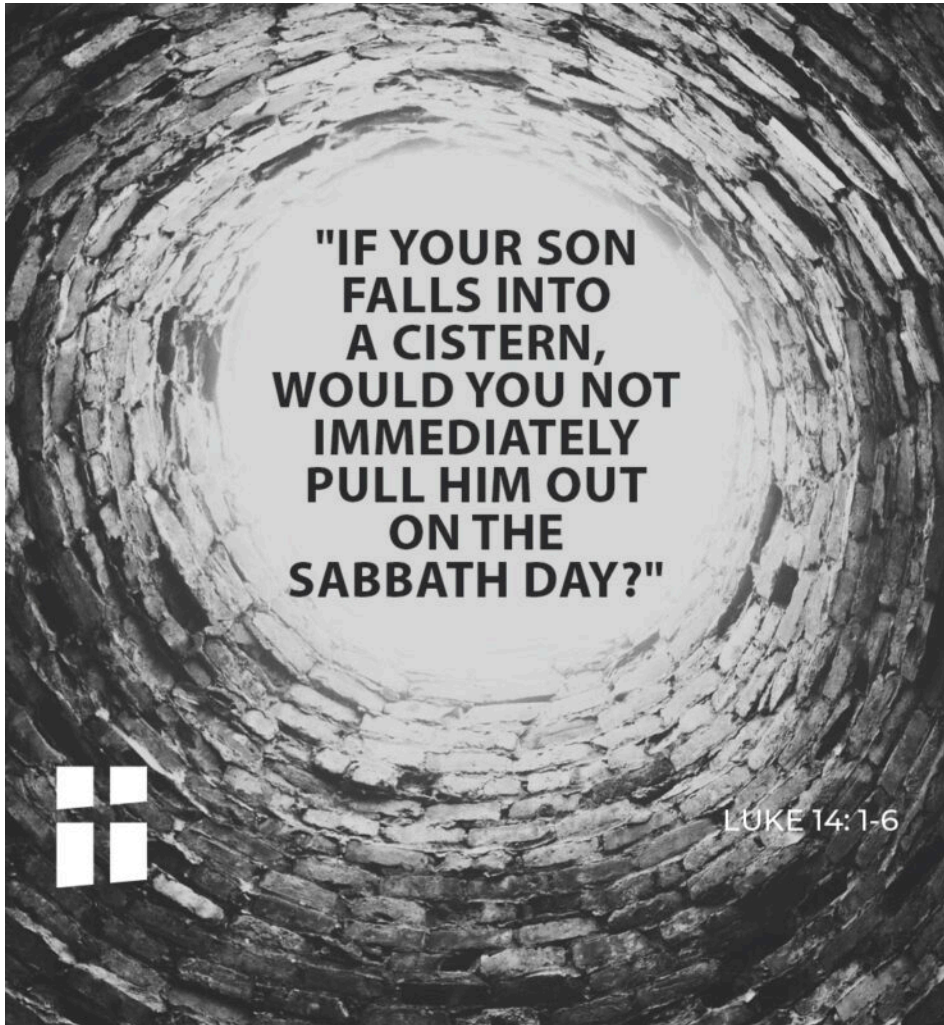


St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity
October 12, 2025



Opening Prayer

Hymn 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

Invocation

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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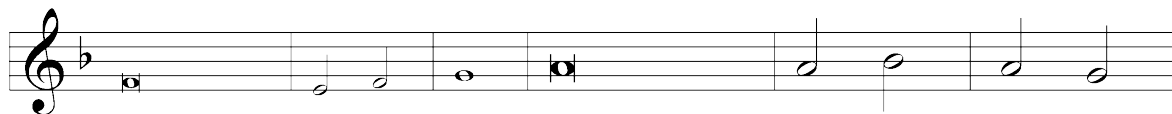
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

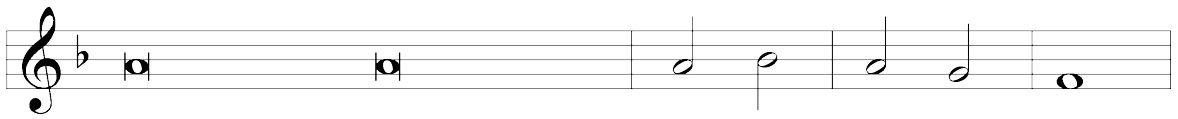
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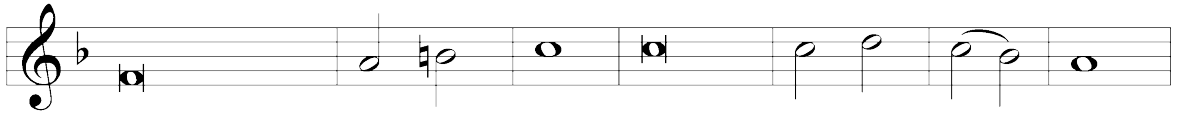
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



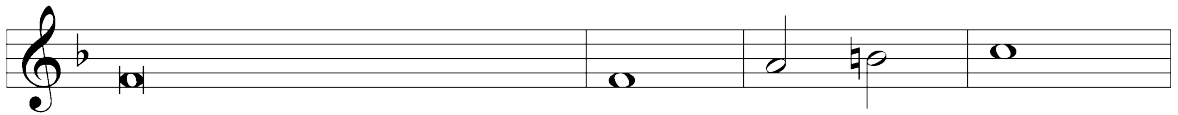
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



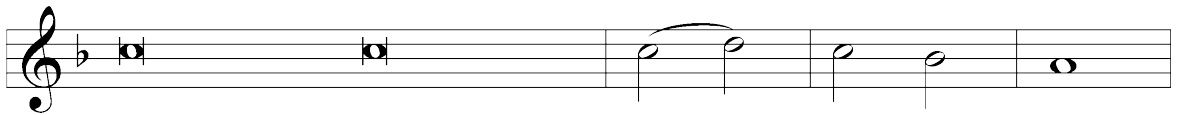
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



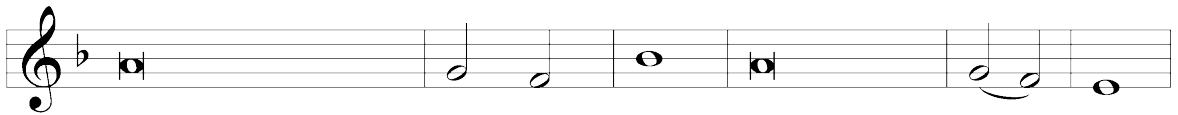
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



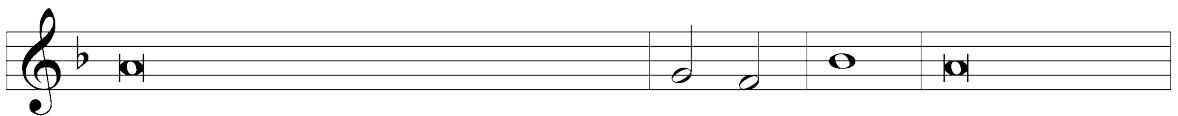
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



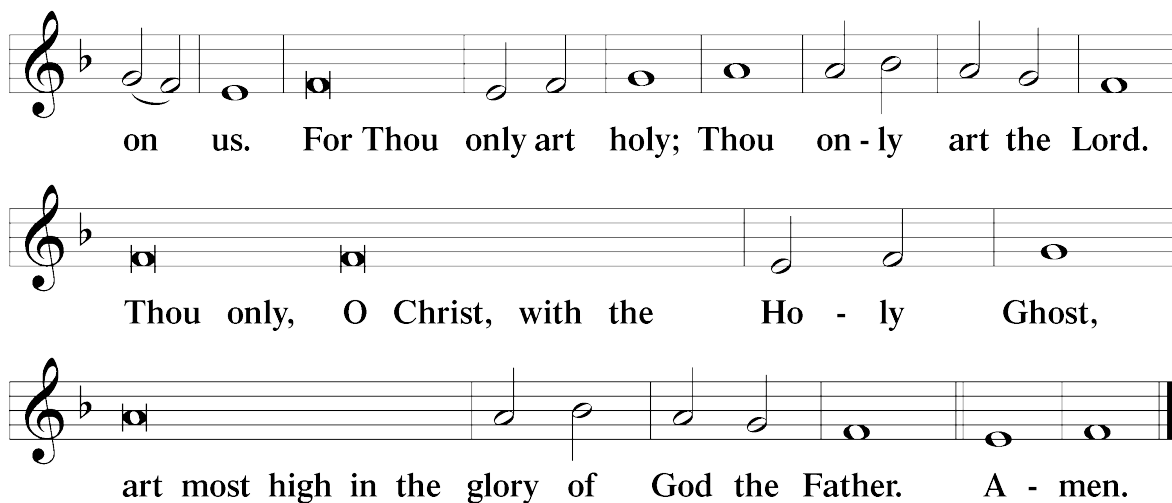
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



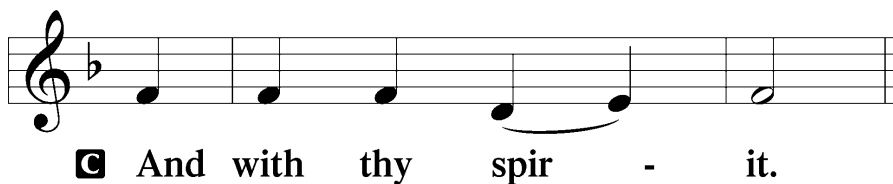
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

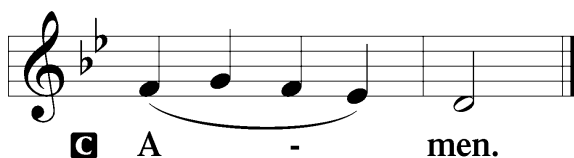
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.



C A - men.

Sit

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 2; antiphon: v. 11

¹Why do the | nations rage*

and the peoples | plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*

against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,

³“Let us burst their | bonds apart*

and cast away their | cords from us.”

⁴He who sits in the | heavens laughs,*

the Lord holds them in de- | rision.

⁵Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*

and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

⁶“As for me, I have | set my King*

on Zion, my | holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of | the decree.*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;

today I have be- | gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*

and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

⁹You shall break them with a | rod of iron*

and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*

be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

¹¹Serve the | LORD with fear,*

and rejoice with | trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When

you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 thence 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.**

Sit

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon - Jesus is and Gives True Sabbath Rest

1. By Teaching Sabbath
2. By Fulfilling Sabbath

Sermon Review Questions/Notes

1. Why were the pharisees “watching Jesus closely”?
2. Why does it say Jesus “responded” to them?
3. Why was there nothing in the law that addressed healing on the sabbath?
4. How does Jesus performing the miracle of healing prove that it was lawful to do so?
5. How does Jesus keep the law here?
6. What does Jesus’ quote from Deuteronomy reveal about our hypocrisy?
7. How was what Jesus was doing like rescuing someone from a pit?
8. How did Jesus’ miracle prefigure his death and resurrection?
9. Where does God give us rest now?
10. What are some ways we might forsake or abuse this rest?

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C 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.

Sit

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - Children's Hymn

Offering (Collected By the Door)

Prayer of the Church

Children Sing - Seek Ye First

Stand

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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. *LSB 197*

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week 9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School
10/12/25 10:00 a.m. Divine Service
11:15 a.m. Choir

Thursday 4:00 p.m. Catechism class.

Coming Up
10/28/25 5:15 pm Service at Forever Easter House in Sacramento
11/2/25 Reformation Service and Celebration With Meal
11/9/25 11:15 am Council Meeting - no choir
11/16/25 11:15 am Voters Meeting - no choir
11/27/25 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service
12/3/25 6:00 pm Midweek Advent Service

CLC CALL NEWS CALL NEWS Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has received the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis

has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Catechism Memory Work

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Bible Stories To Read (Or listen to) At Home:

1. Genesis 15-17 — The Story Bible Pages 51-53
2. Genesis 18 — The Story Bible Pages 54-56
3. Genesis 18, 21 - The Story Bible Pages 57-60
4. Genesis 22 - The Story Bible Pages 61-63
5. Genesis 24 - The Story Bible Pages 64-66

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