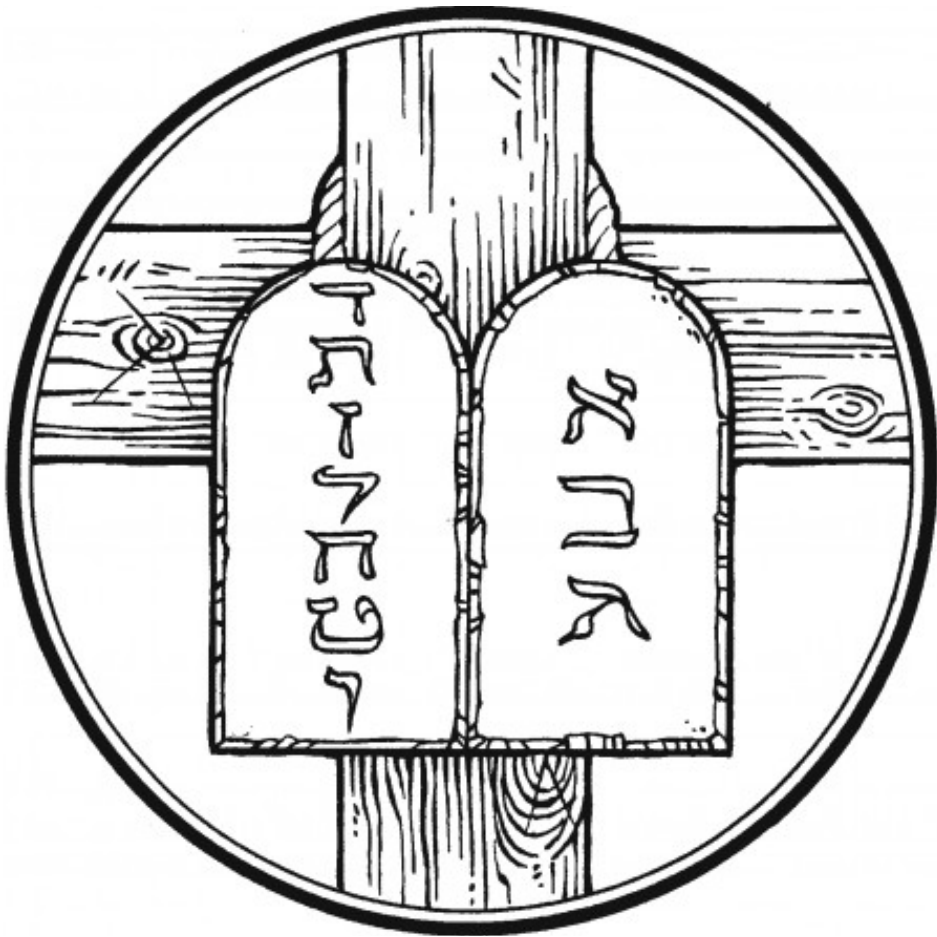


St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity
October 19, 2025



Opening Prayer

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

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 122:1, 6, 8-9

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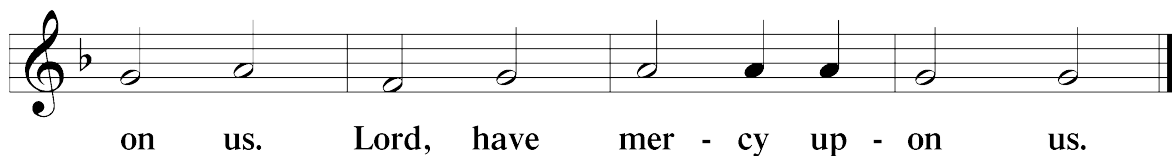


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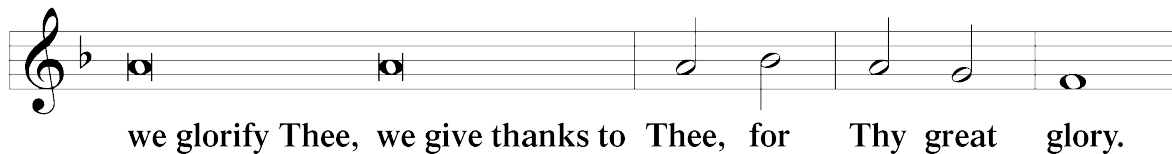
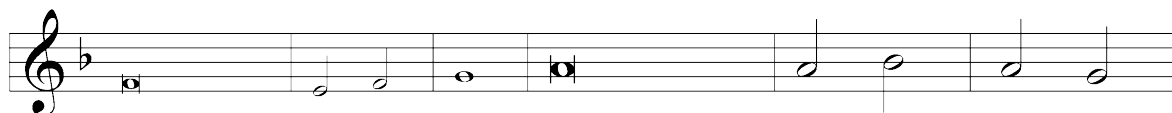
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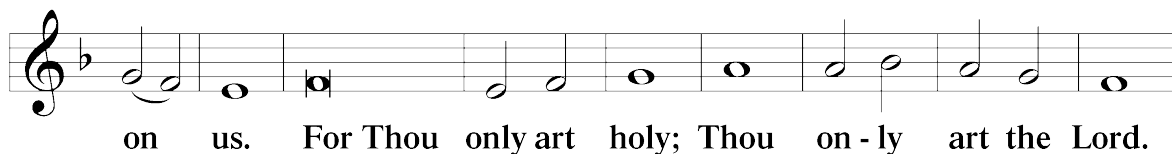
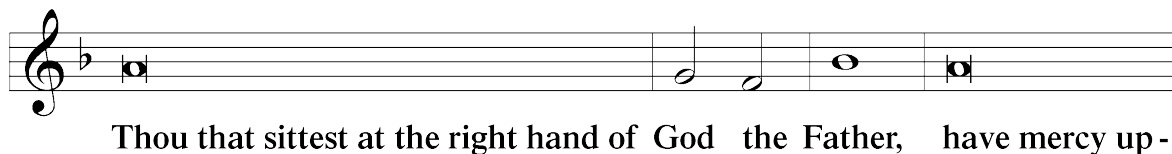
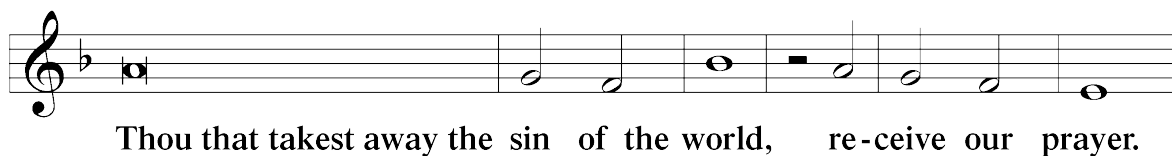
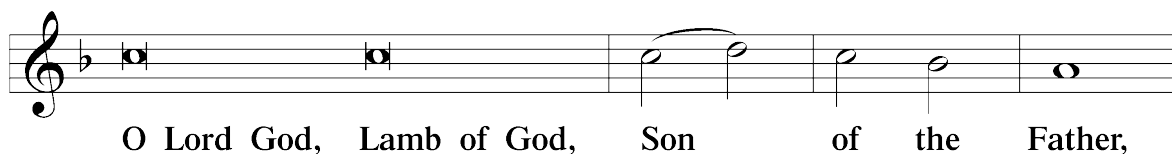
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Gloria in Excelsis

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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

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your

soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 34:8–22; antiphon: v. 19

⁸Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him | have no lack!

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and | hunger;*

but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

¹¹Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

¹²What man is there who de- | sires life*

and loves many days, that he may | see good?

¹³Keep your tongue from | evil*

and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.

¹⁴Turn away from evil | and do good;*

seek peace and pur- | sue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the | righteous*

and his ears | toward their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil,*

to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*

and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted*

and saves the crushed in | spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

²⁰He keeps | all his bones;*

not one of them is | broken.

²¹Affliction will slay the | wicked,*

and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.

²²The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*

none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus,
and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every
place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord
and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of
God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were
enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the
testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our
Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the

day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Alleluia

LSB 190



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer,

asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’?

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G 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

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

sts. 1, 3–4

Sermon - Jesus Wins

1. Every Argument About the Law of Love
2. Your Salvation By His Love

Sermon Notes/ Review Questions

1. Why do the pharisees think their question will trick Jesus?
2. Why does Jesus answer leave them silent?
3. What are some ways people try to argue with God about His law?
4. How do all the law and prophets hang upon this commandment?
5. Why should the law leave us all silent?
6. How is the Messiah (Jesus), David's Son?
7. Why does David call Him Lord?
8. Why does God say to the Messiah "sit at my right hand"?

9. What is the pharisees response to this?

10. How does Jesus "win"?

11. Where do all the law and prophets hang?

12. What should His question here bring us to call Him?

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



Sit

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Offering (Collected By the Door)

Prayer of the Church

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.

768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Acknowledgments

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week **9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School**
10/19/25 **10:00 a.m. Divine Service**
 11:15 a.m. Choir

Thursday **4:00 p.m. Catechism class.**

Coming Up
10/26/25 **6:30 pm Service in Los Angeles**
10/28/25 **12:30/1 pm Service at Oakmont Senior Living in Stockton**
 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**

Thank You to Barb Gullerud for playing organ for the service, to Barb and Rachel Ude for helping teach Sunday School, and to Michael Horrillo for fixing the

burst pipe in the back this week.

CLC CALL NEWS Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the 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. <> 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.

DEDICATION Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate its new church building (1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00 pm.

INAUGURAL SERVICE A mission group in Des Moines, Iowa, will be hosting its inaugural service on Sunday, November 9, at 10:30 am. For more information, contact Pastor Paul Krause.

INSTALLATION Pastor Drew Naumann will be installed at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI on October 25-26, 2025.

Nominations for ILC Professor Call:

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate a male or males to fill the vacancy which has been created by the resignation of Professor David

Schaller. A plan is already in place to fill this void during the current 2025-26 academic year. As such, the person would start serving in this role during the 2026-27 academic year. It would be preferable for this male to be seminary trained and/or musically trained. Courses to be taught depending on the abilities that the Lord has given this person for use in His Church, may include courses such as music classes, religion classes, college Greek, and other potential disciplines. The person may serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, also teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations should include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2026. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com

Catechism Memory Work

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

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

1. Genesis 25; 27 — The Story Bible Pages 67-70
2. Genesis 27-28 — The Story Bible Pages 71-72
3. Genesis 29-30 - The Story Bible Pages 74-77
4. Genesis 31-33 - The Story Bible Pages 78-80
5. Genesis 37 - The Story Bible Pages 81-84

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