

## CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE – A SONG SERVICE

*Featuring the music of Stephen Bautista*

*May 8 & 9, 2016*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✦ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✦ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✦ If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Worship Leaders**.....Pastor Brian Adams  
Pastor Jacob Hoff

**Music**..... Mr. Stephen Bautista

## OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

**THE OPENING SONG**..... **"The Most Beautiful Thing"**

*Words and music by Stephen Bautista*

the warm subtle hues of a delicate bloom  
and a song bird that greets the new morning  
a cascading stream flowing through fields of green  
and the mountains that rise up before them  
in oh so many ways  
the beauty of life has shined on my face  
and yet I know of one thing  
that surpasses by far the beauty I've seen

#### chorus

the most beautiful thing I know  
is the cross with a savior who died for us all  
and the blood that flowed  
from his hands and feet  
and the wounds he bore  
so that we'd be redeemed  
this is the most beautiful thing

I've stood on the edge of a grand precipice  
overwhelmed by the span of creation  
then sat teary eyed while the sun paints the sky  
as it settles beyond the horizon  
and I'm still so amazed  
at the beauty that life has shined on my face  
but one thing stands alone  
unrivaled and incomparable

**chorus**

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**10:30 am Service**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

**Minister:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Kobe Kennon Freund, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*Please Stand*

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Kobe may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C:** **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

**M:** Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Kobe and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C:** *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

*Service continues on page 7, "How Great Thou Art"*

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**8:00 AM & 6:30 PM SERVICE**

*Please Stand*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** **Amen.**

**M:** Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name! *(Psalm 30:4)*

**C:** **I will sing and make music!**

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**M:** I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

**C:** **For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

**M:** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. *(Psalm 57:7-11)*

**C:** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**M:** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

**C:** **Make music to the LORD with the harp and the sound of singing – shout for joy before the LORD, the King.** *(Psalm 98:1-5)*

**M:** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. *(Psalm 19:1)*

**C:** **Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.** *(Psalm 148:1)*

**M:** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

**C:** **Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.** *(Psalm 139:14)*

**M:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise!

*Please be Seated*

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CONGREGATION HYMN ..... "How Great Thou Art!"

Christian Worship #256



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



Con-sid-er all the works thy hand hath made,  
And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might-y thun-der,  
When I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
That on the cross my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing  
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion



Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played,  
And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,  
He bled and died to take a-way my sin,  
And there pro-claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, "How great thou



art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE ..... "Saved"

Words and music by Stephen Bautista  
With Marissa Bautista

weary, worn, and tattered  
tossed about and battered  
like a boat out on the raging sea  
gone a drift and helpless  
broken down, in distress  
then the Lord stretched out his arms to me  
now I'll be

Refrain I

safe and warm from the storm  
kept from harm in his arms  
when the tempest hits me  
I'm sheltered by his mercy  
safe and warm from the storm

just when I had floundered  
quickly going under  
Jesus pulled me from the crashing waves  
now that I have been kept  
from sinking to a great depth  
I rejoice and praise his holy name  
cause I've been saved

**Refrain I**

safe and warm from the storm  
kept from harm in his arms  
when the tempest hits me  
I'm sheltered by his mercy  
safe and warm from the storm

**Refrain II**

and I sing Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

safe and warm from the storm  
safe and warm from the storm

**Refrain II**

and I sing Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
I sing Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

safe and warm from the storm

**1. "LOVE CHOSE"**

**BRIEF MEDITATION** ..... **Ephesians 1:4**

*"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."*

**SONG**..... **"You Thought of Me"**

*Words and music by Stephen Bautista*

when you made the universe  
formed the heavens and the earth  
when you planned eternity  
did you really think of me?

when you breathed the living breath  
made us into your likeness  
when you said that you were pleased  
did you really think of me?

and on the day  
that we rebelled  
was I in your thoughts  
as your tears fell

when you left your mighty throne  
to fix the damage we had done  
when you became the least of these  
did you really think of me?

when you were betrayed by a kiss  
and felt the nails go through your wrist  
when you suffered agony  
did you really think of me?

and the moment when  
you left the grave  
was I on your mind  
as the debt was paid

you wrote your word upon my heart  
to say you knew me from the start  
and that you planned out everything  
all because you thought of me

## 2. "LOVE SENT"

**BRIEF MEDITATION** ..... 1. John 4:9,10

*"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son  
into the world that we might live through him."*

**SONG**..... **"You Never Did"**  
*Words and music by Stephen Bautista*

I never fully understood  
why you agreed to save us  
when you knew the price you had to pay  
was pain beyond endurance  
I know if I were in your shoes  
I wouldn't hesitate  
to leave this world of fools

### **Chorus**

but you never did  
you never budged an inch  
you never did  
you never even flinched  
you could've left us all  
and wrote us off as a lost cause  
but you never did

you freely took that heavy cross  
when you could've easily left it  
you let them pierce your mighty hands  
when you had the power to stop them  
you could've flown at lightning speed  
when they challenged you  
to come down off that tree

### **Chorus**

but you never did  
you never budged an inch  
you never did  
you never even flinched  
you could've left us all  
and wrote us off as a lost cause  
but you never did

### **Bridge**

you stuck through all the pain  
and endured our guilt and shame  
when you really could have left us  
you really could have left us

### **Chorus**

but you never did  
you never budged an inch  
you never did  
you never even flinched  
you could've left us all  
and wrote us off as a lost cause  
but you never did

you really could have left us  
but you never did

### 3. "LOVE FOUND"

**BRIEF MEDITATION** ..... **Ephesians 1:13**

*"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."*

**SONG**..... **"A Sweet, Sweet Sound"**  
*Words & music by Stephen Bautista  
With Marissa Bautista*

there's a sound rising up through the air  
drowning out the bitter cry of despair  
bellowing over the voice of fear  
it's the sound of hope

resonating out where the hurting are  
it echoes through the walls a broken heart  
penetrating down through the deepest scar  
it's the sound of hope

**Chorus:**

it's the sweet sweet sound of a sinner's praise  
when their wayward soul is found  
as they sing a song of amazing grace  
all their voices rise  
in a sweet sweet sound

it wells up to the tops of cathedral halls  
reverberating out through chapel walls  
ringing in the streets like a distant call  
it's the sound of hope

it beckons to the hearts of a world in need  
telling them the story of the redeemed  
proclaiming that Jesus has set them free  
it's the sound of hope

**Chorus:**

**Bridge:**  
a sweet sweet sound  
a sweet sweet sound  
it's a sweet sweet sound  
when we sing our praises  
in the name of Jesus  
and our hallelujahs ring  
in a sweet sweet sound  
a sweet sweet sound

Chorus X2:

amazing grace, how sweet the sound

### 4. "LOVE RETURNED"

**BRIEF MEDITATION** ..... **Ephesians 5:1-2**

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love,  
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us  
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."*

**SONG**..... **"Make a Difference"**  
*Words and music by Stephen Bautista*

I was a broken man, damaged goods, sinful through and through  
then you changed it all in an instant  
now I'm a forgiven man, full of life, restored and renewed

and your grace made all the difference  
and there's no way to repay this gift of life you gave  
but I can...

**Chorus:**

share your words  
speak your truth  
tell the world all about you  
be your hands  
be your feet  
and make a difference  
'cause you made a difference in me

now there are other souls, struggling, hurting through and through  
while living a life that seems hopeless  
they need to hear about the promises and hope that's found in you  
and how grace makes all the difference  
so let my life brightly shine reflections of your light  
and...

**Chorus:**

**Bridge**

the guy with the cardboard sign  
the gal in the coffee line  
the neighbor who lives next door  
the soldier who goes to war  
the one marching in protest  
the brother I grew up with  
they all need someone to make a difference  
so I will...

**Chorus x2:**

**OFFERING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**CONGREGATION HYMN ..... "Amazing Grace"**  
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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,  
That saved a wretch like me! I  
His Word my hope se - cures. He  
I have al - read - y come; 'Tis  
Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've  
once was lost but now am found,  
will my shield and por - tion be  
grace has brought me safe thus far,  
no less days to sing God's praise  
Was blind but now I see,  
As long as life en - dures,  
And grace will lead me home,  
Than when we'd first be - gun.

*Please Stand*



**PRAYER**

**All:** Almighty God, I am humbled and amazed that you loved me so much that you choose me from eternity, sent your Son to pay the price for my sins, and found me while I was a lost and wayward sinner. Help me now to live a life of gratitude for all you have done for me. Give me a caring heart to love and seek the lost, and share my hope of salvation with those who have no hope. Make me faithful in my daily life so that all I say and do may glorify you. Amen.

**BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

*Please be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN.....“Jesus Loves Me”**

*original by Anna Warner, William Bradbury  
bridge by Stephen Bautista*

Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.

**Chorus:**

Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me this I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, “Let them come to Me.”

**Chorus**

Jesus loves me, He who died,  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He has washed away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

**Chorus**

Bridge (original)

It tells me of his grace,

And of sins erased,

How he restored my soul,

How he calls me his own

This I know for the Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me! He will stay,  
close beside me all the way;  
He's prepared a home for me,  
And some day His face I will see.

**Chorus X2**

## Announcements

**STEPHEN BAUTISTA SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE:** In all three services this weekend, our worship service will be led by Mr. Stephen Bautista. Stephen is a WELS member from Las Vegas, Nevada, and a full-time Christian Music Missionary that seeks to "enlighten the lost and encourage the found" with his original, Christ-centered music. Listeners enthusiastically describe Bautista as having a similar musical and vocal style to that of James Taylor, but with lyrics that convey a solid Gospel message. He tours the country with his wife, their eight "roadschooled" children, a 100-pound dog, and a 10-pound cat, living in a travel trailer they pull behind a Chevy Express van. Stephen has three Nashville-produced CDs available for purchase at his concerts and worship services. His music is also available online at [www.StephenBautistaMusic.com](http://www.StephenBautistaMusic.com), iTunes, Amazon, and most other online outlets. Please consider supporting Stephen's music mission by purchasing his CDs and/or contributing a freewill offering that will help him continue spreading the Gospel with his music. For more information about Stephen's music and upcoming events, visit [www.StephenBautistaMusic.com](http://www.StephenBautistaMusic.com).

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Mark and Rosie Derouin in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**BAPTISM:** Today in the 10:30 AM service Kobe Kennon Freund will be received into God's kingdom through Holy Baptism. Kobe is the infant son of Aaron and Rebecca Freund. Serving as his godparents are Michelle Huven and Brad Schroeder. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**BIBLE CLASS TODAY:** During the Bible Class time today, Stephen Bautista will talk about his music ministry. All are invited to join us.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, beginning at 6:30pm.

**BOARD OF ELDERS:** The Board of Elders will meet on Wednesday, May 11th, beginning at 6:30 pm

**CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION SERVICE:** On Thursday, May 12th, the Confirmands for this year will have the opportunity to share their Christian faith during the Examination Service. The service begins at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come.

**CONFIRMATION:** Next week Sunday, May 15th, is Confirmation. The service begins at 10:00am. (Please note the time change for the 2nd service next Sunday.) Everyone is invited to join us.

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Next week Saturday, May 14th, we continue our study of "The Story." As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "God Builds a Nation." For those who may not be able to make it on a Saturday, we will be setting up a schedule for the class to be repeated during the week. Watch for a new schedule.

**WANTED: GROUP CONFIRMATION PICTURES:** Were you (or anyone you know) confirmed at St. Paul's in any of the following years? A parent, grandparent or child? 1989, 1983, 1981, 1980, 1972, 1965, 1962, 1961, 1960, 1959, 1958, 1957, 1955, 1954, 1952, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1943, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938 or before. If you have a picture but aren't sure of the year, if you know the name of someone in the picture, we can look up the year. Please let Pastor Adams know if you have a picture. It will be scanned and returned to you. Thank You!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC):** We are looking for donation of a few items for craft projects for VBC. If there's anything you'd like to donate, please label it and leave it in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Adams at 423-1445 or [njadams86@yahoo.com](mailto:njadams86@yahoo.com). If you would like to help with a monetary donation, it would also be appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts to one of the pastors. The items needed are:

- Very small rubber bands (like the ones used to make rubber band bracelets)
- Yarn (any color)
- Small (8 oz.) water bottles with caps (empty and dry)
- Embellishments such as stick on gems, small stickers, feathers, googly eyes, sequins, etc.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP:** We are looking for help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Help is needed in all areas – even if you are only available a few of the days, we can still use your help! Please see today’s insert for more information on how you can help, and sign up! Vacation Bible Camp is July 25-29<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU:** A special thank you to Cheryl Konell for teaching our Sunday School class this year!

**150<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE:** What a difference the new organ makes as we worship and celebrate what the Lord has given us! We are very close to our goal – only \$2,577.00 to go! There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

**WLHS PRISM CONCERT:** The WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail using the ticket order form at [www.wlhs.org](http://www.wlhs.org). For more information, please call 414-453-4567.

**26TH ANNUAL WLHS CHARITY GOLF OUTING:** Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, June 20, at the New Berlin Hills Golf Club. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$150, and includes your green fees, cart, 2 beverage tickets, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at [www.wlhs.org](http://www.wlhs.org). Register by May 15 to ensure you receive a t-shirt that will fit you. For any questions contact Heidi Witz at [planner@wlhs.org](mailto:planner@wlhs.org) or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004.

**Volunteers**

**GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 8 & 9)**

- 8:00 AM** – Bob & Carol Goelz
- 10:30 AM** – Bob & Sue Dittrich
- 6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 15 & 16)**

- 8:00 AM** – Tim & Denise Rasmussen; Abigail & Anne
- 10:00 AM** – Roberto & Kendra Matus, Mara & Caleb
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

**USHERS FOR MAY**

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

**ALTAR GUILD:**

- May 4-10 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
- May 11-17 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

**The Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday, May 8**

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
- Bible 101 Class ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

**Monday, May 9**

- Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 10**

- PSCIC ..... 6:00 PM
- Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 11**

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 12**

- Confirmation Examination ..... 6:30 PM

**Friday, May 13**

School Devotion .....8:30 AM

**Saturday, May 14**

Bible Class .....8:00 AM

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

**Sunday, May 15**

Worship Service .....8:00 AM

Confirmation .....10:00 AM

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**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 81, Communed – 69

10:30 AM – 103, Communed – 70

6:30 PM – 59, Communed – 39

Total Attendance – 243

Sunday Bible Class – 26, Sunday School – 8

Bible 101 Class – 6