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"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

– Isaiah 1:18

September 13, 2020	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
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Please silence all electronic devices.

"Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace."

Prelude	Prelude on NEW BRITAIN Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Wood
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Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship Revelation 7:13–15 and Psalm 91:1–2

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple;

And He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

* Hymn For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Prayer of Adoration

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness..."

Old Testament Lesson Leviticus 13:42–46
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, we confess that our sin shouts, "Unclean, unclean." It challenges our consciences. It seeks to tear holes in the robe of righteousness Christ has provided for us. But we thank You that our worst sins are nothing compared to the greatness of Christ's atonement. We thank You that we cannot add a stitch to that robe or take a stitch away. Give us a fresh sense of the cleansing we have received in Christ and help us to draw near to the throne of grace. For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Pastor Jim Bachmann

* Hymn There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood FOUNTAIN

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains:
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in His day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.**

"Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory	Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Stephens Valley Church Choir	Young
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Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia. All ye servants of the Lord,

praise Him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

"Spread the good news."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:40–45
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Sermon Can I Be Clean? Pastor Heath Cross

Prayer of Supplication

"This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	Deep River Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Wood
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Sharing the Cup

* Hymn When the Poor Leper's Case I Read AMAZING GRACE

**When the poor leper's case I read, my own described I feel;
Sin is a leprosy indeed, which none but Christ can heal.**

**What anguish did my soul endure till hope and patience ceased?
The more I strove myself to cure, the more the plague increased.**

**While thus I lay distressed, I saw the Savior passing by;
To Him, though filled with shame and awe, I raised my mournful cry.**

**Lord, Thou canst heal me if Thou wilt, oh pity to me show,
O cleanse my leprous soul from guilt; my filthy heart renew.**

**He heard, and with a gracious look, pronounced the healing word;
"I will be clean," and while He spoke, I felt my health restored.**

**Come, sinners seize the present hour, the Savior's grace to prove;
He can relieve, for He is power, He will, for He is love.**

* Benediction

* Postlude Processional on SINE NOMINE Hutchings
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! We ask you to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask. We are excited about our steady growth but realize we are nearing social-distancing capacity in our fellowship hall. If we exceed capacity, our café will be used for overflow. Elders will be the first to move. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer March 2020: Make plans to join Franklin Graham on Saturday, September 26 as he leads a movement of Christians to walk and pray in and around Washington D.C. We will be asking God to heal the divisions in our nation, guide our leaders, protect our religious freedoms, and pour out His Spirit on America. For more information, go to www.prayermarch2020.com.

Starting Point: Next Sunday, Pastor Jim will host a new 6-week Starting Point class at 9:30 a.m. This class is for visitors who are interested in learning more about the church and possibly becoming members. We meet in the conference area of the office suite. To sign up, please visit the church website.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us Wednesday evening for our series called **"Hot Button: Thinking Biblically About Some of the Most Controversial Issues of Our Time."** Pastor Heath Cross continues to discuss some of the "hot button" issues Christians are facing today. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m.; the Bible study will begin at 6:00 p.m. Full safety precautions will be in place: social distancing, servers wearing masks and gloves, etc. Dinner reservations are closed for September 16. Reservations for September 23 dinner and childcare (ages 0-3) must be submitted through the church website by this Wednesday, September 16. The menu for September 23 is chicken alfredo, mixed green salad, fruit cup, artisan roll, and tiramisu. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/person and \$25/family.

Volunteers are needed to help with Wednesday night food preparation. Plan to arrive at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to cut fruit, plate desserts and help with the plating of meals. Please sign up with Joan Guthrey (joanguthrey@yahoo.com).

SVC Youth: We are meeting at the church from 5:00-8:00 p.m. each Wednesday night now through October 14. All SVC middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to bring their friends for dinner and a fun time of games, fellowship, and discovering what God's Word has to say about today's hot topics in student culture. For more information, contact Troy Hargrave (thargrave19@gmail.com).

SVC Women's Bible Study: This Tuesday, we begin studying the book of Romans using John Stott's book entitled "Romans: Encountering the Gospel's Power". We are meeting from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (*new time!*). After our small groups meet to go over the lesson, all groups will meet together and Pastor Heath Cross will teach us. Come join us for this exciting study at the church and also enjoy the fellowship of other women. We will be social distancing, encouraging the wearing of masks, and taking temperatures upon entering the church. If you are unable to attend, Pastor Heath's teaching will be streamed live through the church's YouTube channel beginning at 11:00 a.m.

SVC Men's Bible Study: Join us Friday mornings as we continue our study/discussion of the Sermon on the Mount using Kent Hughes' commentary. We are meeting in the Solid Rock Cafe from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Books are available when you arrive. For more information, contact Craig Valentine (craigv@entrust4.org).

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

Today, 9:00 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 5:00 p.m.	DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study leaders meeting (Café)
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	GriefShare (online via Zoom)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	SVC Youth Gathering
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

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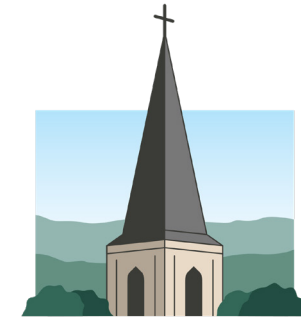
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Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the week. In addition, SVC conducts temperature checks upon entry, provides hand sanitizer and masks, and encourages social distancing. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. Despite these efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place or meeting where people are present as well as other inherent risks and dangers associated with public meetings. By your presence at SVC, you knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, including but not limited to COVID-19, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, your use of the facilities at Stephens Valley Church.