

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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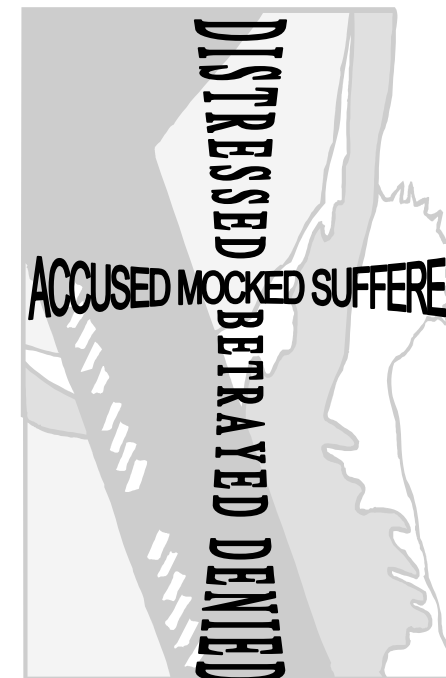
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March 1st, 2017 † Ash Wednesday



Lent 2017

"The Actions of Christ's Passion"

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 51:1-13
(Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 419 *Savior, When in Dust...*

Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God
– Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- G** **Almighty God, Merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our sins and pray that You would be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!
- P** O Lord, open my lips,
G **And my mouth will declare Your praise!**
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
G **Make haste, to help me, O Lord!**

(tune of "The Doxology")

**♪ Lord Jesus Christ, You set us free—Accept our thanks eternally!
Forgiven through Your precious blood, We now are reconciled to God. Amen.**

Psalm (Responsive)

Psalm 130

- P** Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD!
G **Lord, hear my voice!**
- P** Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.
G **If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But there is forgiveness with You,
G **That You may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
G **And in His word I do hope.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mountain View):
3/5/17 **Bible Class – 8:45am / Worship w/ communion – 10am**

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward):
Worship w/ communion – 1pm / Bible Class – 2pm

March Elder & Usher: Chris Holt (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)

Call News – At our voter's meeting last Sunday we extended the call to Miss Becky McKenney, a Kindergarten teacher from Wisconsin, as our 2nd teacher in St. Stephen Lutheran School.

P Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to live by Your Word. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness. We pray this through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus *Latin: "We bless." We praise our LORD and Savior.*

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

LSB 202

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



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

Closing Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436

May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during this season of Lent. Please continue to join us as we remember Christ's suffering and death for our sins in our Sunday morning services.

Please leave the booklets of the Passion History readings on the table in the church entry. We will be using them during the services throughout the season of Lent.

Acknowledgments

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P My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning

C Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD;

C For with the LORD there is mercy,

P And with Him is abundant redemption.

A And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You are full of mercy and grace. We pray that You would create in us new and repentant hearts and lives that acknowledge our guilt, turn away from our sins, and turn to Jesus for full and free forgiveness. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scripture Reading

THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 1

(See booklet, "The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Four Gospels")

L Here ends our Passion History reading.

**C All we like sheep have gone astray,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
By his wounds we are healed.**

Confession of Faith: 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed (Luther's Catechism, Sydow p. 87)

C "I believe 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, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true!"

Hymn of the Day: 418 *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* LSB 418

Sermon: "The Actions of Christ's Passion" – Distressed

Text: Mark 14:32-42 (NKJV)

³² Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. ³⁴ Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, *even* to death. Stay here and watch." ³⁵ He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶ And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*." ³⁷ Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak." ³⁹ Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. ⁴⁰ And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. ⁴¹ Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² "Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

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.*

Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

Sermon Hymn: 440 *Jesus I Will Ponder Now* LSB 440

Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer for Grace

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.