

Pastor Out of Town until Tues. Morning – I will be flying out tonight to visit Julia and will be returning again Tues. morning, Lord willing. If pastoral assistance is needed during that time please call my cell phone: **402-389-2147**. – Pastor Luke

Guest Preacher & Lunch Provided – Next Sunday (3/19) – Pastor Mark Bernthal, of Peace Thru Christ, Middleton (Madison area), WI will be preaching the sermon for us next Sunday. He and his wife, Ruth, are Pastor Luke's father and mother. They will be in town visiting him next weekend.

For those who would like to stay around after church next Sunday for a brief "meet & greet" sandwiches and a light lunch will be provided after the worship service in the fellowship hall before they leave with Pastor Luke for the worship service in Hayward.

CLC News – Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called Amy Mielke, of Hales Corners, WI to teach grades 3-4 at its school. <> Kristen Friedrichs has returned the call to teach social studies at Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. The congregation has called Sherman Carstensen, of Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, to serve as Counselor at its Schools.

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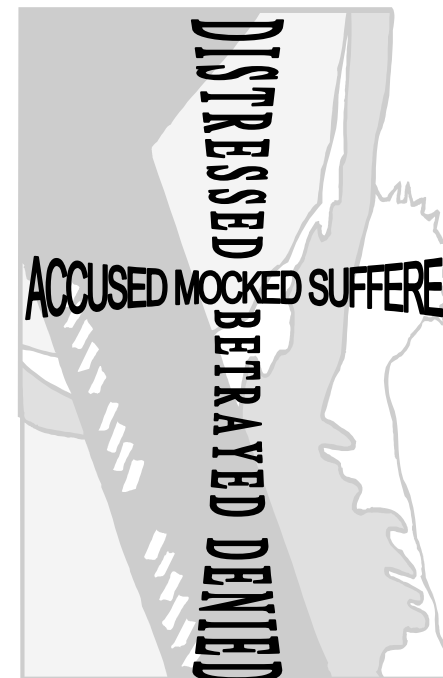
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March 12th, 2017 † **The Second Sunday in Lent**



Lent 2017

"The Actions of Christ's Passion"

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 121
(Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 553 *O Christ, Our Hope...*

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")



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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!



Closing Hymn: 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week: Wednesday – Elders Meeting – 6:30pm / Church Council – 7pm

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mountain View):
3/19/17

Bible Class – 8:45am / Worship w/ communion – 10am

Guest Preacher: Pastor Mark Bernthal, Middleton, WI

Lunch / Meet & Greet (in fellowship hall) – 11am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward):

Worship w/ communion – 1pm / Bible Class – 2pm

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

Sermon Hymn: "Ashamed of Jesus?"

From TLH 346

- ♪ **1. Jesus! and shall it ever be A mortal man ashamed of Thee?**
*Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?*
- 2. Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far Let evening blush to own a star.**
He sheds the beams of light divine O'er this benighted soul of mine.
- 3. Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon Let midnight be ashamed of noon.**
'Tis midnight with my soul till He, Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.
- 4. Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend On whom my hopes of heaven depend?**
No; when I blush, be this my shame, That I no more revere His name.
- 5. Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may When I've no guilt to wash away,**
No tear to wipe, no joy to crave, No fears to quell, no soul to save.
- 6. Till then--nor is the boasting vain-- Till then I boast a Savior slain.**
And oh, may this my portion be, That Christ is not ashamed of me!

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Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer for Grace

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- 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!**

Psalm (Responsive)

Psalm 130

- P** Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD!
- C** **Lord, hear my voice!**
- P** Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.
- C** **If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But there is forgiveness with You,
- C** **That You may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
- C** **And in His word I do hope.**
- 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:
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul. 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 3 (p. 5-6)

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

- L** Here ends our Passion History reading.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

☐ "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: 547 The Lamb

LSB 547

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

Text: Luke 22:54b-62 (NKJV)

^{54b} But Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." ⁵⁷ But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." ⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are

saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

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

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