

St. Stephen South – Southern California Visits & Worship – Saturday @ 5pm – Pastor Luke will be making his first visits with St. Stephen South members in the LA and San Diego areas this Friday and Saturday. The worship service for St. Stephen South will be held at the usual location in Pasadena at 5pm on Saturday (3/25).

St. Stephen 50th Anniversary Committee – Plans are being made to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our congregation this summer. We are forming a 50th Anniversary Committee to help plan the day's events. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on that committee, please speak with our congregation's president, Paul Pelzl 734-660-4248 (cell).

CLC News – Teacher Claire Abbas of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran, Middleton, WI, has returned two calls: Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI, and Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran, Vernon, BC, Canada, has returned the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat – Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat at Camp JIM in **Pillager, MN, June 15–18 (Thurs. - Sun.)**. The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 1st, 2017), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is **\$140.00 per adult** (ages 12 and up), **\$100 per child** (ages 0-11). This year's theme is "Jars of Clay". Our theme is based on 2 Corinthians 4:7 *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."* If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please contact: Sam Rodebaugh (414) 534-7279 sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com or Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 joshohlmann@swbell.net.

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March 19, 2017 † The Third Sunday in Lent



Lent 2017

"The Actions of Christ's Passion"

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 143
(Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 425 When I Survey...

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.

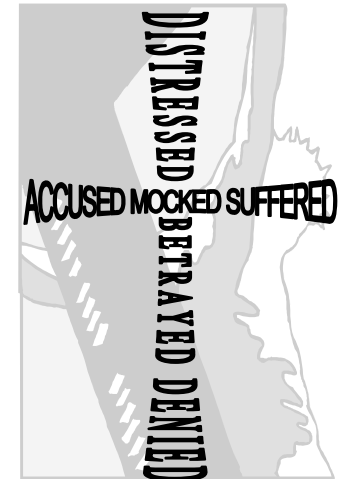
C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.



P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Kyrie *Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Closing Hymn: 923 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

LSB 923

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Lunch and Meet & Greet in the Fellowship Hall** (after worship service)

This Week: Friday – **Board of Ed Meeting – 6:30pm** (Meet at Dan & Angela Gullerud’s)
Fri. – Sat. – **Member Visits in Southern California – Worship – Sat. @ 5pm**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mountain View): **Bible Class – 8:45am / Worship – 10am**
 3/26/17

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

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



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Thank You! – to Pastor Mark Bernthal (Pastor Luke’s father) for bringing us the Gospel message today. We welcome him and his wife, Ruth (Pastor Luke’s mother), to our congregations this weekend and hope you enjoy your stay in the Bay Area!

Lunch and Meet & Greet in the Fellowship Hall – The Women’s Auxiliary is providing Togo sandwiches and lunch for a brief “meet & greet” with Pastor Mark and Ruth after the service until they have to leave with Pastor Luke for the 1pm worship service in East Bay.

Nunc Dimittis

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

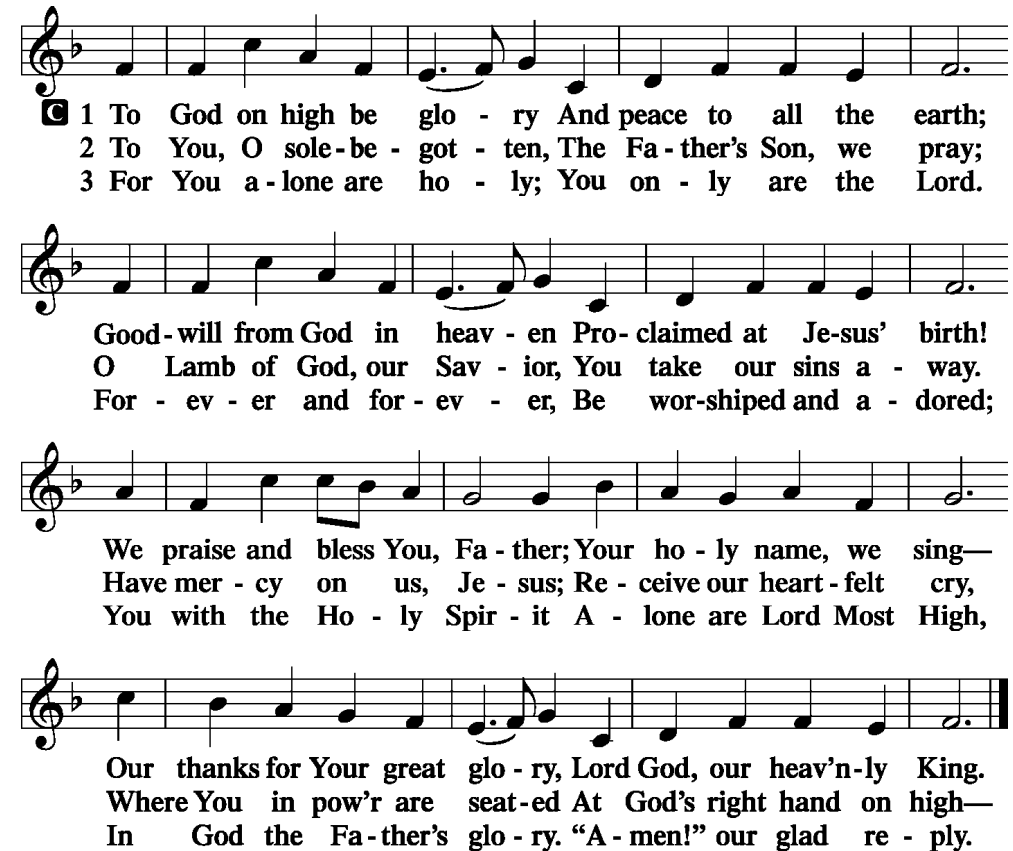
Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Gloria in Excelsis

Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.
Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;
We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,
Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
G And also with you.
P We pray:
O ever-merciful God, we pray that You would be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with repentant hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word. 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.
G Amen.

Scripture Reading

THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 4 (p. 6-8)

(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.

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206


C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymn: 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

G 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.

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament..

Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G Amen.

by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 422 *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

LSB 422

Sermon: "Ashamed of Jesus?"

I. The SHAME of the Cross II. The SHAME of Indifference
III. The SHAME Removed

Guest Preacher: Pastor Mark Bernthal – Peace Thru Christ Lutheran, Middleton, WI

Text: Mark 8:34-38 (NKJV)

³⁴ When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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.*

Sermon Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

Preface

LSB 208

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

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

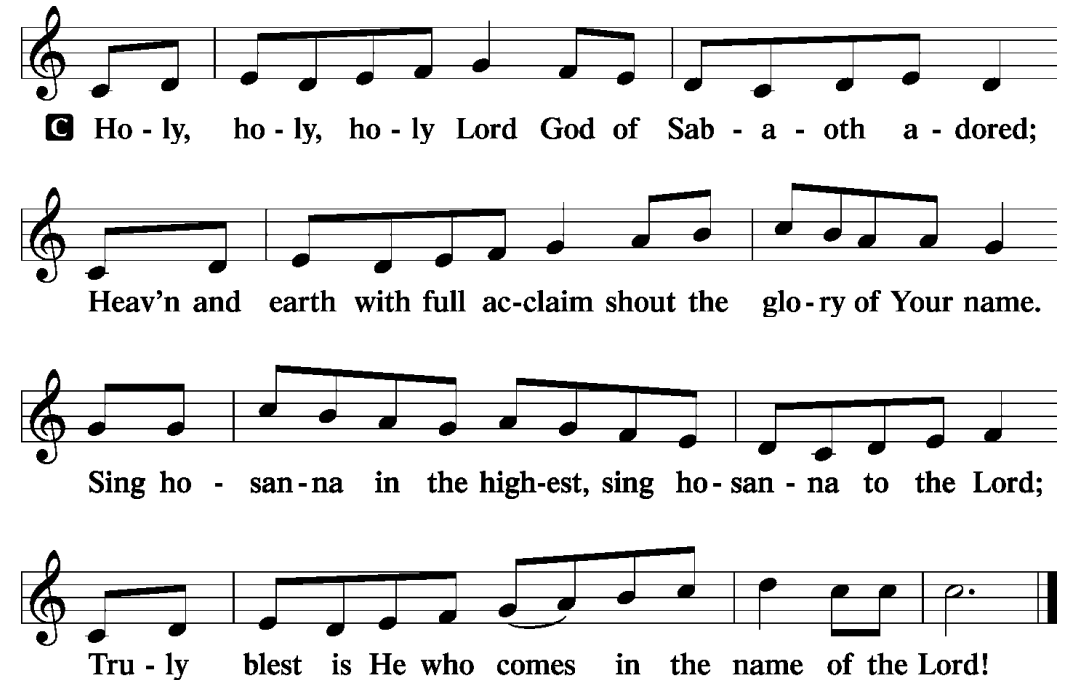
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn, by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!