

Holy Week & Easter Schedule – Holy Week and Easter are coming up soon.
Here is the worship service schedule for this year:

Good Friday w/ communion (4/14) – St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward) – 1pm
St. Stephen – West (Mountain View) – 7pm

Easter Sunday (4/16) – St. Stephen East & West – Worship in Mt. View – 10am
Easter Brunch – 11am

Note: There will be no Maundy Thursday service this year. Also, Easter Break and no school at St. Stephen Lutheran School from April 10th – 17th.

CLC News – Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI, has the call to be interim pastor at Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, has called Pastor David Schaller as its pastor elect. <> Sherman Carstensen, Markesan, WI, has accepted the call to teach and help with the administration of the school at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN. <> The congregation has also called Pastor Neal Radichel of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, to serve as pastor with Pastor Joe Naumann. <> Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY, has called Ann Sprengeler of Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, to teach K-8 at its school. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

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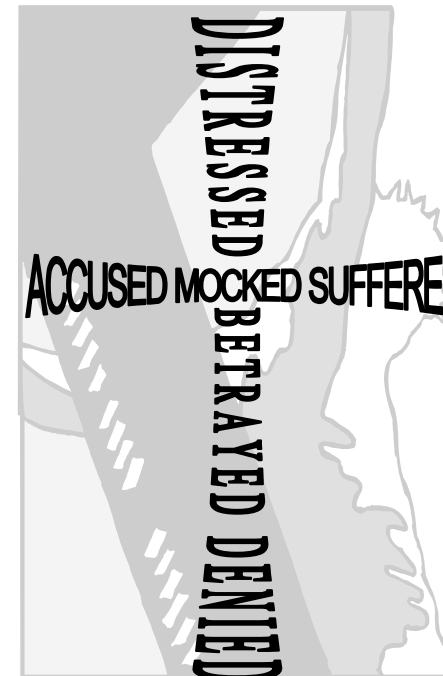
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March 26th, 2017 † **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**



Lent 2017

"The Actions of Christ's Passion"

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 42-43
(Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 560 *Drawn to the Cross...*

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 Je-sus Christ, You set us free—Accept our
thanks e-ter-na-lly! For-giv-en through Your precious
blood, We now are reconciled to God. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week: Tuesday – **Stockton Worship Service – 2:30pm** (Meet at Niblett's Home)
RESCHEDULED: Board of Ed Meeting – 6:30pm
(Meet at Dan & Angela Gullerud's)

Wednesday – **Worship Service at Villa Fontana – 2pm**

Thursday – **Board of Missions Meeting – 7pm**

Saturday – **Spring Clean-up / Work Day – 9am**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mountain View):

4/2/17

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)

Rescheduled Board of Ed Meeting – Tuesday @ 6:30pm – The Board of Ed Meeting has been rescheduled for Tues. at 6:30pm. We'll meet at Dan and Angela's house.

Spring Clean-up & Work Day – Saturday, April 1st @ 9am – If you are able to join us to help with spring clean up in the church building and some property cleanup, please meet at church **NEXT Saturday, April 1st at 9am**. We will be removing tree limbs and yard waste from the piles in the church lot near the parsonage. Bring cleaning supplies and gloves if you are able. Also, if you have a weed whacker you are willing to bring to help pastor mow down the weeds on the lots between the church and parsonage that would be helpful too. If you have questions, please speak with Scott Mueller 650-279-9069.

Sermon Hymn: 439 v. 1-5, 12, 15 O Dearest Jesus...

LSB 439

Salutation (“Greeting”) **and Prayer for Grace**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **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.

G **Amen.**

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

LSB 202

- P** Bless we the Lord!
- G** **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!



G **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Closing Hymn: 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious

LSB 548

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.

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.**

- P** My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning
- G** **Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.**

- P** O Israel, hope in the LORD;
- G** **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 God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment because of our sins, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Help us to remember Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. 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 5 (p. 8-9)

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

- L** Here ends our Passion History reading.
- G** **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: 421 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

LSB 421

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

Text: Luke 22:66-23:5 (NKJV)

As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, ⁶⁷ "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe. ⁶⁸ "And if I also ask *you*, you will by no means answer Me or let *Me* go. ⁶⁹ "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰ Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You *rightly* say that I am." ⁷¹ And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves

from His own mouth." ^{23:1} Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." ³ Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "*It is as you say.*" ⁴ So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man." ⁵ But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

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