

**Holy Week & Easter Schedule** – Holy Week begins today. Please join us for Good Friday and Easter Services. The schedule is as follows:



**Good Friday w/ communion (4/14) – St. Stephen – East Bay** (Hayward) – 1pm  
**St. Stephen – West** (Mt 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.

**An Easter Encouragement** – We typically have a number of visitors and members who may not have attended in a while at our Easter services. I encourage all of us to be especially conscious of doing what you all do so very well each Sunday: Be welcoming and friendly to all of our visitors! You never know how great the impact of a kind word, a friendly introduction, or a personal invitation to stay for our Easter brunch could be. Holy Week and Easter Blessings to you all! – Pastor Luke

***“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:9-10 NIV)***

**Mission Outreach Meeting – Sun. April 30<sup>th</sup> – After Worship** – Our Mission Board met on Thursday night to discuss plans going forward for “inreach” and “outreach” (sharing the Gospel and giving encouragement both inside and outside our congregation). We are planning on having a meeting and a light lunch after our worship service on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** for anyone who would like to learn more about our plans and how you can join our mission efforts. Please make plans to join us!

**Thank You Note from Pastor Mark & Ruth Bernthal** – A “Thank You” note to the congregation from Pastor Luke’s parents is on the bulletin board next to the serving window of the church kitchen.

**CLC News** – Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called member Mrs. Becky Buck to be 3-4 grade teacher for next year.

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**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



**Opening Hymn: 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

LSB 443

## 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.

**C** 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,

**C** And my mouth will declare Your praise!

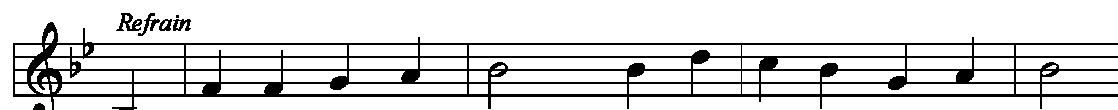
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** Make haste, to help me, O Lord!

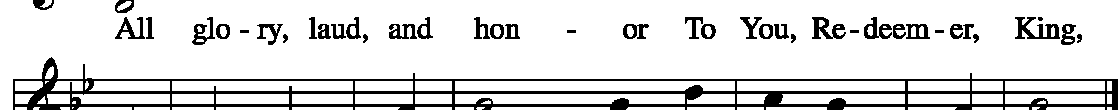
442 v. 1, 2 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

LSB 442

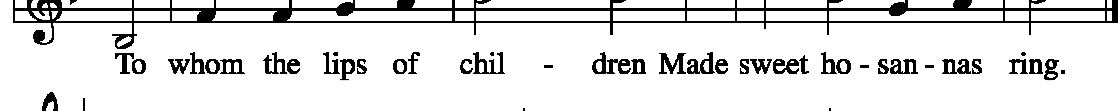
*Refrain*




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,



*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This week: Mon.-Mon. - **NO School at SSLS – April 10<sup>th</sup> – 17.<sup>th</sup> Resumes Tues. 4/18**  
Tuesday – **Board of Ed Meeting – 6:30pm**  
 (Meet at Shaun & Julie Levandoski's)  
Friday – **Good Friday Worship Service w/ communion – 7pm**  
Saturday – **Church decorating and Set up for Easter – 10am**

Next Sunday: *Easter Sunday*  
 4/16/17 **St. Stephen East & West – Worship in Mt. View – 10am**  
**Easter Brunch – 11am**

**April Elder & Usher:** Paul Pelzl (Elder) & Shaun Levandoski (Usher)

**In Your Mailbox:** St. Stephen Financial Report & CLC Financial Report for March

**Printed Sermon Copies and Large Print Hymns Available in Entryway –**

Printed copies of the sermon and large print versions of the hymns are available each week on the entryway table in the front of church.

**St. Stephen Call News** – Miss Becky McKenney has returned our call to serve as the second teacher in our school. Please keep our school and the work of our school board and our voters in your prayers as we move forward with plans to call another teacher.

**Board of Ed Meeting – Tuesday @ 6:30pm** – We'll meet at Shaun and Julie's house. Part of our agenda will be a discussion of calling a second teacher to our school.

**Call Meeting (Tentative) Sun. April 23<sup>rd</sup> – After Worship Service** – We are setting the tentative date for our call meeting for **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** after our worship service.

**Easter Brunch Sign-up Sheet in Entryway** – Sign up sheets for Easter Brunch are on the podium in the church entryway. Also, parents are reminded to bring plastic Easter eggs containing treats for the children's egg hunt after the Easter worship service next Sunday. Church decorating and set-up for Easter is planned for Saturday at 10am. If you have questions or need more info please speak with Ida Drews (408) 773-8033.

## Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer at the End of Worship

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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** *We hear God's blessing to us. The "Apostolic Blessing" (2 Corinthians 13:14)*

**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: 442 v. 3-5 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

LSB 442

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A warm welcome to all of you this morning, especially to our guests and visitors! Please sign our guest book in the entryway. May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during Holy Week and Easter.

Please join us for our special worship services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

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### Acknowledgments

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## Responsive Reading

*Zechariah 9:9-10 (NKJV)*

**P** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**C** Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

**P** I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations;

**C** His dominion *shall be* 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'

## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind might be saved from their sins. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His great humility and also be made partakers of His resurrection through faith in Him. 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.

**C** Amen.

## Scripture Reading

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**L** Here ends our Scripture reading.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 207

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: 441 *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty***

LSB 441

**Children's Sermon / Sermon:**

***"The Actions of Christ's Passion" – Exalted***

**Text: John 12:12-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." <sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these

things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him. <sup>17</sup> Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. <sup>18</sup> For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

**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: 444 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet***

LSB 444