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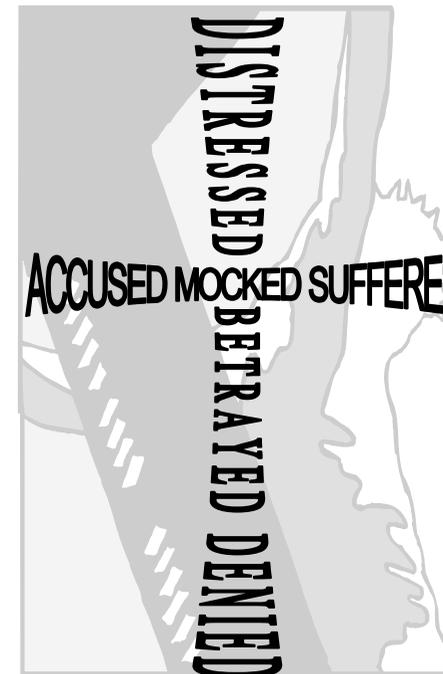
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April 14th, 2017



Good Friday

"The Actions of Christ's Passion"

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

Opening Hymn: 433 *Glory Be To Jesus*

Invocation

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

- ☐ In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

- P** Beloved of God: We gather together on this Good Friday to worship our Savior and commemorate His death on the cross for our sins. Let us then 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** **O Lord God, our Merciful Father, I come before you in awe and wonder as I consider the suffering and death that Your Son willingly endured for us all, and the amazing love that You have shown to me, a sinful, rebellious person. I pray, "Wash me completely from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin." Fill me with an ever greater appreciation for the sacrifice You made for me. All the worship and praise that I can give cannot thank You enough for what You have done for me. Hear my prayer for Jesus' sake and accept my thanks and praise and increase my faith and love for You. Amen.**
- P** God's Word tells us, that although we were *"dead in our trespasses...He has made us alive together with Him, having forgiven us all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross"* (Colossians 2:13-14). Now, 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!

(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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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 - Will meet briefly after the Easter Brunch on Sunday April 16th to do some more discussing of the 2nd teacher call.

Call Meeting - Sun. April 23rd – After Worship Service – We are setting the tentative date for our call meeting for **Sunday, April 23rd** after our worship service.

Mission Outreach Meeting – Sun. April 30th – 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 30th** 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!

Closing Hymn: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428

THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 7 "The Burial of Our Lord (p. 11-13)

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

† **At the end of the service some of the lights will be turned off in the sanctuary.**

Please be careful when walking out of the service.

Also, in observance of our Savior's death

we will be walking out of the service in silence this evening. †

Acknowledgments

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tomorrow: **Church decorating and Set up for Easter – 10am**

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)

Easter Decorating / Easter Brunch / Easter Eggs – Church decorating and set-up for Easter is planned for tomorrow (Saturday) at 10am. Make plans to join us for Easter Brunch after our Easter Worship Service on Sunday (Worship – 10am; Brunch – 11am). Also, parents are reminded to bring plastic Easter eggs containing treats for the children's egg hunt after the Easter worship service. If you have questions or need more info please speak with Ida Drews (408) 773-8033.

Psalm (Responsive)

Psalm 22 (selected verses – NKJV)

P My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

C **Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?**

P O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

C **And in the night season, and am not silent.**

P But You are holy,

C **Enthroned in the praises of Israel.**

P Our fathers trusted in You;

C **They trusted, and You delivered them.**

P They cried to You, and were delivered;

C **They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.**

P But I am a worm, and no man;

C **A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

P All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

C **"He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"**

P But You are He who took Me out of the womb;

C **From My mother's womb You have been My God.**

P Be not far from Me,

C **For trouble is near; For there is none to help.**

P My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;

C **You have brought Me to the dust of death.**

P For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

C **They pierced My hands and My feet;**

P I can count all My bones.

C **They look and stare at Me.**

P They divide My garments among them,

C **And for My clothing they cast lots.**

P But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;

C **O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**

P You have answered Me.

C **I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.**

P All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C **And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.**

P For the kingdom is the LORD's,

C **And He rules over the nations.**

P A posterity shall serve Him.

C **It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,**

P They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,

C **That He has done this.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Heavenly Father, when Your Son hung on the cross, He cried out to You in agony and grief. You gave Him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting. We pray this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

C **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:3-12 (NKJV)

³ *He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.* ⁴ *Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.* ⁵ *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And*

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.

C **Amen.**

The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. 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: 629 *What is this Bread?*

LSB 629

Prayer After Communion (adapted from TLH p. 4)

C **O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, I thank You for giving Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament. Keep me in Your faith and favor. As You live in me, let me also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.**

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.**

The Service of the Sacrament

The Exhortation (adapted from TLH p. 47-48)

P Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since we are intending to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is appropriate for us to examine ourselves, as the Apostle Paul encourages us (**1 Corinthians 11:28**). For this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we do examine ourselves, we will find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we can in no way set ourselves free. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us and has taken upon Himself our flesh and blood, so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and Law of God, and for us and our deliverance has suffered death and hell and all that we by our sins have deserved.

And so, that we might more confidently believe this and be strengthened in our faith, He has instituted the Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood. Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in Him, and has eternal life!

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. In thanksgiving to Him for doing all this we willingly take up our cross and follow Him, and, according to His commandment, love each other even as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink of this one cup (**1 Corinthians 10:17**). Let us pray:

Prayer Before Communion (adapted from TLH – p. 4)

C Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation I come to Your altar to receive Your body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may approach Your Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked -- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

L Here ends our Scripture reading.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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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: 452 *O Perfect Life of Love*

LSB 452

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

Text: Matthew 27:50-54 (NKJV)

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

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.*

Sermon Hymn: 550 *Lamb of God* (Note: The intro is a full verse & refrain) LSB 550

A Time of Silent Prayer & Personal Repentance

Good Friday Prayer / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209