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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.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 67 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 728 (Worship Supplement) *Christ is Living*

W.S. 728

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, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

G **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.

G **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



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



C 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.

C And also with you.

P We pray:

O God, through the sacrifice and resurrection of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to us, Your faithful people, whom You have rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys in heaven with You! We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading - Psalm 67 (Responsive)

P May God be gracious to us and bless us
G and make his face to shine upon us,

P that your way may be known on earth,
G your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
G let all the peoples praise you!

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
G for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
G let all the peoples praise you!

P The earth has yielded its increase;
G God, our God, shall bless us.

P God shall bless us;
G let all the ends of the earth fear him!

P This is the Word of the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (NJKV)

P The Gospel reading is from Luke 24:13-35.
G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to

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St. Stephen Teacher Call News – At our call meeting last Sunday we called teacher Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, to be teacher and principal at our school. Paul and his wife Emily (Roehl) have three young children. Please pray for Paul and his family that the Lord would give him clarity and lead him to a decision that best uses his gifts to serve Christ's Kingdom. Please continue to support and pray for our school as well!

Mission Outreach Meeting & Lunch – TODAY! – 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 will be having a meeting and a light lunch after our worship service **TODAY** for anyone who would like to learn more about our plans and how you can join our mission efforts. Please join us!

CLC News – The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the following calls to Seminary graduates: Samuel Rodebaugh, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL; Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO; Thomas Naumann, Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights, MI. <> Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Mr. Karl Olmanson, Kasota, MN, as teacher and principal for its new school. <> Becky Buck has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. The congregation has now called Mrs. Heidi Nelson, member of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, to be 3-4 grade teacher at its school. <> The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, to be the part-time missionary to Liberia. <> Claire Abbas has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley WA. <> Trinity Lutheran, Watertown SD, has called member Mrs. Collette Krause to teach kindergarten for one year. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has called Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas, TX. <> Mr. Benjamin Hanel has accepted the call to teach Social Studies at Immanuel's school.

Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions - If you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Spokesman devotional magazine please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway. Please sign up by **June 30th** to receive the reduced congregational subscription rate of only **\$12 per year (new subscribers are only \$6 for the first year)**. Please speak with Pastor Luke for more info.

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: 704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light LSB 704

Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).* LSB 202

- ☐ 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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus LSB 919

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Today: **Mission Outreach Meeting w/ Lunch – 11am** (after worship service)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 8:45am**
5/7/17 **Worship w/ communion – 10am**

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

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

May Elder & Usher: Scott Mueller (Elder) & Dan Gullerud (Usher)

him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ 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!"



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

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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: 563 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

LSB 563

Sermon: Living in the Light...or Dwelling in the Darkness?

Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2 (NKJV)

^{1:5} This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ^{2:1} My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation ["atoning sacrifice"] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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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