

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

LSB 202

**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  $\dagger$  give you peace.



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

**Closing Hymn: 861 Christ Be My Leader**

LSB 861

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: Fri. – Sat. – **Visiting & Worship Service in Southern California**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 8:45am**  
5/21/17 **Worship w/ communion – 10am**

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

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



**Blessed Mother's Day!** to all the mothers and grandmothers (and great-grandmothers!) who are with us this morning. What an irreplaceable blessing Christian mothers and grandmothers (and all Christian women) are! We thank God for the blessings He has given us in you! ***“Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised” (Proverbs 31:30).***

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Matthew Hanel, of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN. <> Heidi Nelson, Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran school, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer, Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran school, Cheyenne, WY. <> Mrs. Collette Krause has accepted the one-year call to teach Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran, Watertown, SD.

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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.

$\dagger$  Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 33 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible)  $\dagger$

**Opening Hymn: 895 Now Thank We All Our God**

LSB 895

### 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.

Him and have seen Him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup> "Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> " Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

## 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: 526 You Are the Way; Through You Alone**

LSB 526

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

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 209

**C** 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: 909 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

LSB 909

**Sermon: Know Jesus, Know God. No Jesus, No God.**

**Text: John 14:1-12 (NKJV)**

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> "And where I go you know, and the way you know." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. <sup>7</sup> " If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know



**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, You make the minds of Your faithful people to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found, with You in heaven. 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

Proverbs 31:10-31 (ESV)

- <sup>10</sup> *An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.*  
<sup>11</sup> *The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.*  
<sup>12</sup> *She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.*  
<sup>13</sup> *She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.*  
<sup>14</sup> *She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.*  
<sup>15</sup> *She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.*  
<sup>16</sup> *She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.*  
<sup>17</sup> *She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.*  
<sup>18</sup> *She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.*  
<sup>19</sup> *She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.*  
<sup>20</sup> *She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.*  
<sup>21</sup> *She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.*  
<sup>22</sup> *She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.*  
<sup>23</sup> *Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.*  
<sup>24</sup> *She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.*  
<sup>25</sup> *Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.*  
<sup>26</sup> *She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*  
<sup>27</sup> *She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*  
<sup>28</sup> *Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:*  
<sup>29</sup> *"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."*  
<sup>30</sup> *Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*  
<sup>31</sup> *Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NJKV)

- P** The Second reading is from 1 Peter 2:4-10.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup> *Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,* <sup>5</sup> *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* <sup>6</sup> *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."* <sup>7</sup> *Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"* <sup>8</sup> *and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.* <sup>9</sup> *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;* <sup>10</sup> *who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**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.