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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 73 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

LSB 729

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:

Almighty God, to know You is to know everlasting life. We thank you that you have led us by Your Spirit to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. 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 27 (NKJV – Selected Verses - RESPONSIVE)*

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?**

P Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;

C **Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.**

P For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;

C **In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.**

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

C **Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.**

P When You said, "Seek My face,"

C **My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**

P Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

C **You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.**

P When my father and my mother forsake me,

C **Then the LORD will take care of me.**

P I would have lost heart, unless I had believed

C **That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.**

P Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage,

C **And He shall strengthen your heart;**

A **Wait, I say, on the LORD!**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:7-12 (NKJV)

P The Second reading is from 2 Timothy 1:7-12.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹² For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G 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!"



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



G These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

**☩ 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: 728 *How Firm A Foundation*

LSB 728

Sermon: "Take Courage! I AM."

Text: Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's

you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are 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: 752 *Be Still, My Soul*

LSB 752

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

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 † give you peace.



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

Closing Hymn: 717 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

LSB 717

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen - South** (Corona, CA): **Worship – 6:30pm** (Visits on Monday)

This Week: Monday – **Women’s Auxiliary – 7pm** (Drews’ residence)
Tuesday – **Stockton Area Service – Atria Assisted Living – 1pm**
Communion & Bible Study – 2pm (Niblett residence)
Wednesday – **Villa Fontana Worship Service – 11am**
Friday – **NO SCHOOL at SSLS** (Staff in-service)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
9/3/17 **Worship w/ communion– 10am**

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

August Elder & Usher: Nick Hasulak (Elder) & Dan Gullerud (Usher)

September Elder & Usher: Chris Hold (Elder) & Brenton Horillo (Usher)