

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Choir Practice** (Reformation) – **After Worship Service**

This Week: Monday – **SSLS School Resumes**
Thursday – **Choir Practice** (Reformation) – **6:30pm**
Friday – **Pastor Luke Returns from Wisconsin**

Next Sunday: **500th Anniversary of the Reformation Sunday**
10/29/17 **Joint Worship - (West & East Bay)– Mt. View – 10am**
Fellowship Meal & Presentation After Worship Service – 11:30am

October Elder & Usher: Paul Pelzl (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)



500th Anniversary of the Reformation – We will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a joint reformation service with our West and East Bay congregations **NEXT Sunday, Oct. 29th @ 10am at St. Stephen in Mountain View.** We will have a fellowship meal and a Reformation-themed presentation after the worship service. Make plans to join us!



THANK YOU! – To Chris & Paul for bringing us the “Good News” of the Gospel today! Pastor Luke is out of town helping his fiancé, Julia, move out here to the Bay Area. Lord willing, they will be returning on Friday, October 27th. Please pray for safe travels! If pastoral assistance is needed during that time, please call my cell phone **402-389-2147**.

Reformation Choir – After Worship Service & Thurs. 10/26 - 6:30pm at SSLC - Mt. View

We are assembling a “Reformation Choir” to sing “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” for our upcoming 500th Anniversary of the Reformation worship service. If you are interested in joining us we will be meeting after the worship service, and THIS Thurs. 10/26 @ 6:30pm at St. Stephen - West (Mt. View).

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October 22, 2017 † Pentecost 20



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 118 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 684 Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684

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.



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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.*

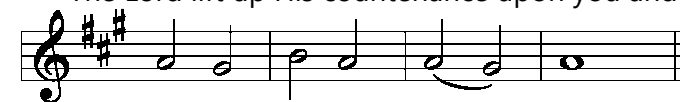
Sermon Hymn: 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds LSB 524

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.



G A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 537 Beautiful Savior LSB 537

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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: 580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

LSB 580

Sermon: The Good News

Written by Pastor Mark Weis – Grace Lutheran Church, North Port, FL
 Preaching today: Chris Holt

Text: Romans 1:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

LSB 204

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, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through our time among the things that are temporary that we do lose not the things that are 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NKJV)

³¹ **Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—** ³² **not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.** ³³ **But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** ³⁴ **No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Matthew 11:25-30 (NKJV)

P The Second reading is from Matthew 11:25-30.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵ **At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.** ²⁶ **Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.** ²⁷ **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.** ²⁸ **Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** ²⁹ **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.** ³⁰ **For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

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 "Alleluiah!"—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.

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

LSB 207

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.