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November 19, 2017 † Pentecost 24

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 90 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

Opening Hymn: 908 *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

LSB 908

Invocation

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

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **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.**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790 v. 1

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and help us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be shaken.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (ESV)

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵... "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14 (ESV)

P The second reading is from Romans 13:8-14.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in

sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921 v. 1



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!

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Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 398 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

LSB 398

Sermon: The Greatest Commandment – The Greater Gospel

Text: Matthew 22:34-46 (NKJV)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ "This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ "And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "*The Son of David.*" ⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: ⁴⁴ 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" ' ? ⁴⁵ "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Offertory

LSB 956

956 Create in Me

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.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Sermon Hymn: "The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"

TLH 289

- ♪ **1. The Law commands and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe;
But 'tis the Gospel must reveal
Where lies our strength to do his will.**

**2. The Law discovers guilt and sin
And shows how vile our hearts have been;
The Gospel only can express
Forgiving love and cleansing grace.**

**3. What curses doth the Law denounce
Against the man who fails but once!
But in the Gospel Christ appears,
Pardoning the guilt of numerous years.**

**4. My soul, no more attempt to draw
Thy life and comfort from the Law
Fly to the hope the Gospel gives;
The man that trusts the promise lives.**

Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

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.

Prayer Before the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

**☞ Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation I come to Your altar.
Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may approach Your table in true faith
and receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of my sins and the
strengthening of my faith. Amen**

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always!

☞ Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 v. 1

1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.

Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be
for my soul the high - est good!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first three staves contain the main body of the hymn, and the last two staves are a refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. 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.

Prayer After the Lord's Supper

Adapted from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, p. 4

C O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given 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.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!

The Thanksgiving

619 My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling

LSB 619 v. 5

5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless-ed, ho-ly
Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Thy prais-es
tell-ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal-ly.
Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be
for my soul the high-est good!

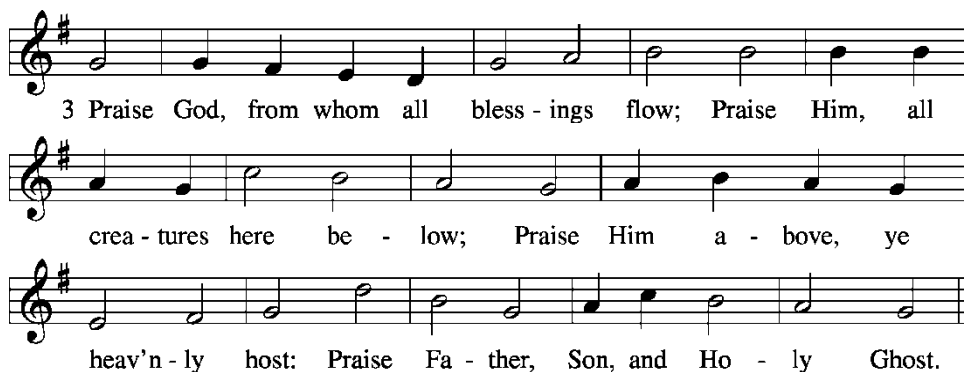
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ 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.

The Doxology

LSB 923 v. 3



3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Closing Hymn: 912 Christ is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Voter's Meeting – 11:15am** (after worship)

This Week: **Mon. – Fri. – No School at SSLS (Thanksgiving Break)**
Wednesday – Catechism Class (via Skype) (Fossum) – 7pm
Thursday – Thanksgiving Day Worship – 10am

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**
11/26/17 **Worship – 10am**
Christmas Decorating at Church – 11am

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

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

Voter's Meeting – TODAY – After Worship Service – A reminder that we will be having our voter's meeting **TODAY after the worship service**. On the agenda for the meeting: Elections for 2018 and possible budget adjustments.



Thanksgiving Worship – Thursday @10am – St Stephen – West (Mt. View)

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10am this Thursday (11/23). ***“Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!” – Psalm 105:1***

Don Drews' New Address – Don Drews has moved into Sunrise Assisted Living in Sunnyvale. If you would like to send him a card or stop by for a visit, his address is below. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

**Don Drews - Room 209
c/o Sunrise of Sunnyvale
633 S. Knickerbocker Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94087**

Advent / Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Wed. Dec. 13th @ 7pm - Advent Worship / Christmas Carols & Cookies (**Mt. View**)

Christmas Eve – Sun. Dec. 24th –

10am (Mt. View) - Christmas Eve Worship & Children's Program

1pm (Hayward) - Christmas Eve Worship Service

Christmas Day – Mon. Dec. 25th –

11am (Hayward) - Christmas Day Worship (**NO Worship service in Mt. View**)

Wedding Service – Fri. Dec. 29th – Pastor Luke Bernthal & Julia Anderson

Noon (Mt. View) Refreshments following the wedding service

New Year's Eve – Sun. Dec. 31st – Pastor Mark Bernthal (guest preaching)

10am (Mt. View) NO Bible Class & **NO Worship in East Bay (Hayward)**



Christmas Decorating – NEXT Sunday (11/26) – After Worship Service –

We will be decorating the church and putting up the Christmas Tree for the Advent and Christmas Season **NEXT Sunday, Nov. 26th** after the worship service. A sandwich lunch will be provided. Please make plans to join us if you are able!

Food Donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas – We are collecting non-perishable food items to deliver to the Community Service Agency (CSA) in Mountain View for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is a large box in the church entry marked “Food Drive.”

CLC Mission News – Our CLC Visiting Missionary, Pastor Todd Ohlmann has been writing a missions blog to keep people informed of the various mission opportunities around the world:

www.missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com

2018 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa –

Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. The deadline for application is **January 12th, 2018**. You can find more information and apply online at:

www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/

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