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Choir Song: "Ride On, O Lord, in Majesty"

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.

G Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C Almighty God, Merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our sins and pray that You would be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

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 peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise!

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C Make haste, to help me, O Lord!

442 v. 1, 2 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind might be saved from their sins. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His great humility and also be made partakers of His resurrection through faith in Him. 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.

Responsive Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10 (NKJV)

P "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

C **Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.**

P I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations;

C **His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-5 (NKJV)

L Our Gospel reading is from Matthew 21:1-5.

C **Sanctify us by Your truth, O Lord. Your Word is truth.**

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. ³ "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

L Here ends our Scripture reading.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Reception Into Membership

Julia Bernthal

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

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**☐ 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: "To God Be the Glory" (see insert)

Children's Sermon

**Sermon: *Powerful Words – Powerful Passion*
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"**

Text: Matthew 21:6-11 (NKJV)

⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

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.*

The music during the offering is a recording of a song, "Lamb of God," written by Prof. John Reim and performed by the Immanuel Lutheran H.S. & College Tour Choir

Children & Choir Song: 444 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

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(Congregation join in v. 4)

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

Lord's Prayer

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Benediction *We hear God's blessing to us. The "Apostolic Blessing" (2 Corinthians 13:14)*

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



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

Closing Hymn: 443 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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**A warm welcome to all of you this morning, especially to our guests and visitors!
Please sign our guest book in the entryway. May our Savior Jesus richly bless your
worship and personal meditations on His Word during Holy Week and Easter.**

Please join us for our special worship services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **Cake in Fellowship Hall – Welcome to our fellowship, Julia!**

This week: Tuesday – **Stockton Worship at Atria Assisted Living – 3:30pm**

Wednesday – **Villa Fontana Worship Service – 11am**

Catechism Class (via Skype) (Fossum) – 7pm

Thursday – **Choir Practice -6:30pm**

Friday – **Good Friday Worship Service w/ communion (Mt. View)–7pm**

(East Bay Good Friday Worship - Hayward – 1pm)

Saturday – **Church decorating and Set up for Easter – 10am**

Next Sunday: *Easter Sunday*

4/1/18

St. Stephen East & West – Worship in Mt. View – 10am

Easter Brunch – 11am

March Elder & Usher: Chris Holt (Elder) & Michael Slattengren (Usher)

April Elder & Usher: Paul Pelzl (Elder) & Brenton Horillo (Usher)

Cake & Fellowship Time After Worship Service – Please join us in the fellowship hall for some cake and fellowship time in celebration and thanks to God for Julia’s reception into membership here at St. Stephen.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule – Holy Week begins today. Please join us for Good Friday and Easter Services. The schedule is as follows:



Good Friday w/ communion (3/30) – St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward) – 1pm
St. Stephen – West (Mt View) – 7pm

Easter Sunday (4/1) – Joint Parish Easter Worship in Mt. View – 10am
Easter Brunch – 11am

Easter Brunch Sign-up Sheet in Entryway – Sign-up sheets for Easter Brunch are on the podium in the church entryway.

Easter Decorating - Church decorating and set-up for Easter is planned for **Saturday at 10am**. If you have questions or need more info please speak with Ida Drews (408) 773-8033.

An Easter Encouragement – Please remember to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our Easter worship and brunch next Sunday. Please also remember that we typically have a number of visitors and members who may not have attended in a while at our Easter services. I encourage all of us to be especially conscious of doing what you all do so very well each Sunday: Be welcoming and friendly to all of our visitors! You never know how great the impact of a kind word, a friendly introduction, or a personal invitation to stay for our Easter brunch could be. Holy Week and Easter Blessings to you all! – Pastor Luke

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:9-10 NIV)

CLC News – Heidi Nelson, Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has accepted the call to teach lower grades at its school. <> Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan, WI. <> Luther Memorial Congregation, Fond du Lac, WI, has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA. <> Brian Fox, Messiah Lutheran Church and ILC Boys' Dorm Supervisor, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call as primary teacher/principal of Valley Bible Academy, St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has called Mrs. Erin Radichel to teach kindergarten part-time in the afternoons.