

St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay & Central Valley
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**Worshiping Every Sunday in the East Bay at 9 a.m. in
Grace Lutheran Church
1836 B St., Hayward, CA 94541-3140**

Worshiping in the Central Valley at 2 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Sundays of
the Month

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Palm Sunday – The Sixth Sunday In Lent – 29 March 2015

Liturgy — Page 5 in The Lutheran Hymnal

HYMNS: 339	All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
162	Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty
341	Crown Him With Many Crowns
367	Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sermon Text: Zechariah 9,-9-10

Sermon Theme: Peace In Christ – Not Earthly Peace

INTROIT: Do not be far from Me, O Lord: O my Strength, be quick to help me. Save me from the lion's mouth: and deliver me from the horns of the wild oxen. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me? **Amen.**

After the Introit we omit the **Gloria Patri** and sing the **Kyrie**.

The **Gloria in Excelsis** is omitted during Lent, — we sing “Lamb of God” (Hymn 146):

P. Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

P & C: Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the Cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us,
O Jesus!
O Jesus!

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, Who has sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever the One true God, world without end. **Amen.**

Old Testament Zechariah 9,9–10
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;
Righteous and having salvation is He,
Humble and mounted on a donkey,
On a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the war horse from Jerusalem;
And the battle bow shall be cut off,
And He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Epistle Philippians 2,5–11
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a Cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL

Hosanna to the Son of David;

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord, do not turn Your face from Your servant,

For I am in distress; answer me quickly.

Oh draw near to my soul and redeem it;

Ransom me because of my enemies!

But I am afflicted and in pain;

May Your salvation, O God, set me securely on high.

I will praise the name of God with song.

And I shall magnify Him with thanksgiving.

The Humble have seen it and are glad;

You who seek God, let your heart revive.

Christ has humbled Himself and became obedient unto death,

Even the death of the Cross. Amen.

Palm Sunday Gospel

Matthew 21,1-11

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to



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Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them

to Me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your King is coming to you,

Humble, and mounted on a donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

“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 entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the Prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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Lessons for 5 April – Easter Sunday, The Resurrection from the Dead of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – And a Service with Holy Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 52,13-15

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 5,6-8

Gospel: Mark 16,1-8

Weekly Scripture Verse. The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. (John 4,14-15)

The Gradual consists of verses from Matthew 21 and Psalm 68.

Next Service in Stockton: Easter, Sunday, 5 April, at 2 p.m.

No Bible Study this week.

Church Council will meet after the morning service in Hayward on 12 April, at about 10:30 a.m.

ILL — In your prayers, please remember Nancy, Roy and his brother Gerald; Cindy Hartman (Pr. Jay Hartman's wife); Jean Niblett; Marlene Clappier; Don Luebke (Don is now recuperating at his home in Castro Valley); Sue (the Karp's neighbor who is undergoing chemotherapy), Sue (Carolyn's friend), Don Drews; Richard Hocker; Ruth Scheuermann; James Sandeen.



Call News. The Rev. Andrew Schaller, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Watertown and Zion Lutheran, Hidewood Twp., SD, has accepted the Call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette, MI. The Rev. Edward Starkey, missionary to India, has accepted the Call to Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX. Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley, WA, has called Jennifer Ohlmann, teacher at Luther Memorial school, Fond du Lac, WI, to serve as principal and teacher. Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN, has called the Rev. Roland Gurgel, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Spring, TX.

Pulpit Exchange and Thanks - Since Pastors Karp and Kesterson are exchanging pulpits today, many thanks to Pastor Kesterson for leading us in worship and sharing with us God's Word; also, many thanks to his wife, Peggy, who is

playing the organ. We rejoice with the Kestersons that the Lord has blessed them with another grandson; since he was a bit premature, please keep him in your prayers. We also congratulate Pastor Kesterson since last week he celebrated a "zero" birthday.

Handout - April 2015 Church Calendar

Paul Fleming, Doctor and Poet (5 October 1609–2 April 1640). Fleming was born in Hartenstein, where his father was



the Lutheran city pastor. In university in Leipzig, he studied medicine and poetry and became a follower of Martin Opitz. In 1633 he earned his M.A. in philosophy. From 1633–39 he was attached to an embassy of Duke Frederick III of Holstein-Gottorp to establish trade relations with Russia and Persia and traveled to those countries.

In 1639 he married Anna Niehusen, the daughter of a German merchant. In 1640, he obtained his M.D. degree from Leiden and shortly thereafter died of pneumonia. He wrote in both German and Latin. He is known for one of his hymns, "In allen meinen Taten" ("In All of My Doings"), which has not been translated into English but which Bach used as the basis for one of his cantatas.

Friedrich von Bodelschwing Sr., Lutheran Pastor founder of Bethel Institutions (6 March 1831–2 April 1910). Bodelschwing was born in Tecklenburg and was the sixth

child of the Prussian Minister of Finance. He had a privileged childhood and was chosen to be one of the playmates of the Prussian Crown Prince, later Emperor Friedrich III. After completing what would be the equivalent of junior college, Bodelschwingh wanted to go into mining. After seeing the



poverty of the workers, however, he decided to study theology and devote himself to domestic mission work. He studied theology in Basel, Erlangen, and Berlin from 1854–58.

From 1858–64, he

served a German-speaking congregation in Paris, most of whose members were poor immigrants. In 1861 he married his cousin, Ida; their marriage was blessed with eight children. In 1864 he became the pastor of a rural congregation in Dellwig on the Ruhr. In 1869 in Dellwig, four of his children died in the space of two weeks. In 1872 he became the Director of the Evangelical Institution for the Care of Epileptics in Bielefeld. In 1874 he changed the name to Bethel. To this he added Serepta, which became a mother house for deaconesses and in 1877, Nazareth, a training house for deacons. In 1882, about five miles south of Bethel, he opened the first home for itinerant German workmen, using the motto: “Work – Not Alms.” In 1905 he added a School for Theological candidates and in the same year the German East Africa Mission Society moved its headquarters to Bethel. An assessment of him in the Encyclopedia of the Lutheran Church, states: “He did not favor

the organization of a ‘Christian Socialist’ party because he thought no such thing as a ‘Christian state’ exists and because he was aware of the eschatological limitations of all charitable work. His social welfare philosophy included the principle of rehabilitation, positive respect for the personality of a brother (even the sick and outcast brother), and a living hope based on the promises of God. Suffering has the purpose of teaching the rest of us how to live unselfishly. Bethel is known the world over, and has served as a model for many homes of mercy.” After his death, his son, Friedrich von Bodelschwingh Jr., took over as director and served with distinction until his death in 1946.

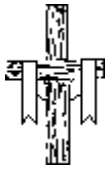
Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Doctor of the Church (ca. 339 – 4 April 397). Ambrose died on Good Friday in 397, thus in the Roman calendar his Feast day is 7 December.



Holy Week



Maundy Thursday at Mountain View – Supper at 6 p.m. & Holy Communion at 7 p.m.



Good Friday – Service in Hayward at 2 p.m.

Good Friday Vespers – Mtn View at 7 p.m.



Easter: 9 a.m. Service in Hayward

Easter Brunch in Mtn View at 11:15 a.m.

Easter: 2 p.m. Service in Stockton

