

St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay & Central Valley
(A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession)
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**Worshiping Every Sunday in the East Bay at 9 a.m. in
Grace Lutheran Church
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Worshiping in the Central Valley at 2 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Sundays of
the Month

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Jubilate - The Third Sunday After Easter - 26 April 2015
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Hymnal

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The Psalmody

Hallelujah! Shout joyfully to God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of His name. Hallelujah!

Say to God,

“How awesome are Your works!”

Come and see the works of God,

**Who is awesome in His deeds towards the sons of
men.**

He rules by His might forever;

His eyes keep watch on the nations.

Bless our God, O Peoples,

And sound His praise abroad.

Who keeps us in life,

and does not allow our feet to slip.

I shall lift up the cup of salvation,

**And call upon the name of the LORD. [sing: Glory
be to the Father ...]**

First Lesson

1 Peter 2,11-20

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For such

is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

P] But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C] **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.**

Second Lesson

John 16,16-23

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “A little while, and you



will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” ¹⁷

Some of His disciples then said to

one another, “What is this thing He is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and

you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father?’” ¹⁸ So they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, “Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. ²¹ Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. ²² Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. ²³ In that day you will not question Me about anything.” [Scripture passages are from the *New American Standard Bible*, © The Lockman Foundation, used by permission]

P] But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C] **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.**

Hymn 409 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2,11-20

Sermon Theme: Act Like Aliens And Strangers

1. Worldly Citizenship
2. Heavenly Citizenship
3. In This World Act Like Citizens Of Heaven

The Offering

The Te Deum Laudamus page 35-37

The Prayers [Morning Suffrages]

O Lord,
 Have mercy upon us.
O Christ,
 Have mercy upon us.
O Lord,
 Have mercy upon us.

Confession Of Faith

**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 Ghost;
 Born of the Virgin Mary;
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into Hell;
 The third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
 Almighty;
 From thence He shall come to judge the quick and
 the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 The Holy Christian Church,
 The communion of Saints;
 The forgiveness of sins;
 The resurrection of the body.
 And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord:
 **And in the morning shall my prayer come before
 Thee.**

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:
 And with Thine honor all the day.

O Lord, hide Thy face from my sins:
 And blot out all mine iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God:
 And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence:
 And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:
 And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day:
 To keep us without sin.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord:
 Have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
 As our Trust is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord:
 And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray [special petitions, intercessions, or thanksgivings]

[Together we pray the morning prayer:] **We give thanks unto
Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear
Son, That Thou hast kept us this night from all harm and
danger; and we pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep us this
day from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life
may please Thee. For into Thy hands we commend
ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Thy
holy angel be with us that the wicked Foe may have no
power over us. Amen.**

The Kyrie [sung]

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory
forever and ever. AMEN.**

P] The Lord be with you.

C] And with thy spirit. [sung]

COLLECT: Almighty God, Who shows them that be in error the light of Your truth to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid all those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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.

C] Amen. [sung]

P] Bless we the Lord.

C] Thanks be to God. [sung]

P] The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (✠) and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C] Amen. [sung]

Hymn 660 I'm But A Stranger Here

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Lessons for 3 May — Cantate — The Fourth Sunday after
Easter – A Service with Holy Communion

Old Testament: Isaiah 12,1–6

Epistle: James 1,16–21

Gospel: John 16,5–15

Weekly Scripture Verse. Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Corinthians 5,17)

Jubilate is Latin and means “make a joyful noise” or “shout for joy.”

The Gradual is based on selected verses from Psalm 66.

Next Service in Stockton – Sunday, 3 May, at 2 p.m.

Bible Study – Hayward – no Bible Study on Tuesday
Stockton – Tuesday, 28 April, at 2 p.m.

Handout – May 2015 Church calendar

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, and Rose, one of his care givers; Sue (the Karps' neighbor who is undergoing chemotherapy), Sue (Carolyn's friend), Don Drews; Richard Hocker; Ruth Scheuermann; James Sandeen; the Breeden twins, Chloe and Dagny.



Call News: Teacher Sherman Carstensen of Trinity Lutheran, Watertown, SD, has returned the Call to Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley, WA; he has accepted the Call to be grades 3–5 teacher and principal at Faith Lutheran school at Markesan, WI. Trinity Lutheran, Watertown, and Zion Lutheran, Hidewood Twp., SD, have called the Rev. Paul Krause, pastor of Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI. They have called the Rev. Daniel Fleischer, emeritus, to serve during the pastoral vacancy and he has accepted the Call. Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called Miss Naomi Bernthal of Eau Claire to teach the 2nd–3rd grade level at Messiah School. Miss Bernthal is a 2014 graduate of ILC's teacher training department.

Pastor Ohlmann on the Nepal Earthquake: Raju's brother (Rajan) has been providing updates through Facebook and Raju spoke with him early this morning. The local congregation in the Kathmandu valley had just finished worship service when the Earthquake hit. Raju's family and all of the members of the local congregation are safe. The church building has some cracks in the walls...but it sounds like their home was spared from damage. The HCLC–Nepal has several rural congregations that are west and northwest of Kathmandu. They have yet to receive any reports from those congregations because there is so much damage to the communications infrastructure.

Here's Rajan's latest Facebook posts:

We are safe till now by the grace of God. Got poor Internet access finally. Still no power in the city. Many houses destroyed. Dead bodies laying around with lots of casualties. Please pray for Nepal. P.S. Got the earthquake shock while

writing this post. (6 hours ago)

More than 60+ small punch of earthquake till now. It feels like....every time it's shaking. More than 1550 dead in Kathmandu (will increase significantly). Government has declared state in emergency. Medical facilities are limited which might increase more pain among victims. No flights in country. No power throughout Nepal. People can't sleep and are in streets and in open ground as they can't step inside home. Situation is still out of control in state of chaos. This night will be the longest night ever. Will come with more updates as I get something more. (1 hour ago)

Catherine of Sienna, Medieval Mystic (29 March 1347 ? – 29



April 1380). Catherine was born Caterina di Giacomo di Benincasa in Sienna; her father was a dye maker and her mother was 40 years of age when she had Catherine and her twin sister, Giovanna. Catherine's mother nursed her but Giovanna was given to a wet nurse and soon died. Catherine's mother had previously borne 22 children, but most of them died in infancy. Apparently Catherine grew up to be not only healthy

but very happy.

At about age five or six she experienced a vision of Christ seated in glory with the Apostles Peter, Paul, and John. At age seven, she decided to dedicate her life to Christ. When she was sixteen, an older sister died and her parents wanted her to marry the widower. Catherine went on an extreme fast

and cut her beautiful hair to protest. At this point, Catherine decided to remain celibate and single but live a life in the world rather than enter a convent. Her father finally agreed to her decision.

She now joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, which permitted her to live at home and not in a convent.

In about 1368, she had another mystic vision of Christ and had what she described as a “mystical marriage” with Jesus. In a vision, Jesus told her to become more active in the world around her. She gave herself to contemplation, aiding the sick and the poor, and converting sinners. Her sanctity won for her a large band of followers.

From about 1374 on, she and her followers traveled throughout Northern Italy and urged the clergy to reform by living lives of simplicity and in general called people to repent by giving themselves in total love to God. About this time also, she began writing letters to clerical and civic officials and called for peace between the cities of Northern Italy and for a return of the papacy to Rome from Avignon in France. In 1303, Philip the Fair of France had captured Rome and physically relocated the papacy to Avignon. In 1376 she went to Avignon to speak with Pope Gregory IX and try to mediate a peace between Florence and the Papal States. She also urged him to return to Rome. The peace negotiations were unsuccessful but the pope did return to Rome in 1377 - only to die in 1378. After Gregory's death, two popes were elected, one in Rome and one in Avignon; known as “The Great Schism,” this was not resolved until the Council of Constance in 1417. Catherine went to Urban VI in Rome and championed his cause. Even though she championed his cause, she repeatedly tried to get

him to reform his arrogant and tyrannical ways; as one historian has said, “she perfected the art of kissing the papal ring while at the same time twisting the papal arm.”

For years she denied herself food and took Holy Communion daily; her spiritual advisors and friends tried to dissuade her from this extreme self mortification (today she probably would be diagnosed as an anorexic). She called her inability to eat “an infirmity.” It seems that she only learned to write late in her life; most of her correspondence was dictated to secretaries. Her letters total well over 400 and were collected and published. Also, probably in 1377 she wrote *The Dialogue*, which is considered to be one of the classics of western spirituality; it is a dialogue between a soul who rises to God and God Himself.

Unfortunately, her extreme self-mortification probably hastened her death in Rome; in February 1580 she no longer could use her legs and in mid-April she suffered a stroke and eight days later died at age 33.

Catherine was canonized in 1461 and in 1970 declared to be a “Doctor of the Church.”