

**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. at  
Grace Lutheran Church  
1836 B St., Hayward, CA 94541-3140**

**Worshiping in the Central Valley at 2 p.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
of the Month**

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The Third Sunday After Trinity – 21 June 2015

Liturgy — Page 5 in The Lutheran Hymnal

HYMNS: [insert] Thine Is The Glory  
413 I Walk In Danger All The Way (1-2 & 5-6)  
444 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5,6-11  
Sermon Theme: Satan Wants Christians As Hors-d'oeuvres  
1. Give Your Cares To God  
2. Satan Is On The Prowl  
3. Our Suffering Is Not Unique

**INTROIT:** Turn Yourself unto me and have mercy upon me:  
for I am desolate and afflicted. Look upon my affliction and  
my pain: and forgive all my sins. Unto You, O Lord, do I  
lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in You, let me not be  
ashamed. **Glory be to the Father ...**

**COLLECT:** O God, the Protector of all who trust in You,  
without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase  
and multiply upon us Your mercy that, You being our  
Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal  
that we finally not lose the things eternal; 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

Micah 7,18–20

Who is a God like You, Who pardons iniquity  
And passes over the rebellious acts of the remnant of  
His possession?

He does not retain His anger forever,  
Because He delights in lovingkindness.

<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us;  
He will tread our iniquities under foot.

Yes, You will cast all their sins  
Into the depths of the sea.  
20 You will give truth to Jacob  
And lovingkindness to Abraham,  
Which You did swear to our forefathers  
From the days of old.

## Epistle

1 Peter 5,6-11

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.<sup>8</sup> Be of



sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.<sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in your faith,

knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.<sup>10</sup> After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.<sup>11</sup> To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## GRADUAL

Just as a father has compassion on his children,

**So the LORD has compassion on all those who fear**

## Him.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

**Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always strive with us;

**Nor will He keep His anger forever.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

**Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**So great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.**

As far as the east is from the west,

**So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

Hallelujah! O Lord, deal with Your servant according to Your mercy and teach me Your statutes.

**I am Your servant, give me understanding that I may know Your testimonies.** [sing: triple Hallelujah]

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 15,1-10

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!



Now all the tax gatherers and the sinners were coming near to Jesus to listen to Him.<sup>2</sup> And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> And Jesus told them this parable, saying,<sup>4</sup> “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the

open pasture [or, wilderness], and go after the one which is lost, until he has found it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.



<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her [women] friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner

who repents.” [Scripture passage are from the *New American Standard Bible*, © The Lockman Foundation, used by permission]

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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Lessons for 28 June - The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Isaiah 58,6-12

Epistle: Romans 8,18-23

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6,36-42

Weekly Scripture Verse: Jesus says: “For the Son of Man has

come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19,10)

Today’s Gradual is based on selected verses from Psalm 103.

Service in Stockton: Today at 2 p.m.

Bible Study. Stockton, Tuesday, 23 July, at 2 p.m.

Hayward - Tuesday, 30 June, at 2 p.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, 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; Pr. Doug Priestap (Calgary).



Call News. 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. Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has called Mr. Matthew Kranz, Eau Claire, WI, to serve as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher beginning in the Fall 2015. Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has called Pastor Michael Schierenbeck. Faith has also called two half-time teachers for one year: Marie Muehlenhaupt and Barry Hay; Teacher Hay has accepted. Collette Krause, Markesan, WI, has the Call to teach at Trinity Lutheran school, Watertown, SD. PULPIT VACANCIES: Mt. Olive, Lamar, CO; Grace, Fairbanks, AK; Shepherd of the

Valley, Weslaco, TX; Resurrection, Calgary, AB; 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreign Missionary.

Council Meeting on Sunday, 28 June, after the morning service in Hayward.

Cruise the Bay on the USS Potomac. Roy Cameron is organizing a church outing for a two hour cruise of San Francisco Bay on FDR's former presidential yacht, the USS



Potomac, on Saturday, 11 July, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The cost would be \$35 for children (3-12), \$50 for seniors and \$55 for others. The place to

meet would be 540 Water St., Oakland (near Jack London Square). If you are interested, please log onto the USS Potomac web site and follow the directions to order tickets on Ticket Web; if you'd like to go but do not have web access, Pastor Karp can make the reservations for you.

Correction - In our 2015 Church Directory the correct number for the CLC Bookstore should be: (715) 836-6623.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist - 24 June. St. John the Baptizer, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was born into a priestly family. His birth was miraculously announced to his father by an angel of the Lord (Luke 1,5-23), and on the occasion of his birth, his aged father proclaimed a hymn of praise (Luke 1,67-79). This hymn is entitled the Benedictus

and serves as the traditional Gospel Canticle in the Church's Service of morning prayer. Events of John's life and his



teaching are known from accounts in all four Gospels. In the wilderness of Judea, near the Jordan River, John began to preach a call to repentance and a baptismal washing, and upon seeing Jesus, he told the crowds, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1,29). John

denounced the immoral life of the Herodian rulers, with the result that Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned in the huge fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. There Herod had him beheaded (Mark 6,17-19). John is remembered and honored as the one who with his preaching pointed to "the lamb of God" and prepared the way "for the coming of the Messiah." He was the last and greatest of the Old Testament prophets.

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession - 25 June 1530. The Augsburg Confession, the principal doctrinal



statement of the theology of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers, was written largely by Philip Melancthon. At its heart, it confesses the justification of sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, for the sake of Christ alone. Signed by leaders of many

German cities and regions, the confession was formally presented to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at Augsburg, Germany, on June 25, 1530. A few weeks later, Roman Catholic authorities rejected the confession, which Melancthon defended in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531). In 1580, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession was included in the Book of Concord as one of the binding confessions of the Lutheran Church.

Cyril of Alexandria (ca. 376–27 June 444), Pastor and Confessor. Cyril became the archbishop of Alexandria, Egypt in 412. Throughout his career he defended orthodox, Christian doctrine. He taught that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is rightly called the Theotokos, the “God-bearer” (Formula of Concord, VIII:12), which was also affirmed at the Council of Ephesus in 431; he taught that Jesus was true God and True man from the moment of conception. His writings on the Trinity and the person of Christ revealed him to be one of the most able theologians of his time. Cyril’s Christology influenced subsequent Church councils and was a primary source in showing that the Church Fathers supported the position taken in subsequent Lutheran confessional writings. He had a rather combative personality and could not always control his more ardent followers, who once lynched a pagan philosopher.



Johann Valentin Andreae, Lutheran Theologian (17 August 1586–27 June 1654. Andreae’s father’s was a Lutheran Pastor

and superintendent in Herrenberg and his grandfather, Jacob Andreae, was the chancellor of the University of Tübingen and one of the authors of the Formula of Concord (1580). Andreae’s father died in 1601 and his mother moved the family to Tübingen. Andreae’s career had an ecclesiastical aspect and a literary aspect, and most of the time, the two complimented each other.

He studied theology at Tübingen and graduated in 1614, when he became what we would call an assistant pastor in Vaihingen, and in 1620 a pastor in Calw. While there, he instituted reforms in educational and social institutions, especially to care for the poor, the sick, and those injured during the Thirty Years’ War (1618–48). He helped in the rebuilding of Calw which was mostly destroyed in 1634. In 1639 he became court preacher and a councillor of the consistory in Stuttgart, where he pursued the same kind of reforms as in Calw. In 1650 he became the general Superintendent and Abbot of the evangelical monastery at Bebenhausen. He died in Stuttgart.



Andreae studied in Tübingen and earned his bachelor’s in 1603 and his master’s in 1605. In 1602–03, Andreae wrote two comedies after the English style, Esther and Hyazinth. In 1616, he published The Chemical Wedding of Christian Rosenkruz, which is one of the three fundamental documents of the Rosicrucians (Rosenkruz = Rosey Cross = Rosicrucians). This seems to have been a vehicle for Andreae’s

ideas on a general reformation and advancement of learning. Soon, however, he was looking toward Christian utopianism with the publication of Christianopolis, a novel depicting a Christian utopia - all the citizens are devout, pious Christians who are all devoted to the study of natural science and their religion is a Christianized form of the hermetic-Cabalistic tradition (although it is not specifically stated, it would appear that at the end of The Chemical Wedding Christian Rosenkruz sails to Christianopolis). In 1616, he published a kind of autobiographical play called Turbo, Knight Errant of the Spirit; in this, he attacked the spiritual complacency of his day. One assessment of him in the Encyclopedia of the Lutheran Church seems to hit the mark: "[Andrae] was one of the best educated Lutheran theologians of his day. ... Andrae was highly regarded by Spener and Herder, but few of his many ideas matured. Besides, he was gruff, unstable, and easily insulted, and the result of his life was not commensurate with his endowments."

In 1614, Andrae married Agnes Elisabeth Grunniger (born in 1592 in Schützingen; died in 1659 in Calw); their union was blessed with nine children. (Sources: Neue Deutsche Biographie; Encyclopedia of the Lutheran Church, vol. 1; Frances Yates, The Rosicrucian Enlightenment; Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, vol. 1; 3<sup>rd</sup> edition).

## Jesus is...

**Our Advocate**, 1 John 2:1  
**Our Mediator**, 1 Tim. 2:5  
**Friend of sinners**, Matt. 11:19  
**Faithful & True**, Rev. 19:11

## The Devil is...

**Our Accuser**, Rev. 12:10  
**Our Adversary**, 1 Peter 5:8  
**Tempter**, Matthew 4:3; 1 Thes. 3:5  
**The Father of lies**, John 8:44

JUDAS MACCABAEUS, 5 5, 6 5, 6 5, 6 5. With Refrain.  
 GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL, 1685-1759

*Majestically*

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the  
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life; Life is nought with-

vic - tory Thou' er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness  
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con - quers,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave clothes  
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;  
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

Where thy bod - y lay.  
 Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;  
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - tory Thou' er death hast won. A - men.

*Edmond Dudley, 1854-1937 Tr. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939*  
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