

**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  
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 Fourth Sunday After Trinity – 28 June 2015**

Liturgy: The Order of Matins — Page 32 in The Lutheran  
Hymnal

**Hymn 3 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now** (stand for last stanza)

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### **The Psalmody**

For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteousness;

**The upright will behold His face.**

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;

**I will tell of all Your wonders.**

I will be glad and exult in You;

**I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

For You have maintained my just cause;

**You sit on the throne, judging righteously.**

The LORD abides forever;

**He has established His throne for judgment,**

And He will judge the world in righteousness;

**He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.**

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: Glory be to the  
Father ...]**

First Lesson

Romans 8,18–25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him Who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we

know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

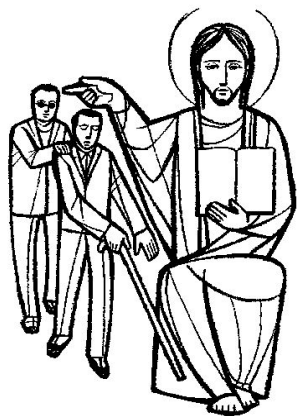
P] But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

## Second Lesson

Luke 6,36-42

[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> And do not pass judgment and you will not be



judged; and do not condemn, and you shall not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return.”

<sup>39</sup> And [Jesus] also spoke a parable to them: “A blind man

cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup>

And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s

eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.” [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 448 Brief Life Is Here Our Portion (1-3)**

Sermon Text: Romans 8,18-23

Sermon Theme: Hope In The Midst Of Futility

1. Why Futility?
2. What Is Hope?
3. Living With Hope In The Midst Of Futility

**Hymn 448 Brief Life Is Here Our Portion (4-5)**

The Offering

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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: O Lord God, heavenly Father: You are merciful, and through Christ promised us that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive us all our sins, and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You would establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all, and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; 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 359 Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies**

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Lessons for 5 July - The Fifth Sunday After Trinity - A

Service with Holy Communion

Old Testament: Jeremiah 16,14-21

Epistle: 1 Peter 3,8-15

Gospel: Luke 5,1-11

Weekly Scripture Verse: Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6,2)

Today's Psalmody is based on selected verses from Psalms 9 and 11.

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

Bible Study. Hayward - Tuesday, 30 June, at 2 p.m.

Handout - July 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 caregivers; 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. Collette Krause has returned the Call to be teacher at Trinity Lutheran school, Watertown, SD. Pastor Em. Burgess Huehn has announced his plans to return to full retirement at the end of August. Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI, has now called Pastor Em. David Lau, Eau Claire, WI. 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. PULPIT VACANCIES: Mt. Olive, Lamar, CO; Grace, Fairbanks, AK; Shepherd of the Valley,

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

The 2015 CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa will be departing from Chicago on Monday, June 29th. The fifteen Mission Helpers will divide into the following teams:

Kenya Team: Michael Gurath (Phoenix, AZ); Anna Gurath (Phoenix, AZ); Kirsten Gullerud (Mountain View, CA); Jennifer Grabow (Mankato, MN); Hannah Hulke (Eau Claire, WI).

Tanzania Team: Nathanael Mayhew (Sleepy Eye, MN); Samuel Naumann (Clarkson, WA); Jessica Schaller (Watertown, SD); Raven Haight (Markesan, WI); Jessica Schreyer (Mankato, MN).

Zambia Team: Todd Ohlmann (St. Louis, MO); Lucas Brown (Phoenix, AZ); Lydia Albrecht (Milwaukee, WI); Heidi Lau (Eau Claire, WI); Riley Noeldner (Eau Claire, WI).

Please pray that the Lord would give an abundance of wisdom, love, compassion, patience, and safety to the Mission Helpers and to those they go to serve as the Gospel is proclaimed to 2500+ children in several villages throughout Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Pray also for the pastors and church leaders that Pastors Mayhew, Gurath, and Ohlmann will be working with during the pastoral training seminars and conferences.

You will be able to follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2015clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/> .

Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop of Lyons, Church Father (ca. 130–ca. 28 June 202). Little is known of his life, but since he said that as a child he heard Polycarp, who knew the apostles, he must have been raised in the area around Smyrna (modern

Izmir, Turkey). He studied in Rome and later became pastor in Lyons, France (Lugdunum, Gaul). Around 177, while Irenaeus



was in Rome, Pothinus, the bishop of Lyons was martyred during a persecution under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius (reigned 161–180). Upon his return, Irenaeus became bishop. His most famous writing is *Against Heresies*, in which he condemned Gnosticism, which, in part, denied the goodness of creation and taught that access to God lay through obtaining secret knowledge rather than through Christ. Irenaeus taught that God's creation was good and was redeemed through the incarnation of Jesus, the

Son of God. He stressed the importance of all four Gospels and in his writings he quoted from every book of the New Testament, except for Philemon, Jude, and 3 John. In fact, he gives us the earliest attestation that John and Luke (the companion of Paul) wrote their respective Gospels. He classified Scripture as consisting of the Old Testament and writings of the New testament, but excluded Gnostic gospels and other writings. He had weird ideas about the millennium, however, which were more in keeping with Jewish ideas about an earthly paradise. Tradition has it that he died a martyr's death, but this is uncertain. He was interred in the cathedral in Lyons, but in the 1562 his tomb was destroyed by French Huguenots.

Saints Peter and Paul (29 June). The Festival of Saints Peter and Paul is probably one of the oldest of the observances of the saints (dating from the middle of the third century). An

early tradition of the Church holds that these two were martyred on the same day in Rome during the persecution under Nero. The apostles, however, are also commemorated separately; Peter on 18 January for his confession of Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16,13–16), and Paul on 25 January for his conversion (Acts 9,1–9).

The New Testament tells us much about both apostles.

Peter was with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry and served as a leader among the apostles. Despite his steadfast faith, Scripture also records some of his failures, such as his rebuke of Jesus (Mt. 16,21–23) and his three-fold denial of his Lord (Mt. 26,69–75). Following Jesus' Ascension, Peter continued to be a leader in the Church (Acts 1,15; 2,14; 15,7).

Paul, a devout Jew named Saul, began as a persecutor of the Church. Following his miraculous conversion, in which the risen Christ Himself appeared to him, Paul became a powerful preacher of the grace of God. During his three missionary journeys (Acts 13–14; 16–18; and 18–21), Paul traveled throughout modern-day Turkey and Greece. The New Testament account of his life ends with his imprisonment under house arrest in Rome. Tradition holds that this was his first arrest, and subsequently he went to Spain, only to be arrested upon his return during the Neronian persecution of Christians after the Great Fire of Rome.



Heinrich Voes and Jan van Esch (martyred 1 July 1523). Voes and Esch were two Augustinian monks in the cloister of St. Michael in Antwerp. The monks of the cloister accepted the reformation. In 1522, however, Margarethe, the Governess of



the Netherlands, instigated an inquisition to root out heresy. The inquistors closed the cloister and many monks escaped. The prior renounced his Lutheran beliefs. Voes and Esch were two monks who were captured and did not renounce their faith. They were defrocked and handed over to the civil authorities, who burned them at the stake in Antwerp. They said that God's Word was worth more than the pope's word. Upon hearing of their death, Luther wrote the hymn, "Flung to the Heedless Winds" (TLH 259; its German title is: "Ein neues Lied wir haben an").

Catherine Winkworth (13 September 1827 –1 July 1878). She was born in London, England, and was the fourth daughter of Henry Winkworth, a silk merchant; however, she spent most of her life in Manchester, England. She spent a year in Dresden, Germany, and became interested in German hymnody. In 1854 she published *Lyrical Germanica*, which was a collection of German hymns which she had translated into English. In 1858 she published another collection of German hymns. In 1863, along with William Sterndale and Otto Goldschmidt, she published *The Chorale Book*, and in 1869 *Christian Singers of Germany*. She also promoted women's rights. In the



estimation of The Handbook to the Lutheran Hymnal, Winkworth's "translations are the most widely used of any from [the German] language." The Lutheran Hymnal contains 72 hymns which were translated by her.

The Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (2 July). John the Baptizer and Jesus, the two great figures of salvation history, now come together in the visit to Elizabeth by the Virgin Mary (Luke 1,39-45), both of whom conceived their children under miraculous circumstances. Thus John is



brought into the presence of Jesus while they are still in their mothers' wombs. This presence of the Lord causes John to leap in Elizabeth's womb. John's response to the presence of Jesus, the Messiah, foreshadows John's own role as a forerunner. Already now

a new creation is beginning, and a baby still in the womb hails the new creation's inception. Foreshadowed in John's leap are the miracles of Jesus, who will cause all creation to leap at his presence: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have Good News preached to them" (Luke 7,22). The incarnate presence of the Messiah also evokes a response from Elizabeth, who proclaims Mary's blessedness. Mary's

Magnificat (Luke 1,46-55) provides the theological significance of this meeting as Mary sums up her place in salvation history. Mary's song is a hymn to God for all His gracious gifts to the least in this world, whom He has lifted up out of lowliness solely because of His grace and mercy. (Scott A. Kinnaman, ed., Treasury of Daily Prayer [St. Louis: CPH, 2008], 486). The Roman Church has moved the commemoration of the Visitation to 31 May but the Roman and Lutheran Churches in Germany continue to commemorate it on 2 July.