

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. at

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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The Sixth Sunday After Trinity – 12 July 2015

Liturgy — Page 5 in The Lutheran Hymnal

HYMNS: 1 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
298 Baptized Into Thy Name Most Holy (1-3 & 4-6)
37 Lord, 'This Not That I Did Choose Thee (stand for stanza 3)

Sermon Text: Romans 6,1-11

Sermon Theme: Death Is The Door To Life

1. Jesus Died To Open The Door To Life
2. The Meaning Of Being Baptized Into Christ
3. Dying Daily In Order To Live

INTROIT: The Lord is the Strength of His people. He is the saving Strength of His anointed. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance: feed them also and lift them up forever. Unto You will I cry, O Lord, my Rock: be not silent to me: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. **Glory be to the Father ...**

COLLECT: Lord of all power and might, Who is the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in 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. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Exodus 20,1-17

Then God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ You shall have no other Gods before Me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and

keep My commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.



⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male servant or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with

you. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

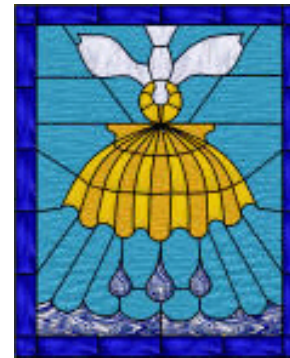
¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Epistle

Romans 6,1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified



with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. ¹⁰ The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Shout joyfully to the Lord,

all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful singing.
 Know that the Lord Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
 We are His people
and the sheep of His pasture.
 Give thanks to Him;
bless His name.
 For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting.
And His faithfulness to all generations.
 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

Matthew 5,17-26

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

[Jesus spoke to His disciples:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.
¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one iota or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called



least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever keeps and

teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁰ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not commit murder,’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court’; ²² but I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother [without cause] shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, ‘Racca’ [that is, “empty-headed” or “good-for-nothing”], shall be guilty before the Sanhedrin; and whoever shall say, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the hell of fire.

²³ If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your offering before the altar, and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. ²⁵ Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I say to you, you shall not come out of there, until you have paid the last cent.” [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 19 July - The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31,23-25

Epistle: Romans 6,19-23

Gospel: Mark 8,1-9

Weekly Scripture Verse: But now thus says the Lord your Creator: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!" (Isaiah 43,1)

Today's Gradual is based on selected verses from Isaiah 43 and Psalm 100.

Next Service in Stockton: Sunday, 19 July, at 2 p.m.

Bible Study. Hayward - Tuesday, 14 July, at 2 p.m.
Stockton, Tuesday, 28 July, at 2 p.m.

ILL. In your prayers, please remember Nancy, Roy and his brother Gerald; Jean Niblett; Marlene Clappier; Don Luebke, Don's nephew Leigh, and Rose, one of Don's care givers and her husband; 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. Trinity Lutheran, Watertown, SD, has called recent graduate Leah Ude to be its teacher. 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 5th and 6th 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; 2nd Foreign Missionary.

Martin H. Marquart. On Tuesday, 25 June 2015, it pleased almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of Martin Marquart, who had been born on 25 February 1925. Martin's funeral was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in San Leandro on 5 July 2015. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them" (Revelation 14,13).

Our condolences to Don Luebke, whose cousin, Dr. Norman Luebke, fell asleep in Jesus on 3 July 2015. His funeral will be held at Messiah Lutheran in Danville, CA, on Saturday, 18 July, at 10 a.m. Norman's father, the Rev. Walter Luebke, founded Grace Lutheran Church. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them" (Revelation 14,13).

Cruise On The Bay On The USS Potomac. Thanks to Roy for organizing yesterday's cruise on the USS Potomac. It was a beautiful day. The Bay was pretty calm. The narration provided on the ship was informative and interesting. All who went had a great time.

Immanuel Clothing: CLC member Andy Buck has put together a short-term ordering opportunity for Immanuel clothing.

While the CLC Bookhouse has a few items available in Eau Claire, the Regents have asked Andy to provide people throughout the CLC an opportunity to order items online. This quality apparel can be worn to promote the school with which our Lord has richly blessed us. A lot of different choices are available such as shirts, shorts, jackets, hats, etc. These items are available for ordering until July 31 with an option to ship or pick up in Eau Claire. Go to:

www.cv-sports.com/Promotions.aspx,

find the "Immanuel Lutheran" line, and click on "Go." Contact Andy for questions:

(andy.buck@cv-sports.com/715.836.6840).

Johann August Wilhelm Neander, Theologian and Church Historian (17 January 1789 – 14 July 1850). Neander belonged to a Jewish family in Göttingen and originally bore the name of David Mendel. He changed his name to Neander when he



became a Christian in 1806. A German Lutheran, he studied with F. D. Schleiermacher (1768–1834) in Berlin, but soon switched his interest from speculative theology to church history.

After a year of teaching in Heidelberg (1812), he returned to Berlin as professor of ecclesiastical history (1813).

Here he attracted many students not only by the quality of his scholarship but also by the spirit of piety he brought to his work and the interest he showed in the personal aspects of history. From the first he wrote extensively on historical themes, beginning with biographical

studies of significant figures like Julian the Apostate (1812), Bernard of Clairvaux (1813), John Chrysostom (1822), and Tertullian (1824). Turning to a whole movement, he offered a history of Gnosticism in 1818. When F. C. Baur and D. F. Strauss introduced a rationalistic interpretation of the New Testament and early Christian history, he strongly opposed them. He wrote a Life of Christ (1837) in answer to the theory purported by Strauss in Life of Jesus (1835–1836) that the Gospel record is simply a myth in historical dress. With the maturing of his scholarship, Neander began to put together his more detailed monographs in broader historical works. His history of the apostolic age came out in two volumes under the title History of the Planting and Training of the Christian Church by the Apostles (1832–1833). Even before the publication of this work he had launched his most ambitious project, A General History of the Christian Religion and Church, which came out in six volumes beginning in 1826 and ending only after his death in 1852. Both these larger works were translated into English, the latter appearing in five volumes (1882) and the former in two volumes (1887–1888).

Neander had considerable influence not only in his own church and country but also further afield through the combination of scholarly excellence and personal interest that he achieved in his teaching and writing. This influence lived on in the American and English-speaking world through the historical work and writing of Philip Schaff (1819–1893), who studied and taught with Neander in Berlin prior to his appointment to Mercersburg in 1844. A basic conviction of Neander was that church history is not just an academic pursuit but part of the mission and ministry of the church.

(Source: Christian Classics Ethereal Library)

The Great Schism of 1054 (16 July) refers to the split between the Western and Eastern (Greek Orthodox) Churches. Relations



Patriarch Michael I Cerularius sitting on his throne

between the two branches of Christendom had been strained for centuries, but in 1054 Pope Leo IX (1049–54) sent a papal legate to Constantinople, headed by Cardinal Humbert, with a bull which excommunicated the Patriarch Michael I Cerularius (1043–58), who in turn

excommunicated the papal legates (the papal excommunication may not have been valid since Leo IX died while Humbert was in Constantinople). Humbert placed the bull of excommunication on the altar of the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia). In 1965 the Pope and the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople nullified the excommunications of 1054. The primary cause of the schism was the dispute over ecclesiastical authority. The Pope claimed to have authority over all Christendom while in the East the four Patriarchates (Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Athens) claimed independence from western authority — even though they were prepared to give honor to the Bishop of Rome. Furthermore, Eastern Orthodoxy claimed that the seventh canon of the Council of Ephesus forbade changes in the Nicene Creed and the Western Church had added the following words in relation to Christ: “Who proceeds from the Father” (known as the filioque clause). Other points of contention

were: different dates for celebrating Easter, the use of unleavened bread for Holy Communion in the West and leavened in the East; the acceptance of Caesaropapism in East, the imposition of clerical celibacy in the West, continuing and acrimonious disputes over who had jurisdiction in disputed borderlands between East and West, and resentment over the sack of Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade. [Note. In



Pope Leo IX

Western Church history the term “The Great Schism” is also applied to the period of 1378–1417, when Christendom had a series of anti-popes, each claiming authority and supremacy over the Church.]