

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

Worshipping 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 Ninth Sunday After Trinity – 2 August 2015**

- A Service with Holy Communion

(Visitors are asked to speak with the Pastor before communing)

Liturgy — Page -15 in The Lutheran Hymnal

**HYMNS: 243 Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices**  
**518 If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee** (1-4 & 5-7)  
**430 What Is The World To Me** (1, 4, & 7-8)

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10,1-13

Sermon Theme: Learning From The Failures Of Others

1. God Blesses Equally
2. When God's People Fail God
3. God's Promise To Guard Us From Temptation

**INTROIT:** Behold, God is my Helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. He shall reward evil unto my enemies: cut them off in Your truth. Save me, O God, by Your name: and judge me by Your strength. **Glory be to the Father ...**

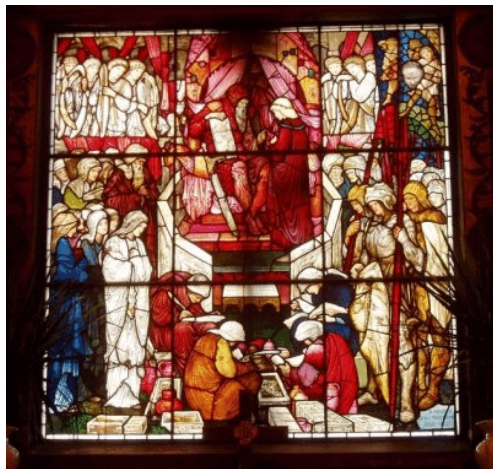
**COLLECT:** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have bountifully given us Your blessing and our daily bread: We beseech You, preserve us from covetousness, and so enliven our hearts that we willingly share Your blessed gifts with our needy brethren; that we may be found faithful stewards of Your gifts and abide in Your grace when we shall be removed from our stewardship, and shall come before Your judgment; 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

Chronicles 28,10-19

So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art You, O LORD God of Israel our Father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You do exalt Yourself as head over all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your

hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone. <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You. <sup>15</sup> For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were;

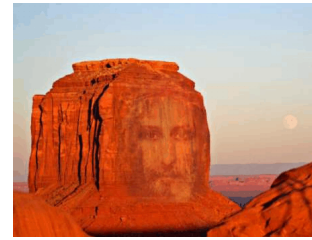


David Prays for Solomon

our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. <sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours. <sup>17</sup> Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You. <sup>18</sup> O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in the intentions of the heart of Your people, and direct their heart to You. <sup>19</sup> And give my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do them all, and to build the temple, for which I have made provision.”

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 10,1-13



For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food; <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual Rock which followed them; and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them, God was not well pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved. <sup>7</sup> And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play.” <sup>8</sup> Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day. <sup>9</sup> Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you but



such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able; but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,

that you may be able to endure it.

**GRADUAL**

Hear my prayer, O LORD,

**Give ear to my supplications!**

Answer me in Your faithfulness,

**in Your righteousness.**

I delight to do Your will, O my God;

**Your Law is within my heart.**

I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation;

**Behold I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, You know.**

I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;

**I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;**

I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your truth from the great congregation.

**You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me;**

Your steadfast love and Your truth

**will continually preserve me.**

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 16,1-13

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

[Now Jesus was also saying to the disciples,] “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this steward

was reported to him as squandering his possessions.<sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about



you? Give account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’<sup>3</sup> And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.’<sup>4</sup> I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.’<sup>5</sup>

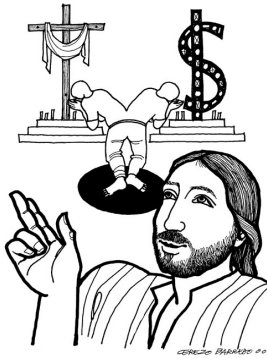
And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he began saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’<sup>6</sup> And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’<sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred



measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’<sup>8</sup> And his master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are

more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.<sup>9</sup> And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the Mammon of unrighteousness; that when it

fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.<sup>10</sup> He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much;



and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.<sup>11</sup> If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous Mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own.<sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters; for

either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon.” [Scripture passages 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 9 August – The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Jeremiah 7,1-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12,1-11

The Holy Gospel Luke 19,41-48

Weekly Scripture Verse: From everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. (Luke 12,48)

Today's Gradual is based on selected verses from Psalms 143 and 40.

Next Service in Stockton: Today at 2 p.m.

Bible Study – Hayward –on Tuesday, 4 August, at 2 p.m.

Stockton – Tuesday, 25 August, 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 — Leah Ude has returned the Call to teach at Trinity Lutheran school, Watertown, SD; the congregation has now issued a 1-year Call to Becky McKenney, Fort Atkinson, WI. Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY, has called teacher graduate Leah Ude to serve as pre-school 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher beginning in the Fall 2015. The Rev. Mike Schierenbeck will be installed at the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, today; Teachers Sherm Carstensen, Marie Muehlenhaupt and Barry Hay, as middle and upper grade school teachers and principal, will also be installed. As authorized by the CLC President, on Sunday August 2, Desirae Naumann will be installed as the first teacher of Valley Bible Academy – St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarkston WA; as of



the end of July the enrollment stands at 5, with a possibility of an additional 5 more students whose parents have expressed interest; the opening of the school begins with a brief service at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

**Student Account Help:** Occasionally families are in need of financial assistance to pay their current Immanuel student account due to factors out of their control. This impacts the ability for students to return. Some people have been willing to help students anonymously in such situations. Perhaps there are others. Those interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Pastor John Hein (612-408-1635/john.p.hein@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration.

**Invitation from the West Bay – Church Rafting Retreat on August 29:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 29 for a church rafting trip down the American River, departing from Sacramento. Cost for raft rentals will be about \$20 per person. If interested, leave your name and email address on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or email Danielle at danielle.wittorp@gmail.com. SSLS families and SSLC East Bay and Central Valley members are welcome to join. More details to follow.

**St. Dominic, Founder of the Dominican Order (1170 – 6 August 1221).** Dominic was the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers (Ordo Praedicatorum = O.P.). He was a native of Calaruega in Old Castile, Spain, probably from the ancient family of the Guzman. He began his studies at Palencia at the

age of 14. During a famine in 1191 he is said to have sold all his possessions, including his books, in order to help the poor. In 1199 he became a canon of Osma, his native diocese,



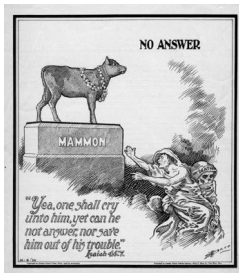
**St. Dominic as depicted by Fra Angelica (1437)**

where Martin de Bazan, Bishop of Osma, had established a strict discipline among his canons, following the rule of St. Augustine. Dominic soon became head of this community, where he remained until, in 1203, he went with Bishop Diego on a preaching tour against the Albigensian heretics in Languedoc (France). In 1206 they opened an institute for women in danger of the heresy at Prouille, within Albigensian territory, and attached to it a number of missionary friars. Two years later, after the murder of the Papal legate Peter of Castelnau, Pope Innocent III started a crusade against the Albigensians, and during the seven years of war that ensued, Dominic labored to win the heretics back to the Church, often in danger of his life, but with comparatively little success. When in 1214 the castle of Casseneuil was put at his disposal by Count Simon IV of Montfort, Dominic's plan to found a special order for the conversion of the Albigensians took shape. Several volunteers joined him, and in 1215 these were recognized by the Bishop of Toulouse, and a few months later approved by the pope on condition that they would follow one of the established rules. In 1216 Dominic went to Rome, where he obtained the formal sanction of Pope Honorius III by two bulls granting several privileges to the order.

Dominic's subsequent years were spent in ceaseless journeys all over Italy, to Spain (1218), and to Paris (1219), establishing friaries and organizing the order. In 1220 he attended the first General Chapter at Bologna. A year later he set out to preach against the pagans in Hungary, but fell ill and had to return to Bologna, where he died.

Though the austere Spaniard is a less popular figure than his contemporary, St. Francis of Assisi, he was a man of heroic sanctity, ever zealous to win souls from error by the preaching of pure doctrine. His humility - he refused a bishopric three times - was as great as his courage and his capacity as a ruler and organizer. He is traditionally, but wrongly, held to have instituted the Rosary. (From: The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church)

Melchior Vulpius, Hymn-Writer and Composer (either ca. 1560 or ca 1570-7 August 1615). Vulpius was probably born at Wasungen in Thuringia and died in Weimar, where he had been the municipal Cantor and teacher at the Latin School. He and his brother Latinized the family name from Fuchs ("Fox") to Vulpius ("Fox"). In his day, he was one of the most important and prolific Lutheran composers of hymn tunes in Germany, having written nearly 200 motets and 400 hymn tunes, not to mention various other works. Tunes of his which are in The Lutheran Hymnal are: 19, 23,140, 208 and 547.



## Holy Communion

Concerning Holy Communion, we believe, teach and confess



that:

- a. in, with, and under the bread Jesus gives us His true Body;
- b. in, with, and under the wine Jesus gives us His true Blood;
- c. whoever receives Holy Communion, receives it either for salvation or for judgment;
- d. whoever believes the words, "given and shed for you...", receives the Body and Blood of Christ for salvation;
- e. whoever does not believe the words, "given and shed for you...", receives the Body and Blood of Christ to judgment;
- f. out of a pastoral concern for your soul, we ask that visitors speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

We practice Close Communion. We welcome those to the Lord's Supper who are baptized and confirmed members in good standing of our congregation and sister congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This reflects the practice of the ancient and apostolic church which opened the Lord's Table only to those who had been baptized and publicly confessed doctrinal agreement with all that Christ had commanded. If you are a visitor and would like to learn more about what we teach, please speak with Pastor Karp.