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ME.”

JOHN 2:17



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, March 4, 2018 10:00 a.m.*

### THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

**Theme of the day:** Because of sin, there are sufferings and struggles in our lives. But Jesus shows his authority over sickness, Satan and sin. His good news heals our most serious disease (sin) and frees us to serve our Savior in a life with real meaning.

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

**Families** are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

## OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

## **WE ENTER THE HOUSE OF THE LORD**

**OPENING HYMN: # 556 (to the tune of #117)  
“Rise, Shine, you People”**

♪ **Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus’ glory.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation  
His new creation.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

### **Confession of Sins**

**M**: God invites us to come into his presence to worship him with  
humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our  
sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C**: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful,  
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and  
actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.  
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.  
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior  
Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

### Prayer and Praise

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C:  Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C:  Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C:  Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C.  Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

 **O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

**O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**  **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17**

**And God spoke all these words:**

<sup>2</sup> **“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**

<sup>3</sup> **“You shall have no other gods before me.**

<sup>4</sup> **“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

<sup>7</sup> **“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**

<sup>8</sup> **“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the**

heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19

#### *Refrain*

Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

#### *Psalm tone*

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The heavens declare the glory of God;\*  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,\*  
their words to the ends of the world.

#### *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is perfect,\*  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,\*  
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;\*  
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;\*  
in keeping them there is great reward.

*Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart\*  
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

**Verse of the Day:**

**M:** Turn to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love.

**C:** **Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of  
Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may  
have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)**

**Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went  
up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found men selling cattle,

sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a market!”

<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup> Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

<sup>20</sup> The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### Hymn: # 359 “Jesus, My Great High Priest”

♪ Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered his blood and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside.  
His pow’rful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

To Christ, my substitute, Will I commit my cause;  
He answers and fulfills His Father’s broken laws.  
Behold my soul at freedom set—  
My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!

My advocate appears For my defense on high;  
A gracious Father hears And lays his thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell unknown  
Put their most dreadful forms Of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
Superior pow’r and guardian grace.

## **Sermon: Romans 8:1-10**

**Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,<sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.<sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,<sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.**

**<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.<sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;<sup>7</sup> the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.<sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.**

**<sup>9</sup> You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Offering**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

Holy Communion, will be celebrated in today's service. The Bible teaches us that Jesus offers us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. The Bible also instructs us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public expression of our complete "oneness," or unity of faith.

Because the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in faith, we invite to the Lord's Supper only those who have expressed that unity with us through membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), or our sister church body, the ELS.

If you are a guest from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you simply refrain from participation in our celebration of the Lord's Supper today. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of declaring your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more.

## **The Holy Sacrament**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you. (spoken)**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

 **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **The Words of Institution**

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  **Amen.**

 **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world grant us your peace. Amen.**

### **Hymn Verses during Communion: # 377, vv. 1,5,6**

 **Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!**

**He spoke to his beloved Son: "Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown,  
And bring mankind salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they**

**May live with you forever.”  
The Son obeyed his Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow’r he wore;  
A servant’s form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.**

**Thanksgiving** - Hymn 277, verse 1

*Please stand.*



**God, we praise you! God, we bless you!  
God, we name you sov’ reign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by your Church adored:  
All creation shows your glory;  
Heav’n and earth draw near your throne,  
Singing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!”**

### **Prayer of Thanks**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C.  **Amen**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C.  Amen. Amen. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: # 340 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**♪ Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus calms our fears And bids our sorrows cease.  
'Tis music in the sinners ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin; He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His life was once an off’ring made That you might live again.**

**Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav’n.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Charles Williams family.

**INTERNET** - Our worship services may now be viewed on our church website: [www.starlutheran.org](http://www.starlutheran.org)

### THIS WEEK

**Monday**      **Circuit Meeting**  
**Tuesday**     **Elders - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday** **Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday**    **Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday**      **Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**  
                         **Worship, 10:00 a.m.**

**Lenten Services: Instruments of the Passion:**  
Wednesday, February 21 - Peter's sword  
Wednesday, February 28 - the crown of thorns  
**Wednesday, March 7 - Via Dolorosa**  
Wednesday, March 14 - the sign above the cross  
Wednesday, March 21 - the seamless robe

### COMING UP

**Work Day:** Saturday, March 24, 9:00-12:00

#### **Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday - March 25, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Maundy Thursday - March 29, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Good Friday - March 30, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Easter Sunday - April 1, 10:00 a.m.**

**FELLOWSHIP/GAME NIGHTS** - Beginning Wednesday,  
**April 11, 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for “fun and games” here at Star every third Wednesday of the month.

Bring your favorite game or learn to play someone else’s favorite.

Popcorn will be provided and any other snack you prefer will be happily accepted.

Questions? Call Noreen and/or Carolyn.

**EASTER MEMORY GARDEN:** Forms are available in the narthex and the fellowship hall for providing flowers for Easter.

**LADIES GET-TOGETHER:** Saturday, May 26. Mark your calendars now.

**VBS** - Seeking interested parties for helping with this major event for the end of June.

**HELP WANTED:** Looking for assistance in the AV department (music and slides for services, streaming, website updating, etc.) No experience necessary. Will train.