

# Jesus

THERE IS  
NO OTHER NAME...  
BY WHICH WE  
MUST BE SAVED.

ACTS 4:12



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, April 15, 2018 10:00 a.m.*

### Third Sunday of EASTER

**Theme of the day:** With his perfect life, innocent death and glorious resurrection, Christ paid for all our sins and won for us eternal life. Therefore, it is our privilege to share this good news with the rest of the world.



## 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: # 225 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”**

♪ **This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours his own.  
Let heav’n rejoice; let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.**

**Today he rose and left the dead, And Satan’s empire fell;  
Today the saints his triumphs spread And all his wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King, To David’s holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from the throne.**

**Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came With messages of grace,  
Who came in God the Father’s name To save our sinful race.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth shall raise;  
The highest heav’ns, in which he reigns,  
Shall give him nobler praise.**

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.**

P: 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: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Lesson: Acts 4:8-12**

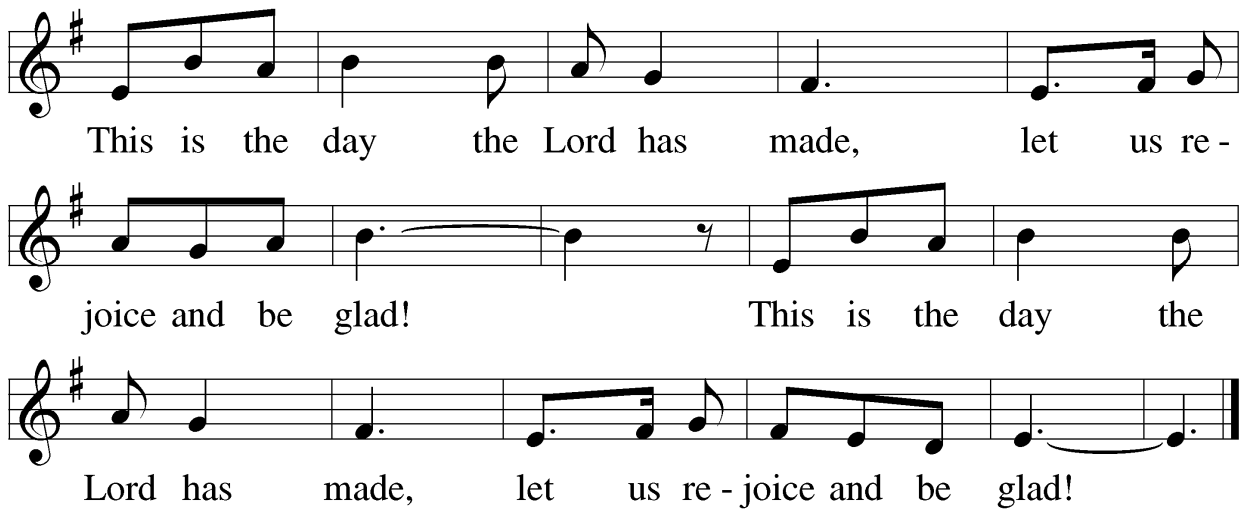
**<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> He is**

**“ ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.’**

**<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”**

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



The LORD is my strength and my song;\*  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;\*  
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

### *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.


This is the day the LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.  
Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the  
road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (*Luke 24:32*)**

**C:  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-49**

**<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”**

**<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.  
<sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”**

**<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.**

**<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”**

**<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”**

**Hymn: # 280 (vv.1-5) “Thy Strong Word”**

♪ **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hope confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**From the cross thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

**Sermon: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

**1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard,  
which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our  
hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.**



<sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

<sup>2</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

## 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:** Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C:** **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

**M:** Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers.

Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C:** **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

**M:** Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C:** **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

**M:** Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**C:** **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

***Silent prayer.***

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

**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.**

### **The Holy Sacrament**

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.

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: 🎵 And also with you.**

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. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

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: # 152**

 **I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives to bless me with his love;  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

## **Thanksgiving**

*Please stand.*



**Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads  
his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **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.**




**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: # 333 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”**

 **Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with your Word  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error’s gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through your Word.**

**Abide with your protection  
Among us, Lord, our Strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**LWMS SPRING RALLY:** April 21st, 9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 3734 S. Centinela, L.A.  
(310) 397-1201      Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have something for which you would like us to be praying, please let Judy Moore (thecamoores@gmail.com) or Pastor Foley (revmikefoley@gmail.com) know. You can also request to be made part of our prayer chain.

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

**ATASCADERO Bible Study** moved to Friday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

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

**CALLING ALL BAKERS:** Cookies needed for coffee time after church...

## **THIS WEEK**

**Thursday Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday LWMS Rally, Gethsemane Lutheran, L.A.**

**Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship, 10:00 a.m.**

