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"TODAY,  
**THIS SCRIPTURE  
IS FULFILLED**  
IN YOUR HEARING."

*- Luke 4:21b -*



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## **Worship Service**

*Sunday, January 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.*

### **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Theme of the day:** Jesus reveals himself as the Anointed One with the Father's authority to proclaim himself as fulfillment of prophecy. The Word made flesh points to the Word and boldly proclaims, "Fulfillment." This bold proclamation carries joy to the very heart of the body of Christ and emboldens its members to proclaim the same.

## **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.

**OPENING HYMN: # 12 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”**

♪ **Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev’ry voice a song.**

**He comes the captives to release,  
In Satan’s prison held.  
The gates of brass before him burst;  
The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring  
With your beloved name.**

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: The apostle John tells us in his first letter, “If we claim to be  
without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

C: **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive  
us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**

*Silence to examine yourself and reflect on God’s Word.*

**Just As I Am, without One Plea (CW 397)**

♪ **Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**M:** Let us confess, then, our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and impure. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your punishment both in this life and in the life to come. For the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and guide us so that we may delight in your holy will and that we may walk forever in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**M:** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and through His love for his Son, he forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called pastor of this church, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**GLORY BE TO GOD**  
*Gloria in Excelsis*



**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:**  **And also with you.**

**M:** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**  **Amen.**

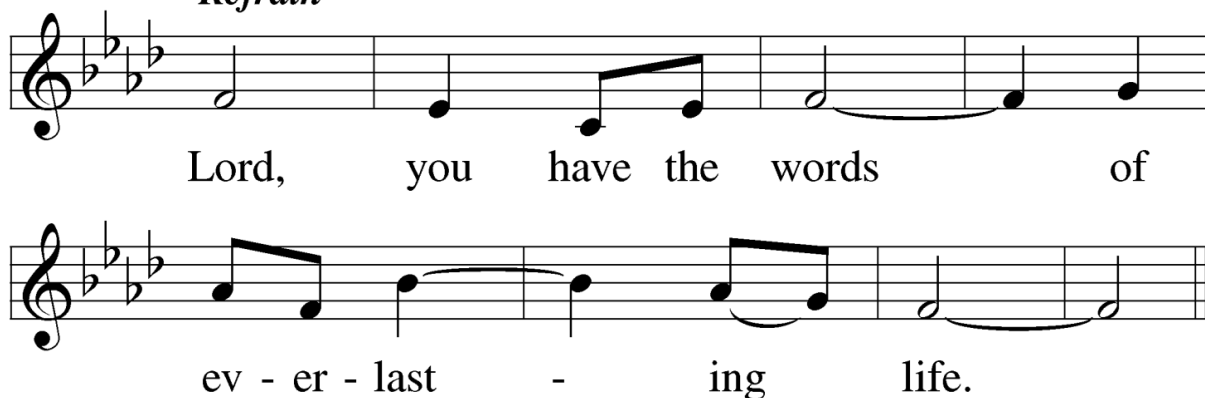
*PLEASE BE SEATED*

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-6**

**The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.  
4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.  
5 Aliens will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.  
6 And you will be called priests of the LORD,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.**

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



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: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching,  
preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (*Matthew 4:23*)**

**C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Second Lesson: Luke 4:14-21**

**<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news  
about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He taught in  
their synagogues, and everyone praised him.**

**<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on  
the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.  
And he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was  
handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:**

**<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,**

**<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

**<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and  
sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on  
him, <sup>21</sup> and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is  
fulfilled in your hearing.”**

**Hymn: # 279 “O Word of God Incarnate”**



♪ O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, Received the gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's journey through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.  
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

**Sermon: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty,**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.** 9

**Hymn: # 457 “Fight the Good Fight”**

♪ **Fight the good fight With all your might;  
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race Through God’s good grace;  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.  
He changes not, and you are dear.  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is Lord eternally.**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**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.**

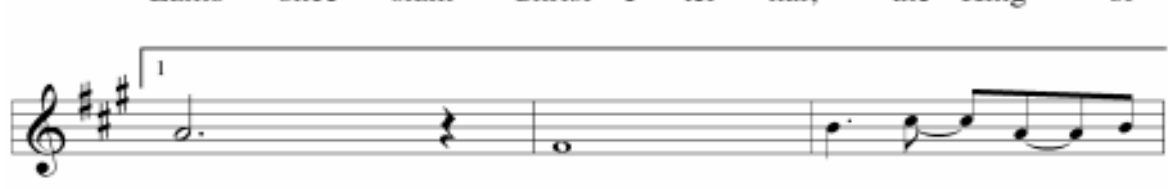
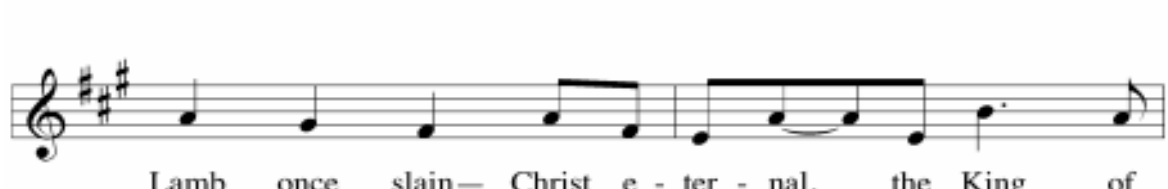
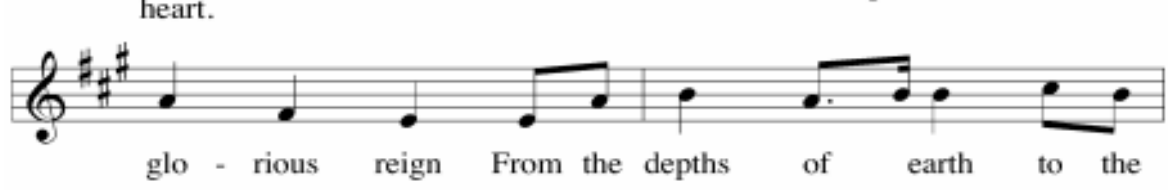
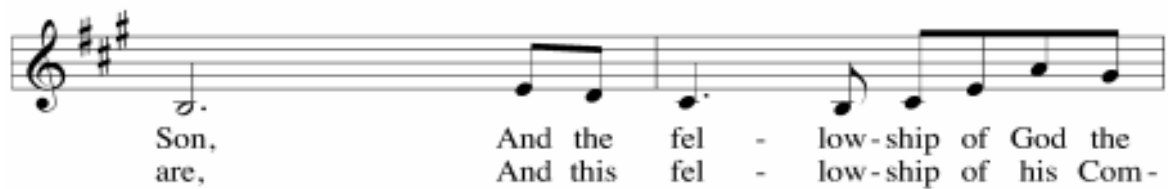
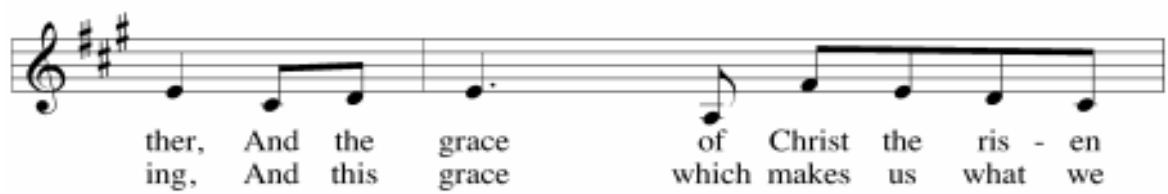
**M: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**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.**

**Hymn: # 745 “May the Peace of God”**



## WELS CONNECTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given by Terry and Chris Oberg in appreciation for the Lord's blessings.

**PRAYERS** Pray for: Shawn Lozano, Bob & Carol Munk, John Velasques, Douglas Ward, Ruth Fabian, and Elias.

### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	California Pastors' Conference Shepherd of the Hills, Las Vegas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>ESL - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</b>

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**fulfilled in your hearing.”**

**- Luke 4:21**