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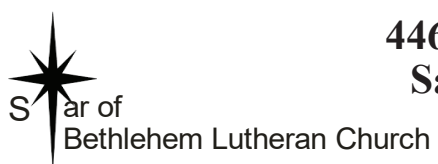
Blessed

is the one
who trusts
in the Lord,
whose confidence
is in him.

Jeremiah 17:7



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Worship Service

Sunday, February 17, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Sixth SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

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: # 383 “Blessed Are They, Forever Blest”

♪ **Blessed are they, forever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by their God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed
And covered with their Savior’s blood.**

**Blessed are they to whom the Lord
Imputes not their iniquity.
They plead no merit or reward
And not on works but grace rely.**

**From guile their hearts and lips are free;
Their humble joy, their holy fear
With deep repentance well agree
And join to prove their faith sincere.**

Please stand for last verse:

**How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all their sins,
While bright the evidence of grace
Through all their lives appears and shines!**

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: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; 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: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵ **This is what the LORD says:**

**“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who depends on flesh for his strength
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.**

⁶ **He will be like a bush in the wastelands;
he will not see prosperity when it comes.
He will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.**

⁷ **“But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.**

⁸ **He will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.**

**It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment*,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.


For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous*,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Alleluia. (*John 6:68*)

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 6:17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when men hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when all men speak well of you,
for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

Hymn: # 475 “The Man Is Ever Blest”

**♪ The man is ever blest Who shuns the sinners’ ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorers’ place,**

**But makes the law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.**

**He like a tree shall thrive With waters near the root.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live;
His works are heav’nly fruit.**

**Not so the wicked man! He no such blessing finds.
His hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving winds.**

**How will he bear to stand Before that judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ’s right hand
In full assembly meet?**

**God knows and he approves The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overthrow.**

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassing-
ly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a mes-
senger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the
Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is suf-
ficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” There-
fore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that
Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I
delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in
difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

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 incar-
nate 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 pro-
ceeds 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: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings,
which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the
bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship,
the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness
and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for
your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you
give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of
grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus
and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in
Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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 protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy.


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.

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 during Communion: # 372 "I Lay my Sins on Jesus"

♪ I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.

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.


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: # 466 “Though Thoughtless Thousands”

 **Though thoughtless thousands choose the road
That leads the soul away from God,
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine:
To live and die entirely thine.**

**In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
From him my life, my all, receive,
To him devote my fleeting hours,
Serve him alone with all my pow’rs.**

**Christ is my everlasting all.
To him I look; on him I call.
He will my ev’ry want supply
In time and through eternity.**

**Soon will the Lord, my life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.**

**Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through ev'ry golden street
And sing on ev'ry blissful plain,
"To live is Christ; to die is gain."**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service are given to the glory of God by the Brunssens.

PRAYERS Pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, Bob and Carol Munk, John Velasques, Douglas Ward, Ruth Fabian, and little Elias.

THIS WEEK

Monday	Circuit Meeting, Tarzana
Tuesday	ESL, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.
	ESL, 6:00 p.m.
Friday	Atascadero Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
	Worship, 10:00 a.m.

COMING UP

**ASH WEDNESDAY (Beginning of Lent), Wednesday,
March 6, 7:00 p.m.**



Ash Wednesday	.....	Is It I?
Midweek 2	.....	Love One Another
Midweek 3	.....	Watch and Pray
Midweek 4	.....	I Am He
Midweek 5	.....	What Is Truth?
Midweek 6	.....	Take Him Away!
Palm Sunday	.....	Save Us Now!
Maundy Thursday	....	Take and Eat; Take and Drink
Good Friday	.....	It Is Finished!

