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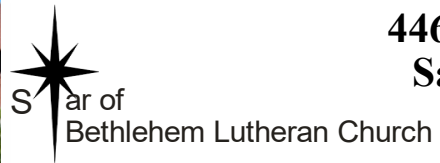
Flow often

I have longed
to gather
your children
together..."

Luke 13:34



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Worship Service

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

Second Sunday in LENT

Theme of the day: The Son of God, full of grace and truth, came into our world to rescue us from slavery to sin and the devil. Through his life, sufferings, and death, he has set us free. Now we live in the freedom and light of the truth — the truth of salvation only by God's grace and only through the work of Jesus Christ.

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 return and enter 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: # 351 “Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus”

♪ **Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!**
You have suffered to release us,
Hope to give and peace to bring.
Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;
By your merits we find favor;
Life is given through your name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on you were laid;
By almighty love anointed, You have full atonement made.
Ev’ry sin has been forgiven Through the power of your blood;
Open is the gate of heaven; We are reconciled to God.

Jesus, heav’nly hosts adore you, Seated at your Father’s side.
Crucified this world once saw you; Now in glory you abide.
There for sinners you are pleading,
And our place you now prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

Please stand for last verse:

Worship, honor, pow’r, and blessing
You are worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior’s merits;
Help to chant Immanuel’s 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.**

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, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 26:8-15

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!”

¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people:
 “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all
 the things you have heard. ¹³ Now reform your ways and your ac-
 tions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and
 not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me,
 I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and
 right. ¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will
 bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and
 on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to
 speak all these words in your hearing.”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 42-43

Refrain



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

Psalm tone



As the deer pants for streams of water,*
 so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*
 Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul? *
 Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,*
 for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;*
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.**

**Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.*
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

**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: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith;

C: **Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (*Philippians 2:8*)**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

³² He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’” ³³ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!” ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Hymn: “O Church, Arise”

♪ O Church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We’ll stand against the devil’s lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict’ry march continues till the day
Ev’ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,
Give—grace for ev’ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Sermon: Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

4 Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

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

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.**

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: # 452

 **Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us,
Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy
Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee;
There, oh, share thy joy with me.**

**Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us,
Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members;
Where thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly,
Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.**

Thanksgiving

Hymn: #317 "O Lord, We Praise You"

**♪ O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

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: # 417 “I’m but a Stranger Here”

 I’m but a stranger here; Heav’n is my home.
Earth is a desert drear; Heav’n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev’ry hand.
Heav’n is my fatherland; Heav’n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home.
Short is my pilgrimage; Heav’n is my home.
And time’s wild, wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last; Heav’n is my home.

There at my Savior’s side—Heav’n is my home—
I shall be glorified; Heav’n is my home.
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav’n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not; Heav’n is my home.
Whate’er my earthly lot, Heav’n is my home.
And I shall surely stand There at my Lord’s right hand.
Heav’n is my fatherland; Heav’n is my home.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

INTERNET - Our worship services may now be viewed (live and archived) on our church website: www.starlutheran.org

THIS WEEK

Today	Fellowship Meal after service
Tuesday	Lakeside A Cappella Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Study, 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

Clean-up/Work Day: Saturday, April 13, 9:00-12:00

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 21, 10:00 a.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!



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- Luke 13:34

