

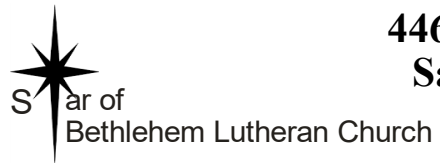


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“The
Son of Man...
must be
CRUCIFIED
and on the third day be
raised again.”
Luke 24:7



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Worship Service

Sunday, April 21, 2019 10:00 a.m.

The RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

Theme of the day: On this most holy of days, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Connected by grace, through faith, to our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of the resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection from the dead.

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.

WORDS OF ENTRANCE

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

Hymn (to the tune of CW 80) **“Worship Christ, the Risen King”**

♪ **Rise, O Church, and lift your voices;
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

**See the tomb where death had laid Him;
Empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain Him,
For the throne of life He shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

**Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen; Now receive the risen King!**

Please stand for last verse:

**We acclaim your life, O Jesus;
Now we sing Your victory.
Sin and death may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph;
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

M: We pray. In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden: purify our hearts through your Holy Spirit so that we may love you as you deserve and be worthy of magnifying your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Jesus commanded us: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.” If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and purify us from all sin.

Silence to reflect on the Word of God and to examine ourselves.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: Let us confess our sins against God and against our neighbors:

C: God of mercy, we confess that we have been enslaved by sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By the love of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and direct us by your Holy Spirit, so that your will may be our joy and we may walk in your ways forever, to the glory of your name. Amen.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his great mercy has given us his Son. By his life and death, God cleansed us from all sin. By his resurrection we have eternal life as Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live.” For this reason, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You are a dearly loved child of God. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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

Hymn # 169 (verses 1,2) “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord’s resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of our sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.



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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

- “I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.**
- ² The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God,
and I will exalt him.**
- ³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.**
- ⁴ Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.**
- ⁵ The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.**
- ⁶ “Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power.
Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.**
- ⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who
opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.**
- ⁸ By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up.
The surging waters stood firm like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.**
- ⁹ “The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.
I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them.
I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’**
- ¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.**
- ¹¹ “Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?
Who is like you— majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?**

Hymn # 152 (verses 3,4) “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

**♪ 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 grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.**

SECOND LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Hymn: # 166 "The Day of Resurrection"

**♪ The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.**

MESSAGE OF THE DAY: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

Hymn: # 143 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

♪ **He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

OFFERING

(The members of Star of Bethlehem have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors, you need not feel obligated to participate in this offering unless you so desire.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 LORD'S SUPPER

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: We lift up our 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn during distribution: #165 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

**O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That night th' apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear
And said, "Peace be unto you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**"Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: We pray: Almighty and eternal God, you have given joy and peace to the entire world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for your victory over death and the grave, and for the assurance of life after death. Through baptism we have received salvation and eternal life, and, in faith, we ask you to raise us on the Last Day to live forever with Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING

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.

Closing Hymn: (# 152:1,2,5-8) “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

**♪ 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!**

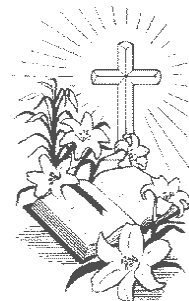
**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**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 and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring my safely there.**

**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!”**



Memory Garden

Today we beautify our altar with Easter flowers to symbolize the beauty, joy and victory of Christ's resurrection. For out of the seemingly dead winter earth springs the green plant of life. From this early, welcome sign of life comes the beauty of the lily shaped like a trumpet -almost as if our Lord were sounding the trumpet of his creation to say, Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia.

John and Noreen Withers in memory their parents;
Ilene Trevarrow in memory of loved ones gone before;
Morris and Alice Taubman in memory of Wayne Peach and Ben Moya; **Laura Schulz** in memory of Otto & Frieda Schulz and of Maria LoJacono; **Terry and Chris Oberg** in memory of Don & Clara Oberg and of Anne & Charlie Wilkinson; **Pat and Sandy Murphy** in memory of their parents; **the Evers family** in memory of Marvin & Evelyn Judes, Clarence & Dorothy Costa, and Orville & Nettie Evers; **Steve and Susan Degner** in memory of their parents & grandparents; **Becky and Steve Daugherty** in memory of their parents; **Sherman and Carolyn Brunssen** in memory of their parents; **Sarah Evers** in memory of her grandmothers Doris Ashe and Jody Voyles; and **Kathy Pereira** in memory of Rose Marie Schmidt.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of the risen Christ by Judy Moore.

EASTER BRUNCH All are invited to remain with us for the Easter Brunch (and egg hunt) after our worship service.

EASTER FLOWERS Please take yours home with you today.

PRAYERS Pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Douglas Ward, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Albert Nunez, Judy Moore, and Lynn (Carp) Oberg.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday **ESL, 6:00 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.

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