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*“ The  
Holy Spirit...  
will*

*teach  
you all things.”*

*John 14:26*



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, May 26, 2019 10:00 a.m.*

## Sixth Sunday of EASTER

**Theme of the day:** The infinite love of God is our motivation and power to love him and each other. Such love shows itself in listening to what God says in his Word, defending it from falsehood, and reaching out with it to others.

## 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.

## **The Service of the Word**

**OPENING HYMN: # 145 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**

**♪ Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!  
Death no longer can appall me.  
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To him the throne  
High o’er heav’n and earth is given.  
I shall go where he is gone,  
Live and reign with him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me he died;  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from him shall sever,  
Life nor death nor pow’rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate to life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
“Jesus is my confidence!”**

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**: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C**: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M**: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

*(The congregation will sing the refrain in **bold**. The verses will be sung by the pastor) (CW #265)*

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*** (*refrain*)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you.  
Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those  
things that are good, that we may always make our petitions accord-  
ing to your gracious will; 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: Revelation 21:10-14,22,23

<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. <sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 65

### *Refrain*



The earth is full of the good-ness of



God, the good-ness of our God.

### *Psalm tone*



Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;\*  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*  
to provide the people with grain.

### *Refrain*

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
they shout for joy and sing.

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.  
If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.  
Alleluia. (*John 14:23*)

**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: John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

## **HYMN: # 182 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”**

**♪ Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O’er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church’s very life,  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,  
You we praise with endless worship  
For your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,  
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

#### **MESSAGE: Acts 14:8-18**

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup> "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup> In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup> Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

*Please stand.*

#### **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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN # 562 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

**♪ I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,**

**Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;**

**It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.**

**I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory**

**To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, For those who know it best**

**Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.**

**And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,**

**'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.**

**I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory**

**To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

### **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.**

**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.

**HYMN: # 321 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”**

 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep thy people free,  
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

**The WELS Connection**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Sandy Murphy (birthday).

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

**Good Shepherd Bible Camp:** July 14-20, grades 4-10. See Pastor Foley for more information and registration forms. Or check out: [www.lutherangsbcblogspot.com](http://www.lutherangsbcblogspot.com)

**“Hi, We’re Your Neighbors at Star”** - Big, fun, promotional, fellowship, outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, August 24. Watch for sign-up poster, coming soon.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday**      **ESL, 6:00 p.m.**

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

**ESL, 6:00 p.m.**

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

Peace I leave with you;



my peace I give you.

- John 14:27

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