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"Whoever wants to  
**BE MY DISCIPLE**  
— must —  
**DENY THEMSELVES...**"

Luke 9:23a



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### Worship Service

*Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:00 a.m.*

### Fifth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** If faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? The life of faith is lived in a godless world and is met with persecution. Like our Savior, we bear his cross daily. Our Lord, however, uses even these sufferings to refine us. Strengthened through his means of grace, we boldly confess his name and trust his perfect plan.

### 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: # 256 “How Great Thou Art”**

♪ **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.**  
*Refrain:* **Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,      *Refrain***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.      *Refrain***

*Please stand for last verse:*

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art!”      *Refrain***

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.

**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that you Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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.*

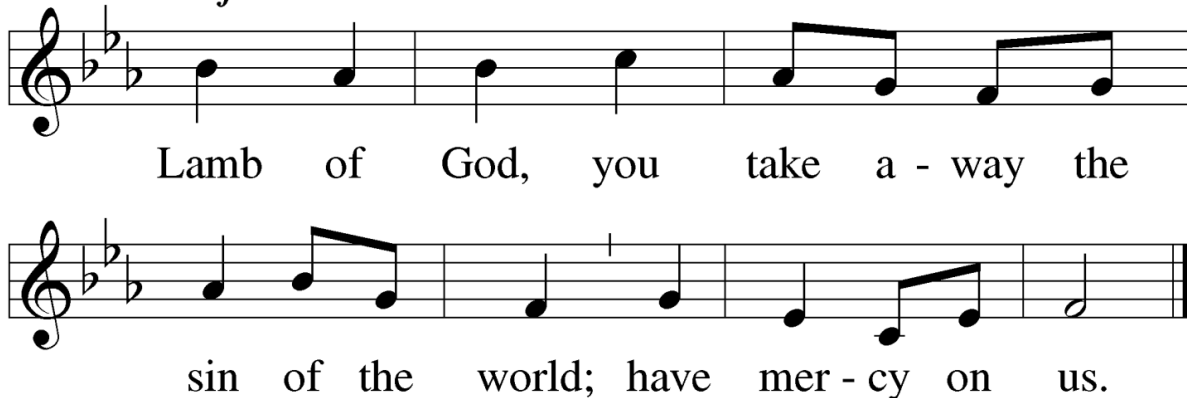
## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 13:7-9

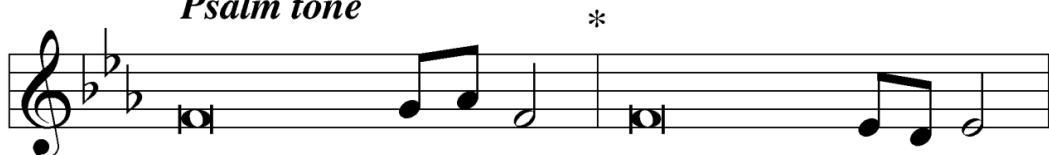
- 7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,  
against the man who is close to me!”  
declares the LORD Almighty.  
“Strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered,  
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.
- 8 In the whole land,” declares the LORD,  
“two-thirds will be struck down and perish;  
yet one-third will be left in it.
- 9 This third I will bring into the fire;  
I will refine them like silver  
and test them like gold.  
They will call on my name  
and I will answer them;  
I will say, ‘They are my people,’  
and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’ ”

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 22

#### *Refrain*



#### *Psalm tone*



**I am a worm and not a man,\*  
scorned by men and despised by the people.**

**All who see me mock me;\*  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:**

**“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.\*  
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**

***Refrain***

**My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks  
to the roof of my mouth;\*  
you lay me in the dust of death.**

**A band of evil men has encircled me,\*  
they have pierced my hands and my feet.**

**They divide my garments among them\*  
and cast lots for my clothing.**

**But you, O LORD, be not far off;\*  
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.**

**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. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; they  
will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim  
your great deeds. Alleluia. (Psalm 145)**

**C: Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our  
hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” Alleluia.  
(Galatians 4:6)**

## **SECOND LESSON: Luke 9:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

<sup>19</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

<sup>20</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. <sup>22</sup> And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

## **HYMN: # 465 “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”**

♪ Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
You on earth once suffered, too.  
Perish ev’ry fond ambition, All I’ve ever hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heav’n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me;  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
You are not, like them, untrue.  
And since you have smiled upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me—  
Show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!  
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!  
In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.  
I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

**Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.  
All but heav'n is transitory;  
God's own hand shall guide you there.  
Soon shall end this earthly story;  
Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,  
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory,  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.**

### **SERMON: Galatians 3:23-29**

**<sup>23</sup> Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.**

**<sup>26</sup> You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

### **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.**

**Hymn: # 394 “Blessed Are the Saints of God”**

**♪ Blessed are the saints of God;  
They are bought with Christ’s own blood.  
They are ransomed from the grave; Life eternal they shall have.  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.**

**They are justified by grace; They enjoy the Savior’s peace.  
All their sins are washed away;  
They shall stand in God’s great day.  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.**

**They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heav’nly birth.  
One with God, with Jesus one, Glory is in them begun.  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.**

## **OFFERING**

## **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.**

**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 # 422 “Jesus, Lead Us On”**

♪ **Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow, calm and fearless.  
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us,  
For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.  
Heav’nly Leader, still direct us;  
Still support, console, protect us  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

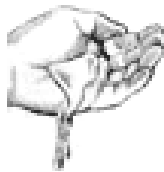
**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God by the Daughertys.

**PRAYERS** Pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Albert Nunez, Judy Moore, Don (Turk) Oberg, Andrew Alba, and Shawna Bushey (Carol Powell's daughter).

**"Hi, We're Your Neighbors at Star"** - Big, fun, promotional, fellowship, outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, August 24.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ESL, 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>ESL, 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b>



*For as many of  
you as have been  
baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ.*

*Galatians 3:27*



