



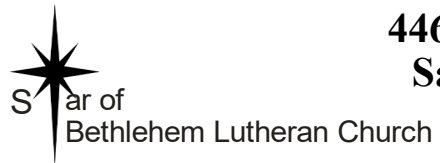
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and follow me  
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- LUKE 14:27 -



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:00 a.m.*

### Seventeenth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** The Christian has true wisdom: the knowledge of God and His love. Seeing how God showed his love for us, who gave himself completely by dying on the cross for us, we will completely give ourselves to him.

## 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: # 532 “God Is Here! As We His People”**

♪ **God is here! As we his people Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of his Spirit Into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace.  
Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here, in honesty of preaching, Here, in silence as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd’s flock and fold;  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day’s dedication, All we have to give, receive;  
We who cannot live without you, We adore you! We believe!**

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.**

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:** Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**  **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Lesson: Philemon 1,10-21**

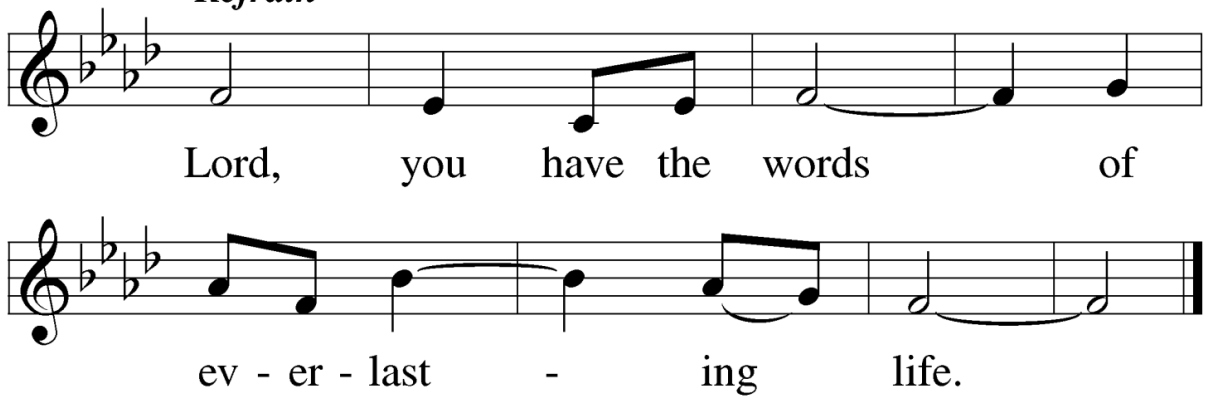
**Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker,**

<sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



The heavens declare the glory of God;\*  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,\*  
their words to the ends of the world.

### *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is perfect,\*  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,\*  
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;\*  
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;\*  
in keeping them there is great reward.

### *Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart\*  
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,  
Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)**

**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 14:25–33**

**<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. <sup>33</sup>So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple.**

**Hymn: # 382 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

**♪ My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**Sermon: Proverbs 9:8-12**

**<sup>8</sup>Do not warn a mocker, or he will hate you.**

**Warn a wise person, and he will love you.**

**<sup>9</sup>Give advice to a wise person, and he will become even wiser.**

**Teach a righteous person, and he will add to his learning.**

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding,**

**<sup>11</sup>because through me your days will be multiplied,  
and years will be added to your life.**

**<sup>12</sup>If you are wise, you are wise to your own advantage.  
But if you scoff, you alone will bear the consequences.**

## **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.**

## **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! He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

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.**

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 Words of Institution**

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♪ 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: Hymn # 421**

**♪ All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
In their God are not forsaken  
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me,  
Will remain my help divine.**

**Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.**

**Well he knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt his wisdom never—As God wills, so be it ever—  
I to him commit my way.**

**If on earth my days he lengthen,  
He my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in his grace.**

## **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: # 355 "Take the Word, but Give Me Jesus"**

♪ **Take the world, but give me Jesus!  
All its joys are but a name.  
But his love abides forever,  
Through eternal years the same.**

***Refrain:*** Oh, the height and depth of mercy;  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!

**Take the world, but give me Jesus,  
Sweetest comfort of my soul.  
With the Savior watching o'er me,  
I can sing, though thunders roll.**  
Oh, the height and depth of mercy;  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!

**Take the world, but give me Jesus!  
In his cross my trust shall be  
Till with clearer, brighter vision  
Face to face my Lord I see.**  
Oh, the height and depth of mercy;  
Oh, the length and breadth of love!  
Oh, the fullness of redemption,  
Pledge of endless life above!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God by Pat and Sandy Murphy.

**PRAYERS** Pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Albert Nunez, Judy Moore, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore's grand-daughter), Austin Barnard, Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Rylie Lopez, and Molly Webb.

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Circuit Meeting, Tarzana</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ESL, 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>ESL, 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Catechism Class, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class, 9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</b>

**LWMS MISSION CALENDARS** will be ordered soon. Let us know if you want in.

**AREA REFORMATION SERVICE**, November 3, 4:00 p.m.

It is Star of Bethlehem's turn to provide the luncheon.

**Special Mission Offering** for this season is the Central Africa Medical Mission.

# PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(cf. page 156 in the front of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal)

**Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?**

*A: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

**Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?**

*A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

**Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?**

*A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

**Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?**

*A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

**Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?**

*A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

**Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?**

*A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

**Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?**

*A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

*Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.*

