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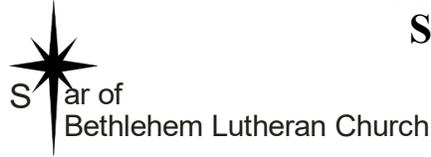
*Increase our*

# *Faith!*

*- Luke 17:5 -*



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, October 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.*

## Twentieth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** It is the believer's duty to abstain from sin, give forgiveness, and serve our neighbor. It is a privilege to do our duty as Christians, but we are weak. The Church, therefore, prays that God would make us ready to do with a cheerful heart that which pleases 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.

**OPENING HYMN: # 261 “We Sing the Almighty Power of God”**

♪ **We sing th’ almighty pow’r of God,  
Who made the mountains rise,  
Who spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.**

**We sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines, too, at his command, And all the stars obey.**

**We sing the goodness of the Lord,  
Who fills the earth with food,  
Who formed the creatures by a word  
And then pronounced them good.**

**Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
Each time we turn our eyes  
To view the ground on which we tread Or gaze upon the skies.**

**There’s not a plant or flow’r below  
But makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from your throne.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**On you each moment we depend; If you withdraw, we die.  
Oh, may we never God offend, Who is forever nigh!**

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*)

**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.**

**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.

**M:** Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen?  
I call out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save!

<sup>3</sup>Why do you cause me to see injustice?

Why do you overlook misery?

Devastation and violence confront me.

There is strife, and tensions rise.

<sup>4</sup>For this reason the law has become powerless.

Justice is never carried out.

In fact, the wicked overwhelm the righteous

so that justice is perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me. He said:

Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed.

<sup>4</sup>Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him,— but the righteous one will live by his faith.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 27

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



**Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
be merciful to me and answer me.**

**Do not hide your face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.**

**Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
O God my Savior.**

*Refrain*

**Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
the LORD will receive me.**

**I am still confident of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

**Wait for the LORD;\*  
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

**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: I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the con-  
gregation I will praise you. Alleluia! (Hebrews 2:12)**

## **SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:3–14**

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I am reminding you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God did not give us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. <sup>8</sup>So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Instead, join with me in suffering for the gospel while relying on the power of God. <sup>9</sup>He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, <sup>10</sup>and it has now been revealed through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher of the Gentiles, <sup>12</sup>and that is why I am suffering these things. But I am not ashamed, because I know the one in whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

<sup>13</sup>Hold fast to the pattern of sound words that you heard from me, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Through the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you.

**HYMN: # 404 “Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven”**

♪ Faith is a living pow’r from heav’n  
That grasps the promise God has giv’n,  
A trust that cannot be o’erthrown,  
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

Faith finds in Christ whate’er we need  
To save or strengthen us indeed,  
Receiving grace from heaven’s throne  
And humbly sharing cross and crown.

**Faith in the Savior brings us peace  
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;  
By faith the children's place we claim  
And give all honor to one name.**

**We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,  
That you to us this faith have giv'n  
Through mighty Word and sacrament  
To trust the one whom you have sent.**

**As you have promised, grant each soul  
Its holy faith's true end and goal:  
The blessedness no foes destroy,  
Eternal love and light and joy.**

#### **SERMON: Luke 17:1–10**

**Jesus said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Watch yourselves.**

**“If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup>Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”**

**<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”**

**<sup>6</sup>The Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Won’t the master tell him instead, ‘Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? <sup>10</sup>So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.’”**

## **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: # 457 "Fight the Good Fight"**

**♪ Fight the good fight With all your might;  
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.  
He changes not, and you are dear.  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is Lord eternally.**

## 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 # 749 “The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me”

 The love of Christ, who died for me  
Is more than mind can know,  
His mercy measureless and free  
To meet the debt I owe.  
He came my sinful cause to plead,  
He laid his glories by,  
For me a homeless life to lead,  
A shameful death to die.

My sins I only see in part,  
My self-regarding ways;  
The secret places of my heart  
Lie bare before his gaze.  
For me the price of sin he paid;  
My sins beyond recall  
Are all alike on Jesus laid,  
he died to bear them all.

**O living Lord of life, for whom  
The heavens held their breath,  
To see, triumphant from the tomb,  
A love that conquers death,  
Possess my heart that it may be  
Your kingdom without end,  
O Christ who died for love of me  
And lives to be my friend.**

## **The WELS Connection**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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, Molly Webb, Jim Moore (Jr.) and family.

### **THIS WEEK**

<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, 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>

**AREA REFORMATION SERVICE**, November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
It is Star of Bethlehem's turn to provide the luncheon.

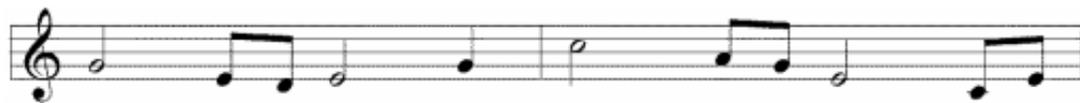
**Special Mission Offering** for this season is the Central Africa Medical Mission.



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