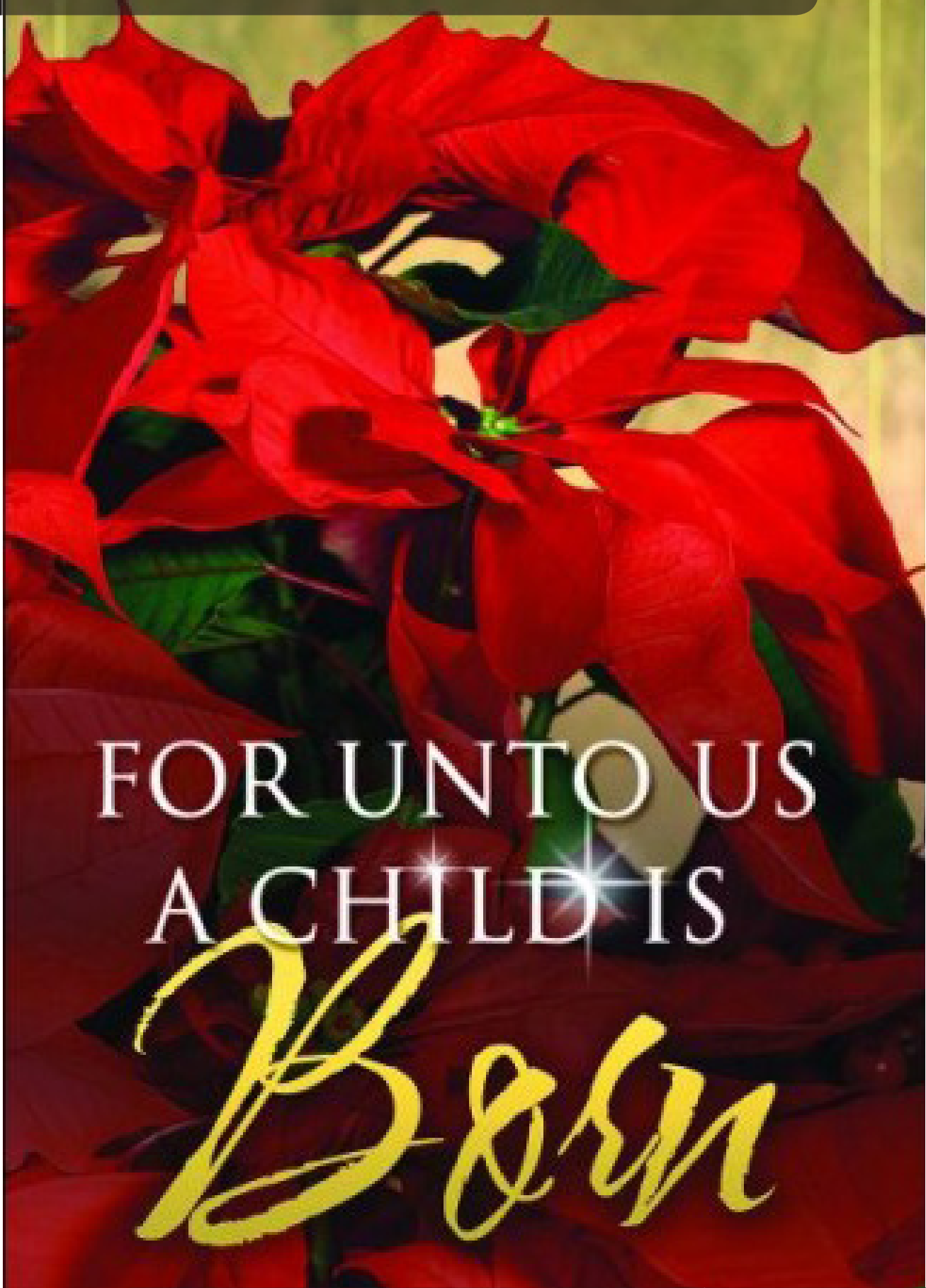


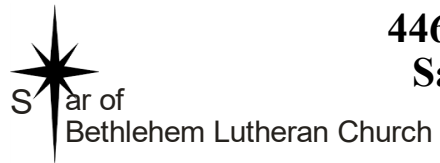
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Worship Service

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thought for the day: God's Word for us this day raises us up above the cute and the trite and the trivial; for so many people that is all that Christmas is about. But there is nothing trite or trivial in what has happened today: The deepest lowliness is but the mask for the greatest glory, the glory of him who came to be our Savior!

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: “O Come, All You Children”

♪ **O Come, all you children, oh come, one and all
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.**

Interlude ...

**He’s born in a stable, for you and for me.
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.**

Please stand for third verse:

**Kneel down and adore him with shepherds today.
Lift up little hands now and praise him as they.
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.**

Minister: We begin this Christmas Day service in the name of the only true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Blessed be the name of our God, for he has regarded the lowly estate of his people.**

M: We are in the presence of the true and living God, before whom all angels veil their faces and bow in humble adoration.

C: **We acknowledge his glory as the only true God, and we offer to him the praise of our hearts and our lips.**

M: Let all the earth stand in awe of our God, who has visited and redeemed his people.

C: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

(Introduction is played, and then congregation sings:)

**♪ Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels.
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Confession of Sin

M: Beloved in the Lord! In the beauty of this glorious celebration of our Savior's birth our sins against a pure and holy God are still evident. Let us come before Him to make confession and be assured of His forgiveness.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me.**

Announcement of Forgiveness

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the miraculous birth, the perfect life and the 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: *(Spoken)* **Amen**

**♪ Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, All glory in the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Prayer for the Day

All: **Almighty God, we thank You for the birth of your Son in the flesh that sets us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin and the law. Give us your Holy Spirit to help us rejoice in the peace you have provided for us. We ask this in the name of our Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-9

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. ²In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

⁴The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you?

And again:

I will be his Father, and he will be my Son.

⁶And again, when he brought his firstborn into the world, he said: Let all God's angels worship him.

⁷About the angels he says:

He makes his messengers winds and his ministers flaming fire.

⁸But about the Son he says:

God, your throne is forever and ever,
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy
beyond your companions.

♪ Song: *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"* (CW # 57)

Refrain *Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

**Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 98

M: Sing to the LORD a new song,
C: for he has done marvelous things;
M: The LORD has made his salvation known
C: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

M: He has remembered his love
C: and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
M: all the ends of the earth have seen
C: the salvation of our God.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
C: burst into jubilant song with music;
M: make music to the LORD with the harp,
C: with the harp and the sound of singing,

M: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
C: Let the world resound, and everything in it,
M: He will judge the world in righteousness
C: and the peoples with equity.

♪ **Song: “*What Child Is This*” (CW # 67)**

**What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet With anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate
Where oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through;
The cross he’ll bear for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings Salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the Son of Mary!**

LESSON: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. ⁵The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

⁹The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

♪ Song: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (CW # 63)

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

MESSAGE: Isaiah 60:1-6

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you.**

**² Look, darkness covers the earth,
and deep darkness covers the peoples,
but the LORD will dawn upon you,
and his glory will be seen over you.**

**³ Nations will walk to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

**⁴ Look up. Look all around and see!
All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and people will carry your daughters on their side.**

**⁵ Then you will look and be radiant.
Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy.
For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you.
The wealth of the nations will come to you.**

**⁶ Caravans of camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.
All those from Sheba will come.
They will carry gold and incense,
and they will announce the good news
of the praise of the LORD.**

♪ Song: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (CW # 61)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’ incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

OFFERING

Prayer

M: On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

C: Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!

M: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

C: Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.

M: In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.

C: Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.

M: As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of our Savior's birth remains in our hearts.

C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

♪ (Tune of "Away in a Manger" *CW* #68)

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for, provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In time of temptation, to lead us, be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.**

CLOSING BLESSING

♪ **Song: The Benediction** ("Adeste Fidelis" *CW*, # 55)

M: The Lord bless and keep you,
Look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause his face
To shine with peace.

C: **Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
The Savior close beside us,
God's love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit's pow'r to guide us
Evermore.**

♪ **CLOSING HYMN: # 62 "Joy to the World"**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- † **WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS.** We would be very appreciative if you would sign our guest book in the narthex.
- † **BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL** are every Sunday at 9:00 before worship.
- † **WORSHIP SERVICE** is at 10:00 a.m.

