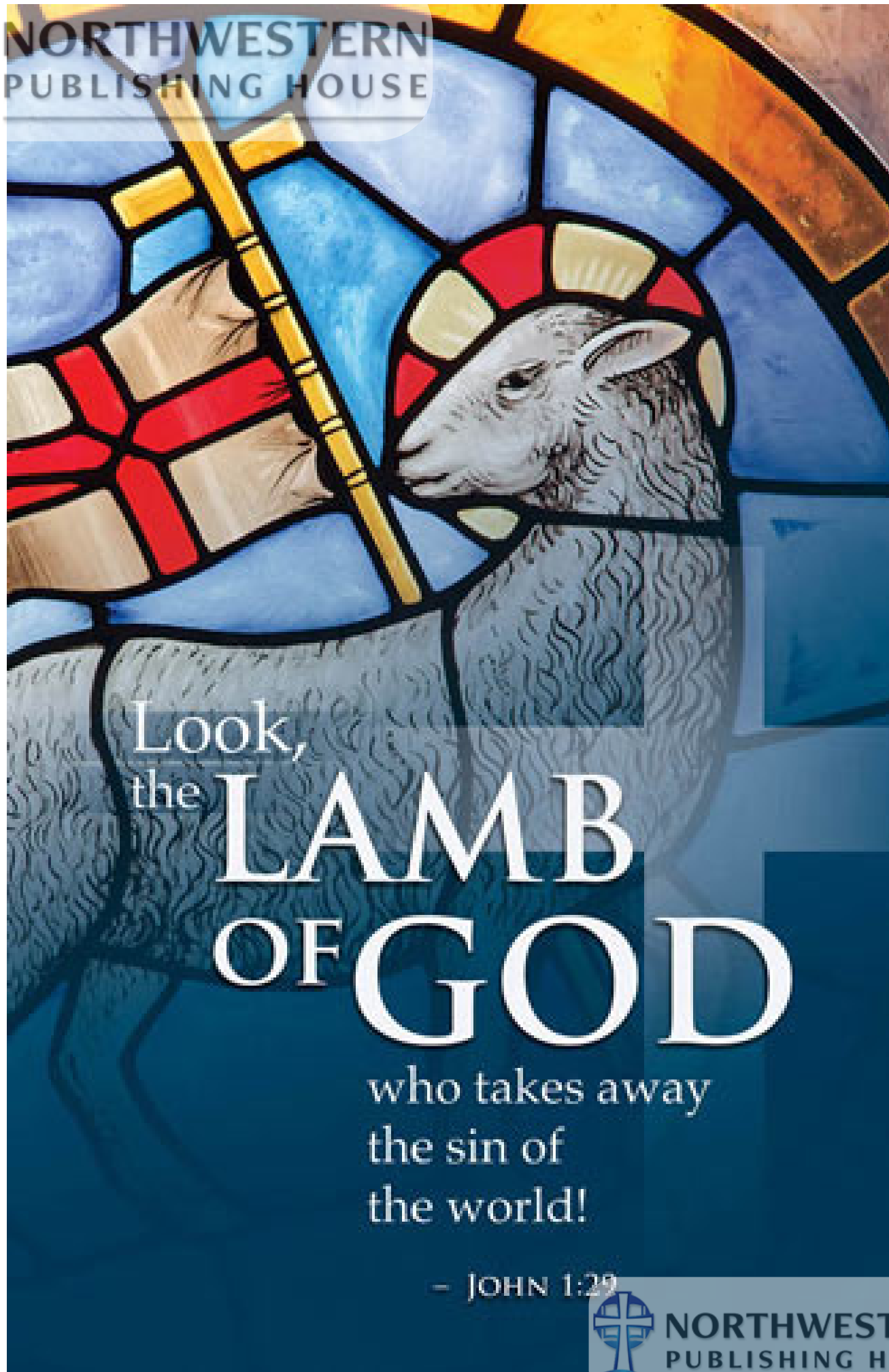




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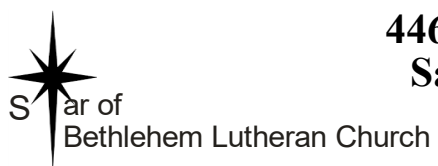
Look,  
the **LAMB  
OF GOD**

who takes away  
the sin of  
the world!

— JOHN 1:29



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, January 19, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**Theme of the day:** Jesus appears as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Lamb would take away the sins of the world and bring both Israel and the Gentile nations into the kingdom of God. The hearts that see this Savior in faith cannot help but take news of this salvation to the ends of the earth.

## 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: # 78 “O Light of Gentile Nations”**

♪ **O Light of Gentile nations, O Savior from above,  
Drawn by your Spirit’s leading, We come with joy and love  
Into your holy temple And wait with rev’rent mind  
As Simeon once had waited His God and Lord to find.**

**Dear Lord, your servants meet you In ev’ry holy place  
Where your true Word has promised  
That we should see your face.  
Today you still allow us Who gather round you here  
In arms of faith to hold you As did that aged seer.**

**Lord, when life’s troubles touch us,  
You seem to hide your face,  
And through our tears we often Can scarcely sense your grace.  
Then be our joy and brightness, Our cheer in pain and loss,  
Our sun in darkest terror, The glory round our cross.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end  
So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend:  
“O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, I pray,  
Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld his day.”**

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.**

M: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped and believed to the ends of the earth; through 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: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,


<sup>2</sup>To the church of God in Corinth—those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints—along with all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup>You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, <sup>6</sup>because the testimony about Christ was established in you. <sup>7</sup>As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 89

*Refrain*



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I

lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.



**I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;<sup>\*</sup>  
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever,<sup>\*</sup>  
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

**The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,<sup>\*</sup>  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

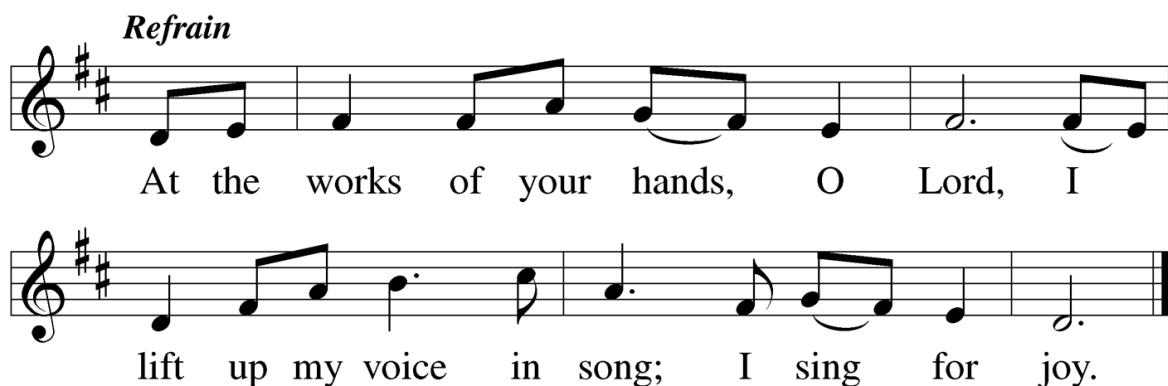
*Refrain*

**O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?<sup>\*</sup>  
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds  
you.**

**Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,<sup>\*</sup>  
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**

**They rejoice in your name all day long;<sup>\*</sup>  
they exult in your righteousness.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>\*</sup>  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,<sup>\*</sup>  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



## **Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-41**

<sup>29</sup>The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”  
<sup>30</sup>This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

## **Hymn: # 92 “Brightest and Best”**

♪ Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and monarch and Savior of all.

**Shall we not yield him in costly devotion  
Rarest of fragrances, tribute divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we bring him the finest of off'rings,  
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure.  
Richer by far is the praise that the heart brings;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Sermon: Isaiah 49:1-6**

**Listen to me, you coastlands.  
Pay attention, you faraway peoples!  
The LORD called me from the womb.  
When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.  
He hid me in the shadow of his hand.  
He made me a polished arrow.  
He concealed me in his quiver.  
<sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,  
in whom I will display my glory."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.  
I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.  
Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD,  
and my reward is with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>But now the LORD,  
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to turn Jacob back to him,  
so that Israel might be gathered to him,  
so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
because my God has been my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>the LORD said:  
It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant  
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,  
so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.**



## **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**

**M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:**

**C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

**M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:**

**C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

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.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.  
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.**

### **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: # 714 "The Lamb"**

♪ **The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, his will, On our behalf the law to fill.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

### **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!**

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: # 765 “Day by Day”**

   **Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav’nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I’ll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o’er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life’s pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me

Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;

Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,

Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.

Sav - ior, lead me to the home I trea - sure,  
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,

Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by Carl & Jan Evers for blessings received.

**PRAYERS** Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Albert Nunez, Judy & Jim Moore, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore's grand-daughter), Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Rylie Lopez, Molly Webb, Jim Moore (Jr.) and family, Bob Ward, Kathryn Pereira, George Caravana, and Alice Taubman.

## **THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ESL (English as a Second Language), 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>Friday</b>	<b>Atascadero Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Catechism, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</b>

