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There will be  
*no more gloom*  
for those who  
were in distress.

*Isaiah 9:1*



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### **Worship Service**

*Sunday, January 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

### **Third Sunday after the EPIPHANY**

**Theme of the day:** Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the coming kingdom, and he invites us to follow to a new life illumined by 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: # 85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”**

♪ **O God from God, O Light from Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,  
To you in heaven’s glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory he has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**Deep in the prophets’ sacred page,  
Grand in the poets’ winged word,  
Slowly, in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, “Good will to men!”  
Sung by heav’n’s hosts in splendor bright,  
Re-echoed now, “Good will!” Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death of pain mid hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang the angel hosts again.  
Lift up your heads—your King awaits.  
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Sing to the Lord a mighty song;  
Sing to his name, his glories tell!  
Sing, heav’nly hosts, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;  
Glory and pow’r! Amen, Amen.**

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, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

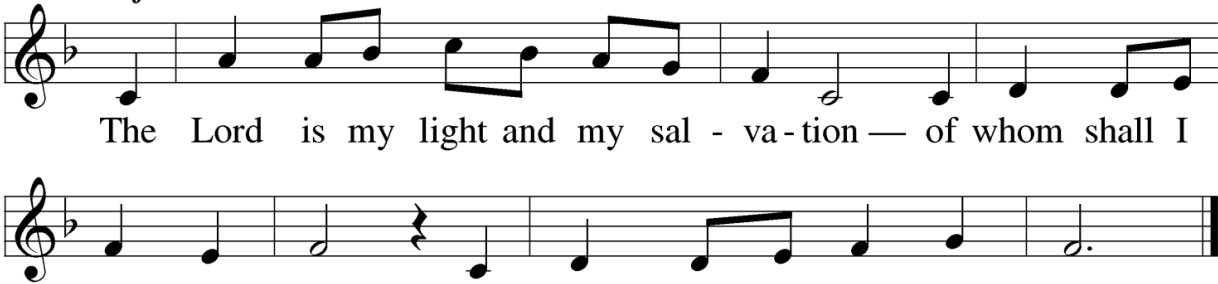
*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Brothers, I am making an appeal to you using the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you all express the same view and not have any divisions among you, but that you be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For the news I heard about you, my brothers, from members of Chloe's household, is that there are rivalries among you. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that I baptized you into my own name. <sup>16</sup>(I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides them, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel—not with the wisdom used in speeches, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 27

*Refrain*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I  
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

*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! Praise the LORD, all you nations. Worship him, every race of people. For his mercy overwhelms us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Alleluia. (*Psalm 117*)

**C:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring a gift and come into his courtyards. Alleluia! (*Psalm 96:8*)

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup>He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup>Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles,

<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,  
and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

<sup>17</sup>From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

<sup>20</sup>They immediately left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## **HYMN: # “The People that in Darkness Sat”**

♪ The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shone on them who long  
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

**To us a child of hope is born,  
To us a son is giv'n,  
And on his shoulders ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.**

**His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us yours alone,  
For you are with the Father and  
The Spirit ever one, The Spirit ever one.**

#### **SERMON: Isaiah 8:19-9:2**

**<sup>19</sup>When they tell you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter," shouldn't a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. <sup>21</sup>They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, <sup>22</sup>and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness. 9 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.**

## **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: # 463 "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"**

**♪ Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his voice invites us,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**As the first disciples heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! In your mercy,  
Savior, help us hear your call;  
Give our hearts to your obedience,  
Serve and love you best of all!**

## **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 # 745 “May the Peace of God”**

♪ **May the peace of God our heav’nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love,  
And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain —  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his Communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain —  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**The WELS Connection**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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>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 with Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b>



