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"LET YOUR  
LIGHT

*shine*

BEFORE OTHERS,  
THAT THEY MAY...

*glorify your Father*  
IN HEAVEN."

— Matthew 5:16 —



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### **Worship Service**

***Sunday, February 9, 2020 10:00 a.m.***

**Fifth Sunday after the EPIPHANY**

**Theme of the day:** Let your light shine! Jesus tells us: You are ... so be. You are the light of the world, so be light for the earth. You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for it. Our calling as children of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us.

### **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: # 735 “Speak, O Lord”** (music on back page)

♪ **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take you truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plan for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built  
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

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 one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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 2:1-5

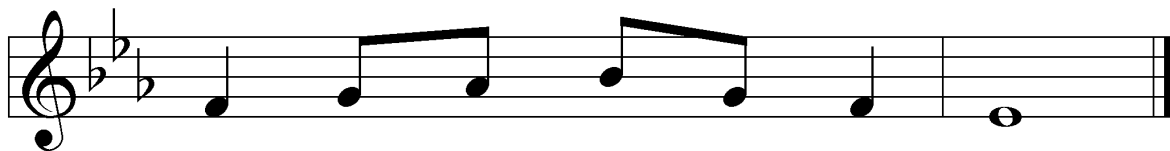
As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup>For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 111

### *Refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

### *Psalm tone*



Great are the works of the LORD;\*  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

*Refrain*

The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;\*  
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

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. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia! (*John 8:12*)

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: Matthew 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**HYMN: # 401 “Your Works, Not Mine”**

♪ Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart.  
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.

*Refrain:*

To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my sinful soul;  
Your wounds, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole.

To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dreadful load  
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.

To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.

To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;  
No other righteousness Can set a sinner free.

To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

## **SERMON: Joshua 24:14-24**

<sup>14</sup>Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!”

<sup>16</sup>The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup>For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!”

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and you serve foreign gods, then he will turn and cause disaster for you, and he will put an end to you after he has done good for you.”

<sup>21</sup>But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will most certainly serve the LORD!”

<sup>22</sup>So Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves in order to serve him.”

The people said, “We are witnesses!”

<sup>23</sup>Joshua said, “Now, therefore, remove the foreign gods that are among you, and turn your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

<sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God, and we will listen to his voice.”

*Please stand.*

## **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.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN: # 506 “Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”**

**♪ Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly his—  
How sad and poor and dark it is!**

**Oh, blest that house where faith you find  
And all within have set their mind  
To trust their God and serve him still  
And do in all his holy will.**

**Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
Unto their children’s foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost.  
May none to them and heav’n be lost!**

**Blest such a house; it prospers well.  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children’s lives is shown  
How richly God can bless his own.**

**Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake his Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord!**

## **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.**

**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 # 279 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

**♪ O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from you, dear Master, Received the gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's journey through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.  
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.**

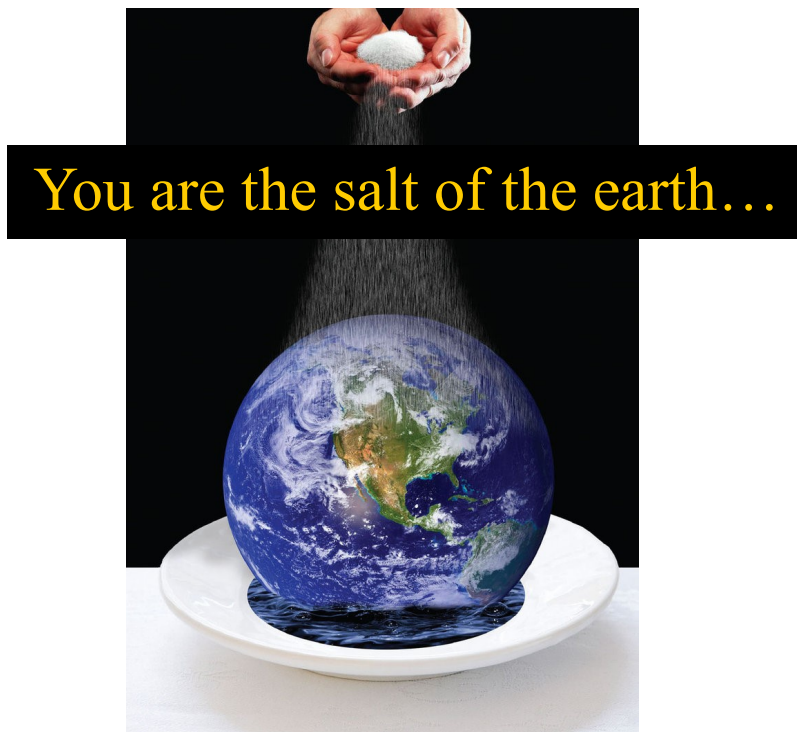
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by Carol Powell, in memory of Austin Barnard.

**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, Alice Taubman, Crisanna Terrell, and Don Fabian.

## **THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NO ESL, Pastors' Conference</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 Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Fellowship Lunch</b>





1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
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*Last time*