

*"The water I give  
them will become in them  
a spring of water welling  
up to Eternal Life."*

- John 4:14

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### **Worship Service**

*Sunday, March 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

### **Second Sunday in LENT**

**Theme of the day:** The gift of God comes by faith. Not a holy life or acts of obedience, but simple trust in the promise of God brings the gift of living water for thirsty souls. Abraham believed God's promise. He had faith in God who justifies the wicked, and God credited it to him as righteousness. By this same faith, Christ gives righteousness to all who believe.

### **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.

## **The Service of the Word**

**OPENING HYMN: # 338 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

♪ **I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise  
And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav’ling days are done.**

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:** 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.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the corresponding notes.

**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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-8

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

<sup>5</sup>Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup>He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 121

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*



I lift up my eyes to the hills.\*  
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,\*  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel\*  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

*Refrain*

The LORD watches over you,\*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,\*  
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going\*  
both now and forevermore.

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:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith;

**C:** Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. *(Philippians 2:8)*

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5,13-17

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God.

<sup>3</sup>For what does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup>Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. <sup>5</sup>But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. <sup>14</sup>To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. <sup>15</sup>For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.)

<sup>16</sup>For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham’s descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”

## HYMN: # 391 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

♪ God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ is the solid rock of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

**God would not have the sinner die—  
His Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word does teach  
How we the blessed goal may reach.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood;  
Baptized, you are a child of God.**

**When you are sick, when death draws near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death—  
This is the anchor of my faith!**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

#### **SERMON: John 4:4-26**

**<sup>4</sup>He had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.**

**<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)**

**<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)**

**<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."**

**<sup>11</sup>"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."**

**<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."**

**<sup>15</sup>"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."**



<sup>16</sup>Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

<sup>17</sup>"I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' <sup>18</sup>In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

<sup>19</sup>"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.

<sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

## **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: # 562 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

♪ I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

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**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 # 331 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

♪ **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv’rer, Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today’s service were given to the glory of God by the Evers on the occasion of Matthew’s birthday.

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

## **THIS WEEK**

**Monday** Voters, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday** ESL - 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday** Lenten Service - 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.  
ESL, 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** Catechism, 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday** Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
**CLHS BELLS AND WORSHIP BAND**  
**Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Pot Luck Lunch Fellowship - after service**

## **COMING UP**

**Work Day:** Saturday, April 4, 9:00-12:00

**Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday - April 5, 10:00 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday - April 9, 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday - April 10, 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday - April 12, 10:00 a.m.**