



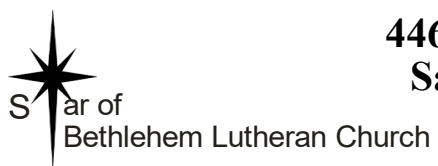
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HE IS NOT HERE;  
HE HAS  
*risen,*  
JUST AS HE SAID.

*Matthew 28:6*



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, April 12, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

## The RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

**Theme of the day:** On this most holy of days, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Connected by grace, through faith, to our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of the resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection from the dead.

## 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.

## **WORDS OF ENTRANCE**

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

## **OPENING HYMN: # 149 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

♪ “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.

Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo, our sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
Where your victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Foll’wing our exalted head.  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to you by both be giv’n!  
God has now fulfilled his Word;  
Praise the resurrected Lord!

M: We pray. In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden: purify our hearts through your Holy Spirit so that we may love you as you deserve and be worthy of magnifying your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Jesus commanded us: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.” If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and purify us from all sin.

*Silence to reflect on the Word of God and to examine ourselves.*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: Let us confess our sins against God and against our neighbors:

**C: God of mercy, we confess that we have been enslaved by sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By the love of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and direct us by your Holy Spirit, so that your will may be our joy and we may walk in your ways forever, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his great mercy has given us his Son. By his life and death, God cleansed us from all sin. By his resurrection we have eternal life as Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live.” For this reason, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You are a dearly loved child of God. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

**HYMN: # 169 (verses 1,2) “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

♪ **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord’s resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of our sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*


## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.  
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Alleluia.



## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118

### *Refrain*



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re - rejoice and be glad!

### *Psalm tone*



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The **LORD** is my strength and my song;\*  
he has become my salvation.

The **LORD'S** right hand is lifted high;\*  
the **LORD'S** right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the **LORD** has done.

### *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*  
the **LORD** has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the **LORD** has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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*

## **FIRST LESSON: Jonah 2:2-9**

- <sup>2</sup> In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.  
From the belly of the grave I cried out,  
and you heard my voice.
- <sup>3</sup> You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas.  
The currents swept around me.  
All your breakers and your waves swept over me.
- <sup>4</sup> I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.  
Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."
- <sup>5</sup> Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.  
The deep surrounded me.  
Seaweed was wrapped around my head.
- <sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down.  
The earth locked me behind its bars forever.  
But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.
- <sup>7</sup> When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.  
My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.
- <sup>8</sup> Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.
- <sup>9</sup> But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.  
What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.  
Salvation belongs to the LORD!

**HYMN: # 152 ( verses 3,4) "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**

♪ He lives to bless me with his love;  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye.  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

## **SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4**

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## **HYMN: # 166 “The Day of Resurrection”**

**♪ The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.**

## **MESSAGE OF THE DAY: Matthew 28:1-10**

**After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.’ See, I have told you!”**

**<sup>8</sup>They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”**

**They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.**

**<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”**



## **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.**

## **HYMN: # 143 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”**

**♪ He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;  
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

### *OFFERING*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life. Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

### ***Silent prayer.***

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation.  
With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.**

M: We pray: Almighty and eternal God, you have given joy and peace to the entire world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for your victory over death and the grave, and for the assurance of life after death. Through baptism we have received salvation and eternal life, and, in faith, we ask you to raise us on the Last Day to live forever with Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING BLESSING**

M: 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.**

### **CLOSING HYMN: # 152 (1,2,5-8) “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”**

♪ I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head!

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Brunssens on the occasion of Sherman's 75th 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, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, and Marie Cole.