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"I AM THE **WAY**

AND THE **TRUTH**

AND THE **LIFE.**"

JOHN 14:6



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Worship Service

Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of EASTER

Theme of the day: I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. Christ's message is so exclusive that it rejects all others. He doesn't say, "I show you the way," or "I have the truth," or "I lead to life," but "I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life." The exclusivity of salvation resting in the person of Jesus Christ is a rock against which the unbelieving world crushes itself, but upon which God build his Church.

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: # 776 “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”
(sung to the tune of CW #169)

♪ **Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**

**Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Faithful hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits.
All believing spirits share it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**

**Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

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 de-
serve 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.

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 simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line of music starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a half note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good." are aligned with these notes. The second line of music starts with a half note E4, followed by a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a half note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a half note F#3, and a quarter note E3. The lyrics "they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -" are aligned with these notes. The third line of music starts with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a half note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a half note E3, and a quarter note D3. The lyrics "ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -" are aligned with these notes. The fourth line of music starts with a half note C4, followed by a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a half note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a half note D3, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics "ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -" are aligned with these notes. The fifth line of music starts with a half note B3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a half note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a half note C3, and a quarter note B2. The lyrics "ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good." are aligned with these notes. The sixth line of music starts with a half note A3, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a half note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a half note B2, and a quarter note A2. The lyrics "Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." are aligned with these notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

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: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:1-12

When Paul and Silas had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ²As was his custom, Paul went to the Jews, and on three Sabbath days he led them in a discussion from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. He also said, “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.” ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great number of God-fearing Greeks and more than a few of the prominent women.

⁵But the Jews became jealous and gathered from the marketplace some wicked men, who formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house and searched for Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the mob. ⁶When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting, “These men, who have stirred up trouble all over the world, have come here too, ⁷and Jason has welcomed them as guests! They are all acting contrary to Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, Jesus!” ⁸The crowd and the city officials were stirred up when they heard these things. ⁹They took a security bond from Jason and the others and then let them go.

¹⁰That same night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue.

¹¹Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so.

¹²Many of them believed, along with more than a few prominent Greek women and men.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 33

Refrain



Psalm tone



Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**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. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

**C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame. ⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, ⁸and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall. Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

HYMN: # 141 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

**♪ At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

SERMON: John 14:1-6

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

⁵“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.”

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: # 356 "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

**♪ You are the way; through you alone
Can we the Father find;
In you, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.**

**You are the truth; your Word alone
True wisdom can impart.
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.**

**You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in you
Not death nor hell shall harm.**

**You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.**

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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.

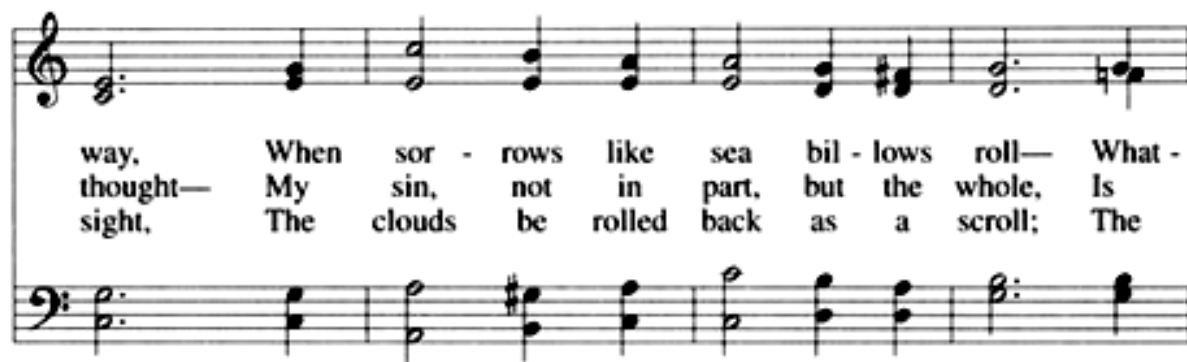
CLOSING HYMN:

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When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -

say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul.

It is well with my

It is well, it is well with my soul.

soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Moore family (Jim and Ryan's birthdays). Flowers were also given to God's glory by Jerry Yonke on the occasion of his 95th 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.

“Hi, We’re Your Neighbors at Star” - Big, fun, promotional, fellowship, outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, August 22. Start thinking about it now.

