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“ I WILL ASK THE FATHER,  
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU...THE  
*Spirit of Truth.*”

JOHN 14:16, 17



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, May 17, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

## Sixth Sunday of EASTER

**Theme of the day:** Live in eager expectation of glory! That glory is not dimmed by earthly suffering; rather, such suffering reminds us of the glory that awaits us. First the cross; then the crown. Our light and momentary troubles cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory. Our Savior, who can't go back on his word, promises the Spirit and his own return to bring us into glory forever.

## 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: # 431 “I Walk in Danger All the Way”**  
(verses 1,2,5,6)

♪ **I walk in danger all the way;  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares  
If e’er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.**

**I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God’s own sending.  
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee  
When storms of woe my soul dismay;  
I pass through trials all the way.**

**I walk with Jesus all the way;  
His guidance never fails me.  
He takes my ev’ry fear away  
When Satan’s pow’r assails me,  
And, by his footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may,  
I walk with Jesus all the way.**

**My walk is heav’nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav’n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav’nward all the way.**

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.

*(The congregation will sing the refrain in **bold**.  
The verses will be sung by the pastor) (CW #265)*

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!

♪ ***This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

M: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-14**

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

<sup>13</sup>When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 8

### *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

### *Psalm tone*



**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\***

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

**When I consider your heavens,\***  
**the work of your fingers,**

**what is man that you are mindful of him,\***  
**the Son of Man that you care for him?**

### *Refrain*

**You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings\***  
**and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands;\***  
**you put everything under his feet.**

**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! I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 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 4:12-19; 5:6-11**

**4 <sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.**

**<sup>14</sup>If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.**

**<sup>15</sup>Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And if it is hard for the righteous to be saved, where will the ungodly sinner end up? <sup>19</sup>So let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to their faithful Creator while doing what is good.**

**5 <sup>6</sup>Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.**

**<sup>10</sup>After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.**

## **HYMN: # 416 "How Firm a Foundation"**

**♪ How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea—  
The Lord, the Almighty, your strength e'er shall be.**

**“Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
For I will be with you your troubles to bless  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,  
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne.”**

#### **MESSSAGE: John 17:1-11**

**After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. <sup>4</sup>I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.**

**<sup>6</sup>“I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.**

**<sup>9</sup>“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.**



## **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 # 411 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**♪ What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

## **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: # 327 “God Be With You till We Meet Again”**

**♪ God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you—  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, Till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, Till we meet—  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you—  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, Till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, Till we meet—  
God be with you till we meet again.**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Sandy Murphy on the occasion of her 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.



“Lord, teach us to pray...”

- Luke 11:1

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