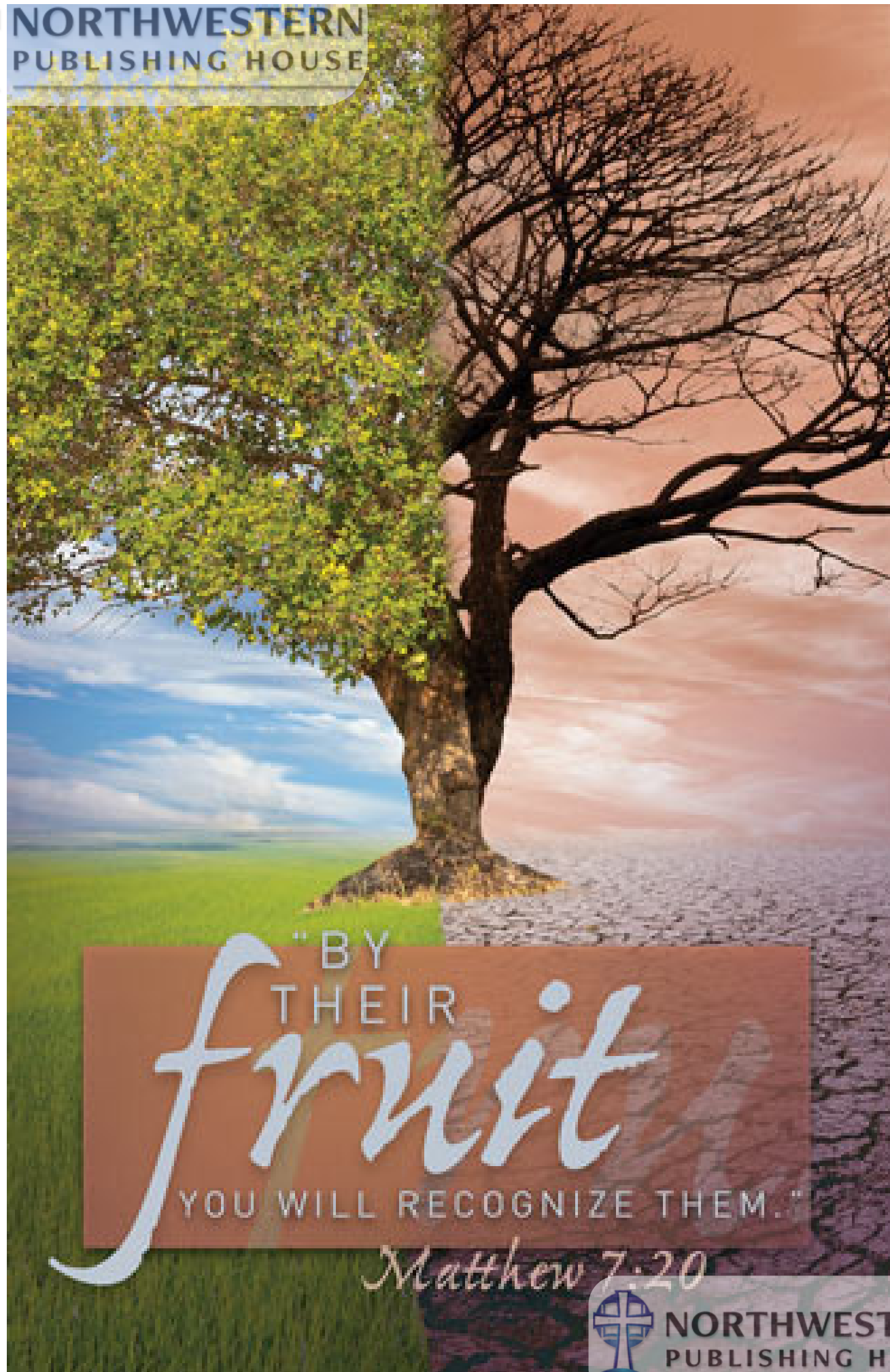




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"BY
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YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM."
Matthew 7:20



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Worship Service

Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after PENTECOST

Theme of the day: God is serious about his holy Word. It is his power for salvation. It gives us life. Therefore he doesn't want anyone adding anything to it or subtracting anything from it. It may be difficult to stand against those attacking his Word, but it is always worth it.

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 your 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 plans 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: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Romans 3:21-25, 27, 28

²¹But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference, ²³because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood.

²⁷What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,*
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

**The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob*
and established the law in Israel,**

**so the next generation would know them,*
and they in turn would tell their children.**

**Then they would put their trust in God*
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

**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. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for
my path. Alleluia. (*Psalm 119:105*)**

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 7:15-29

¹⁵“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? ¹⁷So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’

²⁴“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. ²⁵The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. ²⁶Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”

²⁸When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

HYMN: # 768 “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?

“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.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“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.”

SERMON: 1 Kings 22:10-28

¹⁰Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were seated, each on his own throne, arrayed in their robes. They were sitting by the threshing floor at the entrance to the gate of Samaria. All the prophets were prophesying before them.

¹¹Zedekiah son of Kena'anah had made iron horns for himself, and he said, "This is what the LORD says. With these you will gore Aram to death." ¹²All the prophets were prophesying in this same way: "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and triumph, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king."

¹³The messenger who was sent to summon Micaiah said to him, "Pay attention to the words of the prophets. With one mouth they are promising good things to the king. Let your words be like the words of one of them and say something good."

¹⁴But Micaiah said, "As surely as the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that is what I will say."

¹⁵Then he came to the king, and the king asked him, "Micaiah, should we go up to make war on Ramoth Gilead, or should we refrain?"

He answered him, "Go up and triumph, for the LORD will give them into the hand of the king."

¹⁶Then the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear that you will tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

¹⁷Then Micaiah said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd, and the LORD said, 'They have no masters. Each one should return to his home in peace.' "

¹⁸Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he does not prophesy anything good about me, but only bad?"

¹⁹Then Micaiah said: Now hear this word from the LORD.

I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and the whole army of heaven was standing around him, on his right and on his left.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Who will entice Ahab so that he goes up and falls at Ramoth Gilead?" One spirit said this. Another one said that. ²¹Finally a spirit came and stood before the LORD and said, "I will entice him." The LORD said to him, "How?"

²²He said, "I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets." Then the LORD said, "You will entice him successfully. Go and do it."

²³Now look! The LORD has put a lying spirit into the mouths of all these prophets of yours, for the LORD has decreed disaster for you.

²⁴Then Zedekiah son of Kena'anah came up and struck Micaiah on his cheek and said, "Where is this pathway on which the spirit of the LORD has traveled from me to speak to you?"

²⁵Micaiah said, "Listen to me. You will see it on the day you go into the inner room to hide." ²⁶Then the king of Israel said, "Seize Micaiah and take him back to Amon, the administrator of the city, and to Joash son of the king. ²⁷Then say, 'This is what the king says. Put this man in prison and feed him nothing more than bread and water until I come back safely.' "

²⁸Then Micaiah said, "If you ever come back safely, then the LORD has not spoken through me." Then he said, "Hear this, you people, all of you!"

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: # 623 “God the Father, Son, and Spirit”

**♪ God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Ever-blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer, All unworthy though we be.
Freely you have showered blessings
Countless as the ocean’s sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing On the labors of our hands.**

**Once you brought our fathers’ footsteps
To this land we hold so dear,
Lengthening the cords and curtains Of their habitation here,
Strengthening your temple’s pillars
As you have from age to age,
Giving us, their sons and daughters, An abiding heritage.**

**Grant that we your Word may cherish And its purity retain.
Lord, unless you are the builder, All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting, Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without you
Soon will crumble into dust.**

**God of grace and love and blessing,
Yours alone shall be the praise.
Give us hearts to trust you truly,
Hands to serve you all our days.
Lord, bestow your future blessing
Till we join the heav’nly host,
There to praise and serve you ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost .**

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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 # 293 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

♪ God’s Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Albert Nunez, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore’s granddaughter), Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Rylie Lopez, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Alice Taubman, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and her brother Jim), and Helen Marten.

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



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Last time