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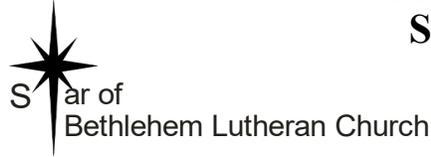


**“Whoever loses  
their **LIFE** for my sake  
will **FIND** it.”**

- Matthew 10:39b



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### Worship Service

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

### Sixth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** Our fellowship with Christ severs our fellowship with evil. Our peace in Christ will cause division and strife with those who still cling to their fellowship with evil.

### 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: # 294 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”**

♪ **Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

**My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat’ning clouds around I see.**

**My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.**

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 have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

<sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. <sup>7</sup>For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. <sup>8</sup>And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 89

*Refrain*



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I



lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.



**I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;<sup>\*</sup>  
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever,<sup>\*</sup>  
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

**The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,<sup>\*</sup>  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

*Refrain*

**O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?<sup>\*</sup>  
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds  
you.**

**Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,<sup>\*</sup>  
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**

**They rejoice in your name all day long;<sup>\*</sup>  
they exult in your righteousness.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>\*</sup>  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,<sup>\*</sup>  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (*Mark 8:34*)

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 10:34-42

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. <sup>42</sup>Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward.”

## HYMN: # 761 “Christ Is with Me”

*(music on pages 14,15)*

 We were buried with him into death,  
That as he was raised by God’s glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
Christ is with me ev’rywhere I go.  
Never to leave me, this I know.

**I have now been grafted to the vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.  
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go.  
Never to leave me, this I know.**

**I have now been crucified with Christ.  
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,  
One who loved me so—gave himself for me.  
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go.  
Never to leave me, this I know.**

**SERMON: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

**<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the House of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He said, "Amen! May the LORD do that! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied and bring back the vessels of the LORD's house, and may he bring all the exiles back from Babylon to this place. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, listen now to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets from ancient times, who came before you and me, prophesied war, famine, and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, only when the word of the prophet actually comes true will that prophet become known as someone whom the LORD has truly sent."**

*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: # 203 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your Christendom that we  
May sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.**

*OFFERING*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

**C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C: Amen.**

## **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 # 422 “Jesus, Lead Us On”**

**♪ Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow, calm and fearless.  
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us,  
For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.  
Heav’nly Leader, still direct us;  
Still support, console, protect us  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS** Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, 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.

**Please Remember to use every opportunity to invite others to make us of our streaming services ([starlutheran.org](http://starlutheran.org)).**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Thursday Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday No Bible Class**

**Worship (no Holy Communion), 10:00 a.m.**

**I did not come to bring peace...**



**...but a sword.**

- Matthew 10:34

1 We were bur - ied with him in - to death,  
 2 I have now been graft - ed to the vine,  
 3 I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

That as he was raised by God's glo - ry,  
 Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer - cy,  
 I no long - er live; Christ lives in me.

We might walk in life made new by grace.  
 Bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in him:  
 Now I live by faith in God's own Son,

Hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with him.  
 Fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.  
 One who loved me so— gave him - self for me.

*Harmony*

Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go.

*Refrain*

Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go.

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics. The second staff is a harmony line in treble clef. The third and fourth staves are a piano accompaniment in bass clef.

Nev - er to leave me, this I know.

Nev - er to leave me, this I know.

The second system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics. The second staff is a harmony line in treble clef. The third and fourth staves are a piano accompaniment in bass clef.

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