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*Come to me,*

all you who are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will  
give you rest.”

MATTHEW 11:28



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

## Seventh Sunday after PENTECOST



**Theme of the day: Jesus is the only rest  
for our sin-burdened souls!**

## 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: # 256 “How Great Thou Art”**

♪ **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.**  
*Refrain:* **Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,  
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,  
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,** *Refrain*

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.** *Refrain*

*Please stand for last verse:*

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art!”**  
*Refrain*

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 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.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us to love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 33:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “Look, you yourself have been telling me, ‘Lead this people up,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’” <sup>13</sup>So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

<sup>15</sup>Moses said to him, “If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here.” <sup>16</sup>After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn’t it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?”

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

<sup>18</sup>Then Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

<sup>19</sup>The LORD said, “I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy.” <sup>20</sup>He said, “You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live.”

<sup>21</sup>The LORD also said, “Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. <sup>22</sup>It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 145

### *Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### *Psalm tone*



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\*  
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;\*  
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall\*  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

### *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.\*  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,\*  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;\*  
he hears their cry and saves them.

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! By God's grace we have faith and forgiveness and salvation. By the same grace that made us God's children, he gives the ability to live for him. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches..."

C: **"Happy are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure."** Alleluia! (Luke 8:15)

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25

<sup>15</sup>For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. <sup>22</sup>I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, <sup>23</sup>but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. <sup>24</sup>What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## HYMN: # 336 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

♪ "Come unto me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."  
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that has no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;  
But thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

**“Come unto me, ye fainting, And I will give you life.”  
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long;  
But thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.**

**“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to thee!**

### **SERMON: Matthew 11:25-30**

**<sup>25</sup>At that time, Jesus continued, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children.**

**<sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. <sup>27</sup>Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.**

**<sup>28</sup>“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”**

### **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: # 369 “Beautiful Savior”**

**♪ Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love thee, Truly I’d serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine!**

*OFFERING*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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: 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 # 379 “Amazing Grace”**

♪ **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound  
—That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God by the Moore family, remembering Jim & Judy's anniversary.

**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 use of our streaming services ([starlutheran.org](http://starlutheran.org)).**

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Bible Class, 9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</b>

