





4465 South Blosser Road Santa Maria, CA 93455 Office: 805-937-0339 Bethlehem Lutheran Church www.starlutheran.org **Pastor Michael Foley** 

# **Worship Service**

Sunday, September 6, 2020 10:00 a.m.

# The Fourteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** The Holy Christian Church is completely based on the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Savior, and through this confession God also protects and extends 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.

# **OPENING HYMN:** #382 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found, Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

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: God invites us to come into his presence to worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: ☐** Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: I Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: I Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

☐ O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 6:2-8

<sup>2</sup>Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, "I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. <sup>4</sup>I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. <sup>5</sup>I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant.

<sup>6</sup>"Therefore, tell the Israelites, 'I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup>I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 34**





Taste and see that the <u>LORD</u> is good;\* blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the <u>right</u>eous\* and his ears are attentive <u>to</u> their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <u>fear</u> him,\* and he de<u>liv</u>ers them.

# Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD <u>hears</u> them;\* he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken<u>heart</u>ed\* and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his <u>ser</u>vants;\* no one who takes refuge in him will <u>be</u> condemned.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

(1 Timothy 1:10)

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: Romans 11:33-36**

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?" 35 "Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

## HYMN: #536 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

☐ Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows,
And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing, Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing. Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain Our only strength and comfort.

Help us to serve you evermore
With hearts both pure and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine,
Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.

And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure; Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you all pleasure. Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress. Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake Of endless joy and glory.

#### SERMON: Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and

others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the

living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn:** # 529 (vv. 1,4,5) "Built on the Rock"

Duilt on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.

Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God did receive us. Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what the sacrament gives us. Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing, Many in saving faith may come Where Christ his message is bringing: "I know my own; my own know me. You, not the world, my face shall see. My peace I leave with you always."

#### **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.

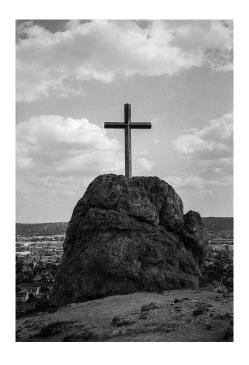
C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

# HYMN # 596 "Let Me Be Yours Forever"

Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord; Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word. Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness, And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.

Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine, My only consolation, To you I all resign, For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain. Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.

O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide, Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide, Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith. Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.



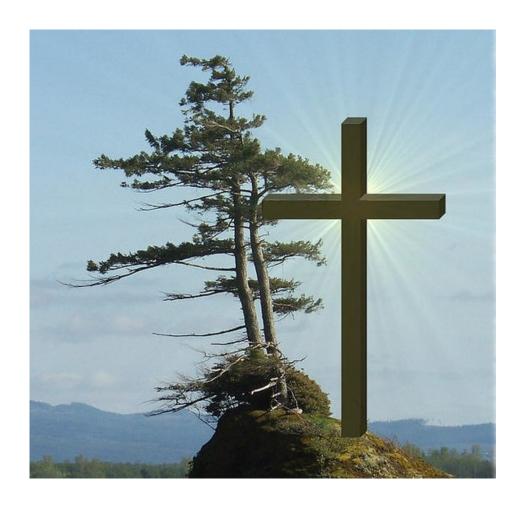
# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God by Terry & Chris Oberg on the occasion of their anniversary.

PRAYERS Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moores' 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).

# ... and on this rock



I will build my church...