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*In humbly  
value others  
above  
yourselves...*

- Philippians 2:3



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### Worship Service

*Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

### Nineteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** Our God wants real repentance that leads to true obedience. One day everyone will bow before Jesus and confess him as Lord. Some will do so in grief and others in joy. God wants real repentance from every sinner that they might bend the knee to Christ in true obedience and confess with gladness that Jesus is Lord.

### 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: # 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.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

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

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*)

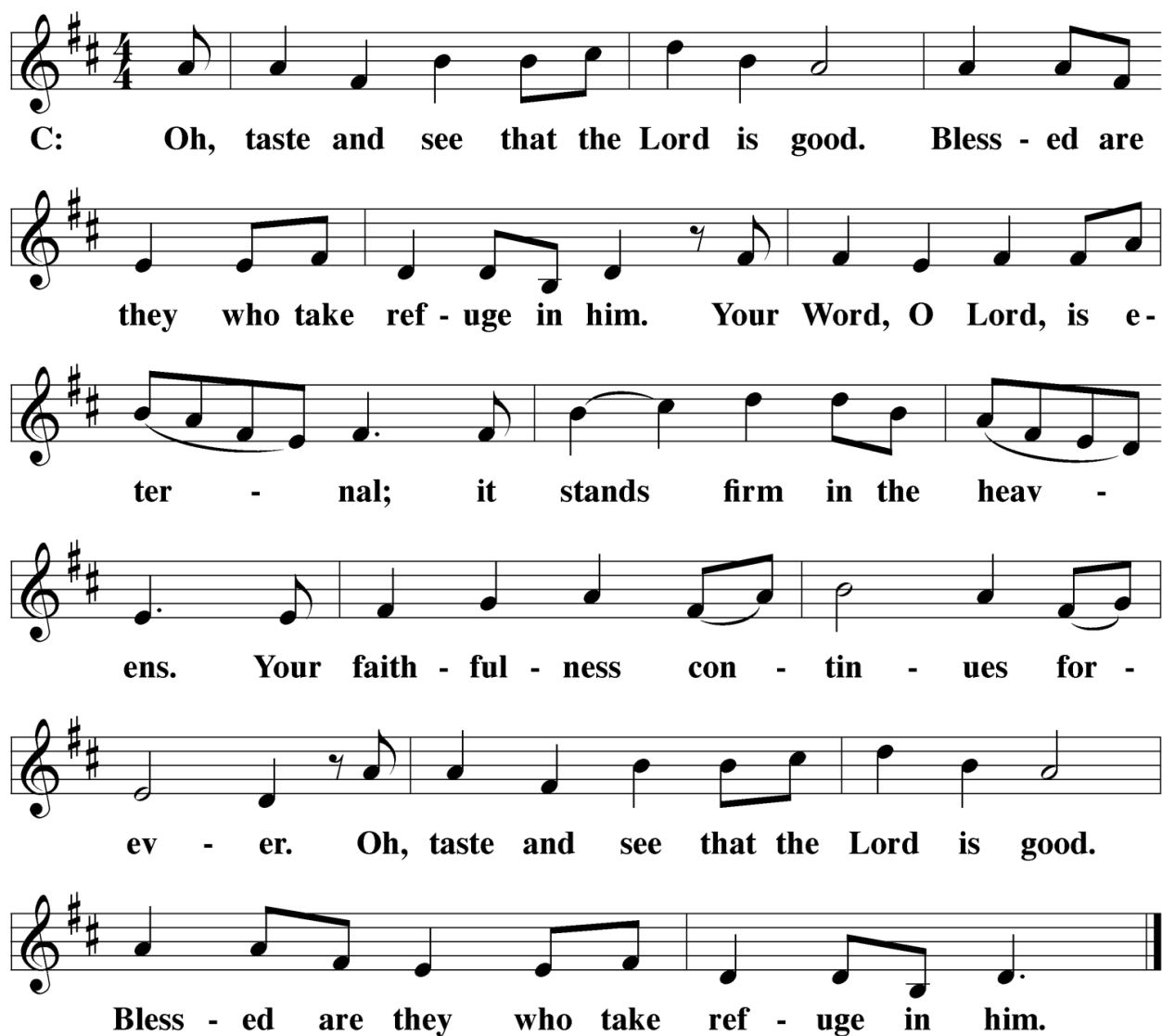
**M**: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**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 musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line of music starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a half note on A4, and then a quarter note on B4. The second line of music starts with a quarter note on C5, followed by a half note on D5, and then a quarter note on E5. The third line of music starts with a quarter note on F#5, followed by a half note on G#5, and then a quarter note on A5. The fourth line of music starts with a quarter note on B5, followed by a half note on C6, and then a quarter note on D6. The fifth line of music starts with a quarter note on E6, followed by a half note on F#6, and then a quarter note on G#6. The sixth line of music starts with a quarter note on A6, followed by a half note on B6, and then a quarter note on C7. The score ends with a double bar line.

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 -  
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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: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>2</sup>What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, “Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons’ teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As surely as I live, declares the LORD God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

<sup>25</sup>But you say, “The LORD’s way is not fair.” Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? <sup>26</sup>If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die.

<sup>27</sup>But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he has seen and turned away from all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. <sup>29</sup>But the house of Israel says, “The LORD’s way is not fair.” Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. <sup>31</sup>Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the LORD God. So repent and live!

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 25





To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;\*  
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,\*  
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;\*  
according to your love remember me,  
for you are good, O LORD.

*Refrain*

Turn to me and be gracious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress\*  
and take away all my sins.


Guard my life and rescue me,\*  
for I take refuge in you.

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.



## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (*Philippians 2:10,11*)


**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: Philippians 2:1-11**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup>but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **HYMN: # 749 “The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me”**

 The love of Christ, who died for me  
Is more than mind can know,  
His mercy measureless and free  
To meet the debt I owe.  
He came my sinful cause to plead,  
He laid his glories by,  
For me a homeless life to lead,  
A shameful death to die.

**My sins I only see in part,  
My self-regarding ways;  
The secret places of my heart  
Lie bare before his gaze.  
For me the price of sin he paid;  
My sins beyond recall  
Are all alike on Jesus laid,  
he died to bear them all.**

**O living Lord of life, for whom  
The heavens held their breath,  
To see, triumphant from the tomb,  
A love that conquers death,  
Possess my heart that it may be  
Your kingdom without end,  
O Christ who died for love of me  
And lives to be my friend.**

#### **SERMON: Matthew 21:28-32**

**<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?”**

**They said to him, “The first.”**

**Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.**

*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: # 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.**

## *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, 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 pro-  
mote 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 # 745 “May the Peace of God”** *(music on page 13)*

♪ **May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love,  
And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain —  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his Communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain —  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God  
by the Evers to celebrate the birthdays of Shayleen and Sarah.

**PRAYERS** Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn  
Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna  
Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore's grand-  
daughter), 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.

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand -

ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
 ing, And this grace which makes us what we

Son,  
 are, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
 And this fel - low-ship of his Com -

Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
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heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

2 May this kings.

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.

Nev - er to leave me, this I know.

Nev - er to leave me, this I know.

