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“*Many are
invited,*

BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN.”

Matthew 22:14



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Star of
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, October 25, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Theme of the day: The Lord has prepared a festive banquet and has offered it free of charge to all people. Our God has gone to great lengths to bring lasting joy into our lives. He spared no expense in preparing the feast of our salvation, not even the life of his one and only Son. How we live in this world shows our appreciation for that.

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.

HYMN: # 193 “Come, Now, Almighty King”

♪ **Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, O’er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and your people bless, And give your Word success;
Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.**

**Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Your sev’nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev’ry heart;
Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow’r.**

Please stand for last verse:

**To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov’reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore.**

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 de-
serve 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: Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to you. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

- ⁶ On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.
- ⁷ On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.
- ⁸ He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the
earth.
- For the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD! We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Refrain

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**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. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests
to God. Alleluia. (*Philippians 4:6*)**

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 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. ¹²I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. ¹³I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

HYMN: # 467 “May the Mind of Christ Our Savior”

**♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r inspiring All I do or say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow’r.**

**May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev’rything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self abasing—This is victory!**

**May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.**

**May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.**

SERMON: Matthew 22:15-21

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone’s approval because you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, “Why are you testing me, hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.”

They brought him a denarius.

²⁰He asked them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied to him.

Then he said to them, “Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

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: # 399 “To God Be the Glory”

**♪ To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

**Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

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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.

CLOSING HYMN: #321 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

♪ Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy people free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

The WELS Connection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service are given to the glory of God by Kathy Pereira.

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, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Alice Taubman, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and her brother Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, and Noreen's brother David (and wife Donna).

TIME CHANGE: Don't forget to fall back for next Sunday, November 1.

THIS WEEK

Thursday	Bible Class (Zoom), 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Catechism Class, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Bible Class, 9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.



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