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## Worship Service

*Sunday, November 22, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

### Last Sunday of End Time - Christ the King

**Theme of the day:** Lord, keep us joyful in Christ our King! On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King — the King who once came as a sacrifice; the King who still shepherds us day by day; the King who will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of kings and Lord of lords!

## 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: # 373 “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”**

♪ **O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,  
O Conqueror invincible, In whom all joys are found,**

**When once you visit darkened hearts,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.**

**O Jesus, Light of all below, O Fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire,**

**May ev’ry heart confess your name, Forever you adore,  
Enkindled with the Spirit’s flame To love you more and more.**

**Oh, may our tongues forever bless And honor you alone,  
And may we in our lives express The image of your own!**

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: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23, 24

<sup>11</sup>For this is what the LORD God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and carefully search for them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep that were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will shepherd my flock. I myself will let them lie down, declares the LORD God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice. <sup>23</sup>Then I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he will tend them. My servant David will tend them, and he will be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be the prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 47

### *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

### *Psalm tone*



Clap your hands, all you nations;\*  
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,\*  
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;\*  
God is seated on his holy throne.

*Refrain*

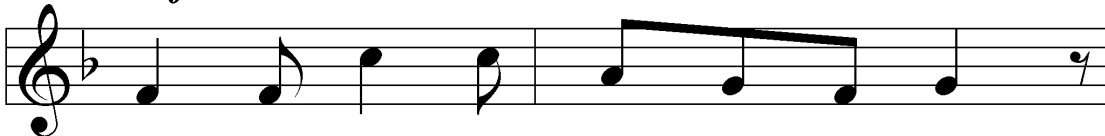
God has ascended amid shouts of joy,\*  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;\*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

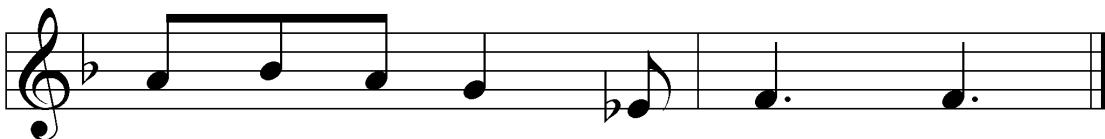
For God is the King of all the earth;\*  
sing to him a psalm of praise.

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*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*



## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)**

**C: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place ... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia! (Philippians 2)**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 27:27-31**

**<sup>27</sup>Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. <sup>29</sup>They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. <sup>31</sup>After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.**

## **HYMN: #217 "The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns"**

♪ The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords  
Is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And heav'n's eternal light,

The joy of all who dwell above,  
The joy of all below  
To whom he manifests his love  
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name, an everlasting name;  
Their joy, the joy of heav'n.

**They suffer with their Lord below;  
They reign with him above,  
Their profit and their joy, to know  
The myst'ry of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.**

### **SERMON: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

**<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." <sup>26</sup>Death is the last enemy to be done away with. <sup>27</sup>Certainly, "he has put all things in subjection under his feet." Now when it says that all things have been put in subjection, obviously that does not include the one who subjected all things to him. <sup>28</sup>But when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, in order that God may be all in all.**

### **THE SECOND ARTICLE**

**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.**

***What does this mean?***



**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**Hymn: # 216 “Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious”**

**♪ Saints, behold! The sight is glorious—  
See the man of sorrows now,  
From the fight returned victorious! Ev’ry knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the victor’s brow.**

**Crown the Savior! Angels, crown him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
On the seat of pow’r enthrone him  
While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings!**

**Sinners in derision crowned him,  
Mocking thus the Savior’s claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around him, Proud to glorify his name.  
Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the victor’s fame.**

**Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark, those loud, triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy beyond all words!  
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!**

***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: # 341 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**♪ Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond’ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv’n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God by Noreen Withers.

**OFFERINGS** from this year's Thanksgiving Day service, will be sent to our synod's **Christian Aid & Relief**. It is used for times of natural disasters and other humanitarian aid.

**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, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and her brother Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Rev. & Mrs. Redlin, and Kathy Jones.

**MEDITATIONS** for the next quarter are on the shelf in the narthex. Treat yourself (and maybe someone you know) to this very beneficial devotional resource.

**POINSETTIAS** are being planned for the Christmas season. Look for signup sheet in the narthex.

## **COMING UP**

**Thanksgiving Day Service**, November 26, 10:00 a.m.

**Living Nativity and Las Posadas** - December 20,  
beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve** - Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day** - Festival Worship, 10:00 a.m.



**... for he is King of all!"**

