



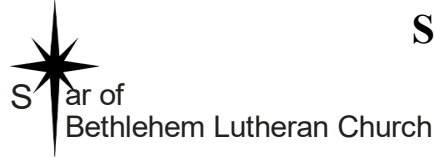
**NORTHWESTERN  
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# MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION . . .

Luke 2:30



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, December 27, 2020 10:00 a.m.*

### First Sunday after Christmas

**Theme of the day:** There are two great miracles of Christmas: the one that God has become man for us and for our salvation, and that he in grace reveals the first miracle even to me and blesses me with all its benefits.



## 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: # 80 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

♪ **Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation’s story;  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing—  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Magi, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar.  
Seek the great desire of nations;  
You have seen the Savior’s star.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

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: ♪ 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: ♪ 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: Isaiah 45:20-25**

**<sup>20</sup>Gather! Come! Draw near together,  
you survivors from the nations.  
They have no knowledge—  
those who are lifting up their idols of wood  
and praying to a god that cannot save.**

**<sup>21</sup>Make an announcement and come close.**

**Let them consult together.**

**Who made this known ahead of time?**

**From time past who announced it?**

**Was it not I, the LORD?**

**There is no god except me,  
a righteous God and Savior.**

**There is no one except me.**

**<sup>22</sup>Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth,  
because I am God,  
and there is no other.**

**<sup>23</sup>I have sworn by myself.**

**From my mouth a righteous word has gone out,  
and it will not return unfulfilled.**

**Indeed, to me every knee will bow,  
and every tongue will swear allegiance.**

**<sup>24</sup>“Only in the LORD,” they will say of me,  
“Only in the LORD is there true righteousness and strength.”**

**To him they will come and be ashamed—  
all those who are angry at him.**

**<sup>25</sup>In the LORD, all the descendants of Israel will be justified.  
They will be praised by him.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 111

*Refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

*Psalm tone*



Great are the works of the LORD;\*  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

*Refrain*

The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;\*  
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

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. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.  
Alleluia! (*Colossians 3:15*)

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: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

<sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you.

<sup>14</sup>And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**HYMN: # 77 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"**

♪ In his temple now behold him;  
See the long-expected Lord.  
Ancient prophets had foretold him;  
God has now fulfilled his Word.  
Now to praise him, his redeemed  
Shall break forth with one accord.

**In the arms of her who bore him,  
Virgin pure, behold him lie,  
While his aged saints adore him  
Ere in faith and hope they die.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See th' incarnate God most high!**

**Jesus, by your presentation,  
You who did for us endure,  
Let us see your great salvation,  
Seal us with your promise sure,  
And present us in your glory  
To your Father, cleansed and pure.**

**SERMON: Luke 2:25-40**

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said,

<sup>29</sup>Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word,

<sup>30</sup>because my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared before the face of all people,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

<sup>33</sup>Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, <sup>35</sup>so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping with fasting and prayers night and day.



<sup>38</sup>Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

## 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: # 78 "O Light of Gentile Nations"

♪ O Light of Gentile nations, O Savior from above,  
Drawn by your Spirit's leading, We come with joy and love  
Into your holy temple And wait with rev'rent mind  
As Simeon once had waited His God and Lord to find.

Dear Lord, your servants meet you In ev'ry holy place  
Where your true Word has promised That we should see your face.  
Today you still allow us Who gather round you here  
In arms of faith to hold you As did that aged seer.

Lord, when life's troubles touch us, You seem to hide your face,  
And through our tears we often Can scarcely sense your grace.  
Then be our joy and brightness, Our cheer in pain and loss,  
Our sun in darkest terror, The glory round our cross.

Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end  
So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend:  
"O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, I pray,  
Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld his day."

### 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.

### CLOSING HYMN:

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### When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my  
2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be

way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -  
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -

say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service are given to the glory of God by the Evers on the occasion of Holly's birthday.

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

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