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Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after PENTECOST

Theme of the day: In the kingdom of God we are to live according to his will as expressed in his law. But even in the directions given for our lives in the law, we see *Christ for us*. For the law does not benefit God; it benefits us. The Third Commandment ("Remember the Sabbath") is a pre-eminent example of the point.

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: # 223 "As We Begin Another Week"

As we begin another week, In Jesus' name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.

Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labors evermore. Our hearts with your good Spirit fill That we may gladly do your will.

In ev'ry season, ev'ry place, May we recall your Word of grace Until, when life's brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last

Please stand for last verse:

And keep with angels in your rest The endless Sabbath of the blest. Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you upon your throne.

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

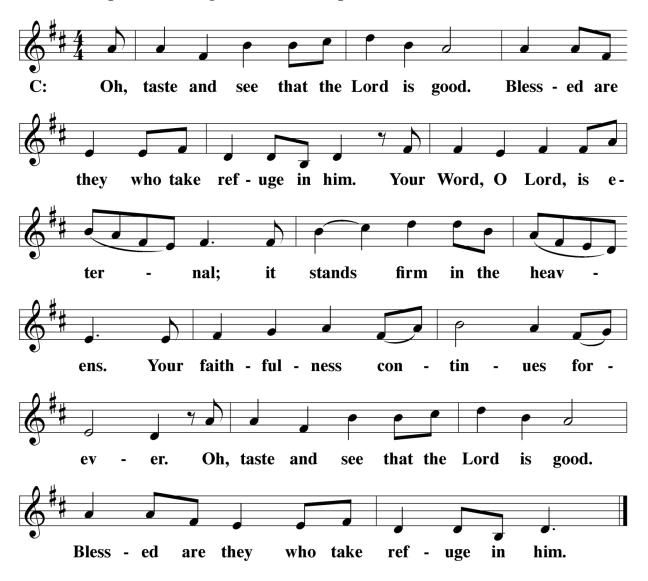
Congregation: And also with you. (spoken)

- 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.



M: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; 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: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the Lord your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 126





When the LORD brought back the captives to **Zion**,* we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with <u>laugh</u>ter,* our tongues with <u>songs</u> of joy.

The LORD has done great things for us,* and we are filled with joy.

Refrain

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the <u>des</u>ert.* Those who sow in tears will reap with <u>songs</u> of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying <u>seed</u> to sow,* will return with songs of joy, carrying <u>sheaves</u> with him.

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. Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia! (Psalm 119:105)

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: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; ⁹persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

HYMN: #286 "The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"

☐ The law commands and makes us know What duties to our God we owe, But 'tis the gospel must reveal Where lies our strength to do his will.

The law uncovers guilt and sin And shows how vile our hearts have been; The gospel only can express Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

What curses does the law pronounce Against the one who fails but once! But in the gospel Christ appears, Pard'ning the guilt of num'rous years.

My soul, no more attempt to draw Your life and comfort from the law. Flee to the hope the gospel gives; The one who trusts the promise lives.

MESSSAGE: Mark 2:23-28

²³Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

²⁵He replied to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of

the Sabbath."

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: #756 "We walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (back page)

We walk by faith and not by sight No gracious words we hear Of Him who as none e'er spoke But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side Nor follow where He trod, But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief And may our faith abound To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found. For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine: Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light, We may behold you as you are With full and endless sight.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Val Wheelock, Linda Hill & Christina, Wayne Chapman, Gwen Reuter, Louise Perry, Ilene Trevarrow, and Lynn Oberg.

Good Shepherd Bible Camp: July 11-17, grades 4-10. See Pastor Foley for more information and registration forms. Or check out: goodshepherdbiblecamp.com

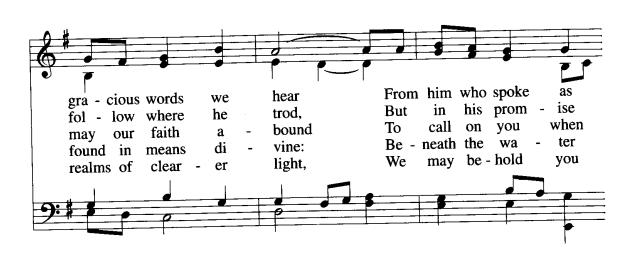
LWMS Convention is virtual this year, June 24-27. More info at: https://wels.net/event/58th-annual-lwms-convention/

THIS WEEK

Thursday
Sunday
Sunday
School & Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.









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