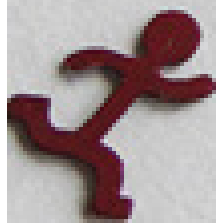




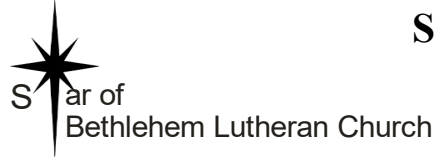
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“A prophet is not
without honor
except in his own town.”

Mark 6:4



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Worship Service

Sunday, July 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after PENTECOST

Theme of the day: The Word of God is powerful and efficacious. By means of this Word, the Holy Spirit works faith in the heart. Nevertheless, man is still able to reject God's powerful Gospel message. May we always proclaim his saving message of salvation in spite of the many who reject it, because whether they believe it or not, God will be glorified and his plans will be worked out.

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: # 281 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

♪ **God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world’s despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father’s glory,
With the Father ever one,
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, before time was,
Light from Light, to earth descending—
He reveals our God to us.**

Please stand for last verse:

**God is speaking by his Spirit,
Speaking to the hearts of all,
In the ageless Word expounding
His own message for us all.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith is standing fast.
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us to love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. ⁴These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says. ⁵Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 143

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



**O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;^{*}
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

**Do not bring your servant into judgment,^{*}
for no one living is righteous before you.**

**My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.**

Refrain

**Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.**

**Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.**

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

**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. Happy are they who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure. Alleluia! (Luke 8:15)

**C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by

his hands? ³Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house."
⁵He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

HYMN: # 536 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows,
And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

O Lord, let this your little flock,
Your name alone confessing,
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.

Help us to serve you evermore
With hearts both pure and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine,
Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.

And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross,
To find in you all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

MESSAGE: Colossians 1:3-14

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

¹³The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: # 468 “My God, My Father, Make Me Strong”

**♪ My God, my Father, make me strong,
When tasks of life seem hard and long,
To greet them with this triumph song: Your will be done.**

**Draw from my timid eyes the veil
To show, where earthly forces fail,
Your pow’r and love must still prevail—Your will be done.**

**With confident and humble mind
In service freedom I will find,
Praying through ev’ry toil assigned: Your will be done.**

**What seems impossible I dare;
Yours is the call and yours the care.
Your wisdom shall the way prepare—Your will be done.**

**Heav’n’s music chimes the glad days in;
Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin;
Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win—Your will be 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: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
(tune of # 578)

 **Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel’s joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.**

**So whene’er the signal’s given
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels’ wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Christ in endless day.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Oberg's.

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, 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, and Gwen Reuter.

THIS WEEK

Today	Voters, 11:20 a.m.
Thursday	Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.

