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**“Come with me by yourselves to  
a quiet place and get some rest.”**

Mark 6:31



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, July 25, 2021 10:00 a.m.*

### Ninth Sunday after PENTECOST



Theme of the day: As the Word of God called us last Sunday to receive God's messengers because their message is from God, so this Sunday both preachers and hearers are urged to always remain faithful to God's Word.

## 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: # 336 “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”**

♪ **“Come unto me, ye weary, And I will give you rest.”**  
**O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!**  
**It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,**  
**Of joy that has no ending, Of love that cannot cease.**

**“Come unto me, ye wand’rers, And I will give you light.”**  
**O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!**  
**Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;**  
**But thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.**

**“Come unto me, ye fainting, And I will give you life.”**  
**O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!**  
**The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long;**  
**But thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”**  
**O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,**  
**Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,**  
**Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to thee!**

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: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock. You have driven them away.

You have not taken care of them,

but I will certainly take care of you,

because of the evil things you have done, declares the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>I will gather what is left of my flock

out of all the countries where I have driven them,

and I will bring them back to their pastures.

They will be fruitful and multiply.

<sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them.

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,

nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,

when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

who will reign wisely as king

and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.

## 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. My word will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 55:11*)

**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 6:30-34**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

## **HYMN: # 538 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

♪ **The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav’n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With ev’ry grace endued.**

**The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**

**Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

## **SERMON: Ephesians 2:13-22**

**<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.**

**<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household.**

**<sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

*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: # 529:1-3 “Built on the Rock”**

♪ **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth his temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav’n above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies his temple.**

**We are God’s house of living stones, Built for his own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two his name to tell,  
Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
With all his grace and his favor.**

**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: # 348 “Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus”**

♪ **Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus Can my heartfelt longing still.  
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus, What he wills alone to will,  
For my heart, which he hath filled,  
Ever cries, “Lord, as thou wilt.”**

**One there is for whom I’m living, Whom I love most tenderly;  
Unto Jesus I am giving What in love he gave to me.  
Jesus’ blood hides all my guilt—Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.**

**What to me may seem a treasure But displeasing is to thee—  
Oh, remove such harmful pleasure;  
Give instead what profits me.  
Let my heart by thee be stilled;  
Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.**

**Let me earnestly endeavor Thy good pleasure to fulfill;  
In me, through me, with me ever,  
Lord, accomplish thou thy will.  
In thy holy image built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.**

**Jesus, constant be my praises, For thou unto me didst bring  
Thine own self and all thy graces That I joyfully may sing:  
Be it unto me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.**

**The WELS Connection**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Evers on the occasion of Carl Jr.'s birthday.

**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, and Wayne Chapman.

### THIS WEEK

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b>



...you prepare a table before me...

