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From him the whole body . . .  
grows and builds itself  
up in love, as each part  
does its work. Ephesians 4:16



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, August 1, 2021 10:00 a.m.*

## Tenth Sunday after PENTECOST



**Theme of the day: The word of God has renewed our relationship with him by connecting us to the one who feeds body and soul.**

## 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: # 533 “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”**

♪ **I love your kingdom, Lord, The place of your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With his own precious blood.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.**

**I love your Church, O God, Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of your eye And graven on your hand.**

**For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n  
Till toils and cares shall end.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Sure as your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.**

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.

### **Prayer and Praise**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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: Exodus 24:3-11**

**<sup>3</sup>Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.**

**He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. <sup>7</sup>He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey."**

**<sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, "Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words."**

**<sup>9</sup>Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. <sup>10</sup>They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky.**

**<sup>11</sup>The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 84**

*Refrain*



Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



How lovely is your dwelling place,\*  
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,\*  
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;\*  
they are ever praising you.

*Refrain*

Better is one day in your courts\*  
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God\*  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,\*  
blessed are they who trust in you.

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. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (*John 6:68*)

**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: John 6:1-15**

**After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).<sup>2</sup> A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick.<sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples.<sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.**

**<sup>5</sup>When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?”<sup>6</sup> But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.**

**<sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little.”**

**<sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,<sup>9</sup> “There’s a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?”**

**<sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men.**

**<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted.**

**<sup>12</sup>When the people were full, he told his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted.”<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.**

**<sup>14</sup>When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, “This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world.”**

**<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.**

**HYMN: # 566 “We All Are One in Mission”**

♪ We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission Compels us from above  
To plan and work together That all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called to service, To witness in God’s name.  
Our ministries are diff’rent; Our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others With God’s surprising grace,  
So ev’ry folk and nation May feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united, And let our song be heard;  
Now let us be a vessel For God’s redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

**MESSAGE: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16**

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. <sup>2</sup>Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

<sup>3</sup>Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. <sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. <sup>11</sup>He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every sup-

porting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

## **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.**

## **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.**

Holy Communion, will be celebrated in today's service. The Bible teaches us that Jesus offers us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. The Bible also instructs us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public expression of our complete "oneness," or unity of faith.

Because the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in faith, we invite to the Lord's Supper only those who have expressed that unity with us through membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), or our sister church body, the ELS.

If you are a guest from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you simply refrain from participation in our celebration of the Lord's Supper today. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of declaring your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more.

## The Holy Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪ We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.

### The Words of Institution

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
away the sin of the world grant us your peace. Amen.

### COMMUNION HYMN: # 349 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

♪ Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me.  
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, Ev’ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;  
Yet, tho’ sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace.  
God’s great pow’r Guards ev’ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore him, Silent bow before him.

**Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure;  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss Or shame or cross  
Shall not from my Savior move me Since he deigns to love me.**

**Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

## **Thanksgiving**

*Please stand.*

♪ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads  
his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Prayer of Thanks**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **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: # 326 “May the Grace of Christ our Savior”**

 **May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father’s boundless love  
With the Holy Spirit’s favor  
Rest upon us from above.**

**So may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
Gathered here in blest communion  
By the power of his Word.**

**Now with all the saints in heaven  
Thanks and praise to you we sing,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One, our triune King.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God on the occasion of Carolyn Brunssen'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>Tuesday</b>	<b>Elders, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<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, 10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Voters, 11:20 a.m.</b>

Because of the Lord's great love



we are not consumed.

# PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(cf. page 156 in the front of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal)

**Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?**

*A: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

**Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?**

*A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

**Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?**

*A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

**Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?**

*A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

**Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?**

*A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

**Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?**

*A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

**Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?**

*A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

*Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.*

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