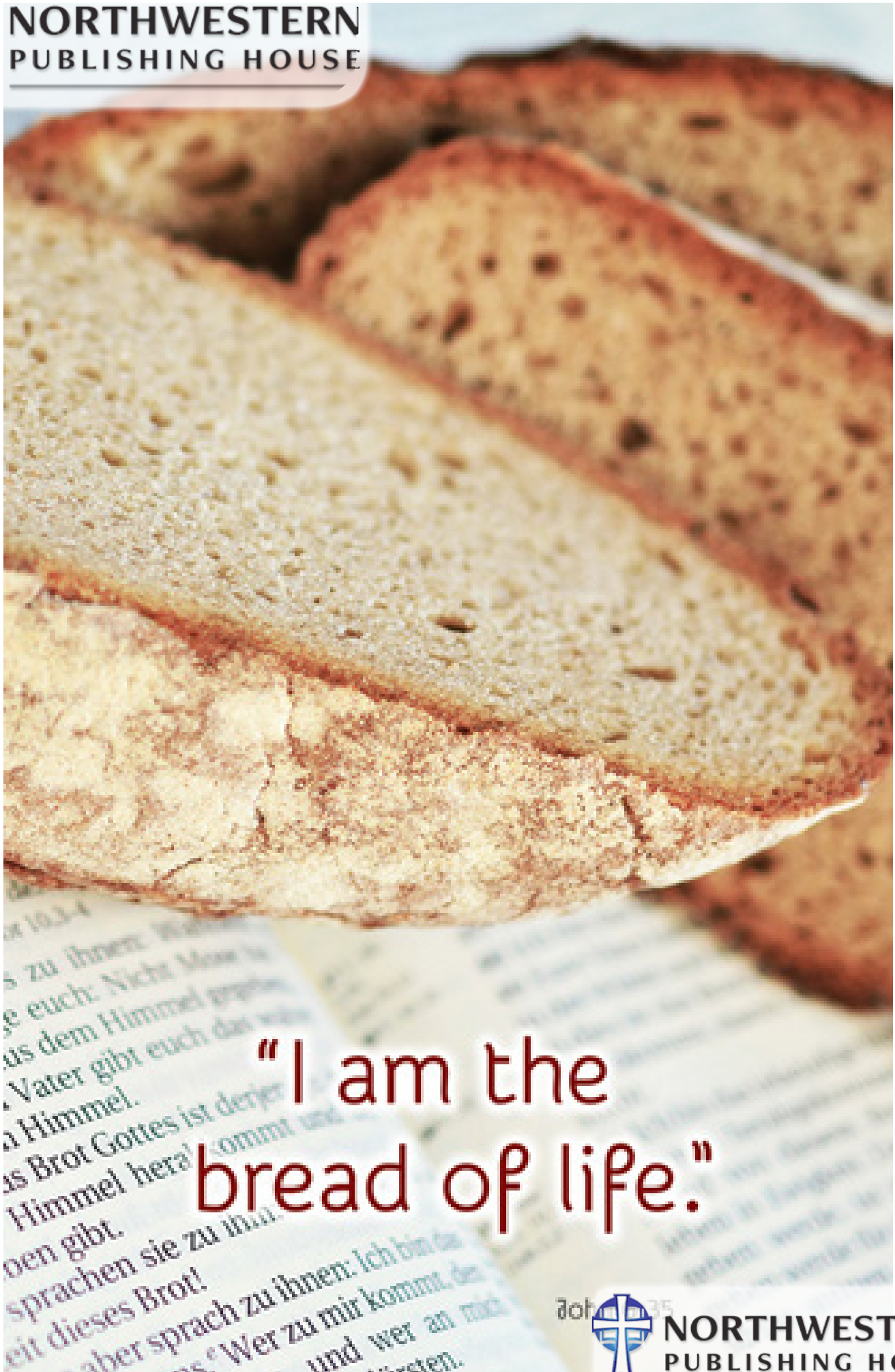




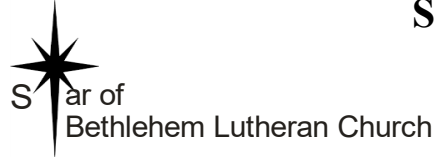
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## Worship Service

*Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:00 a.m.*

## Eleventh Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** Last Sunday we heard of God's generosity to us and through us. Today we are reminded that his generosity in material things should serve as a reminder of his even greater generosity in spiritual things. As Augustine said, "There is nothing visible or transitory that does not point us back to something more important that is invisible and imperishable." Our readings encourage the response of an attitude adjustment in us that includes a reordering of our priorities.

## 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: # 338 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

♪ I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

*Please stand for last verse:*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise  
And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav’ling days are done.

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: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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 16:2-15**

**<sup>2</sup>The entire Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat around pots of meat and ate as much food as we wanted, but now you have brought us out into this wilderness to have this whole community die of hunger.”**

**<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Watch what I will do. I will rain down bread from heaven for you, and the people will go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether they will follow my instructions or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day they will prepare what they bring in, and it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”**

**<sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “At evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you will see the Glory of the LORD, because he has heard your constant grumbling against the LORD. Who are we that you should grumble against us?”**

**<sup>8</sup>Moses said, “Now the LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because the LORD has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”**

**<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Tell the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling.’ ” <sup>10</sup>As Aaron spoke to the entire Israelite community, they turned toward the wilderness, and suddenly the Glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.**

**<sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses: <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, ‘At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”**

**<sup>13</sup>So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was.**

**Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 145



**Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\*  
his greatness no one can fathom.**

**One generation will commend your works to another;\*  
they will tell of your mighty acts.**

**The LORD upholds all those who fall\*  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

### *Refrain*

**The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.\*  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

**The LORD is near to all who call on him,\*  
to all who call on him in truth.**

**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;\*  
he hears their cry and saves them.**

**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. Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” Alleluia! (*John 14:23*)

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 6:24-35

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup>Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup>So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?”

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent.”

<sup>30</sup>Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

<sup>32</sup>Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup>“Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!”

<sup>35</sup>“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**HYMN: # 473 “Savior, I Follow On”**

♪ **Savior, I follow on, Guided by thee,  
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.  
Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.  
Only to meet thy will My will shall be.**

**Riven the rock for me, Thirst to relieve,  
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev’ry eve.  
Never a want severe Caused my eye a tear,  
But thou dost whisper near, “Only believe.”**

**Often to Marah’s brink Have I been brought;  
Shrinking the cup to drink, Help I have sought,  
And with the prayer’s ascent Jesus the branch hath rent,  
Quickly relief hath sent, Sweet’ning the draught.**

**Savior, I long to walk Closer with thee;  
Led by thy guiding hand, Ever to be  
Constantly near thy side, Quickened and purified,  
Living for him who died Freely for me.**

**MESSAGE: Ephesians 4:17-24**

**<sup>17</sup>So I tell you this and testify to it in the Lord: Do not walk any longer as the Gentiles walk, in their futile way of thinking. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, due to the hardness of their hearts. <sup>19</sup>Because they have no sense of shame, they have given themselves over to sensuality, with an ever-increasing desire to practice every kind of impurity.**

**<sup>20</sup>But you did not learn Christ in that way, <sup>21</sup>if indeed you have heard of him and were taught in him (since the truth is in Jesus). <sup>22</sup>As far as your former way of life is concerned, you were taught to take off the old self, which is corrupted by its deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed continually in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, which has been created to be like God in righteousness and true holiness.**

*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: # 402 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

**♪ My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;  
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

## **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: # 439 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"**

**♪ Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by John and Noreen Withers in memory of their parents.

**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>Today</b>	<b>Voters, 11:20 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 with Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Fellowship Lunch</b>

**I am**



**the bread of life.**

**- John 6:35**