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Worship Service

Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday after PENTECOST

Theme of the day: Jesus Christ came into this world to serve as our great High Priest, sacrificing himself on the cross to gain eternal rest for us in heaven. Our response to this love of Christ is humble service to him and our neighbor.

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: #193 "Come, Now, Almighty King"

☐ Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing; Help us to praise.

Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword; Our prayer attend. Come and your people bless, And give your Word success; Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.

Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear In this glad hour. Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart; Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.

Please stand for last verse:

To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Forevermore! His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see And to eternity Love and adore.

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

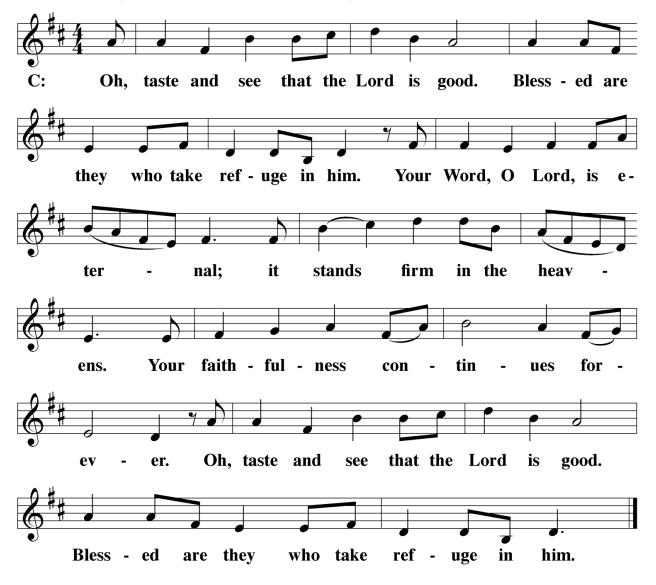
Congregation: And also with you. (spoken)

- 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: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A Amen.

Please be seated.

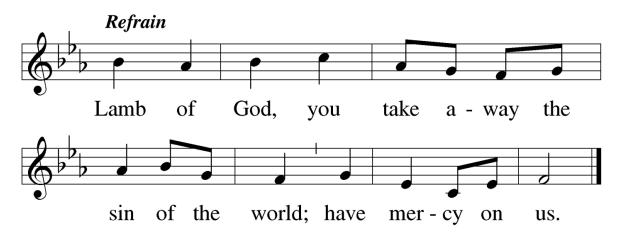
FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 4:9-16

⁹So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. ¹¹Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 22





My God, my God, why have you for<u>saken me?*</u>
Why are you so far from <u>saving me?</u>

I am a worm and <u>not</u> a man,* scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me <u>mock</u> me;* they hurl insults, shaking <u>their</u> heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD <u>res</u>cue him."

Let him deliver him, since he de<u>lights</u> in him."

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof <u>of</u> my mouth;* you lay me in the <u>dust</u> of death.

A band of evil men has encircled me,* they have pierced my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments a<u>mong</u> them* and cast lots for my <u>cloth</u>ing.

But you, O LORD, be not <u>far</u> off;*
O my Strength, come quickly to <u>help</u> me.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them. Alleluia. (*Ephesians 2:10*)

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 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³⁷They said to him, "Promise that we may sit, one at your right

and one at your left, in your glory."

³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?"

³⁹"We can," they replied.

Jesus told them, "You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. ⁴⁰But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and

John.

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

HYMN: #181 "Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"

☐ Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity! May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly. Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall. With our spirit, Lord, bear witness
That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should,
That the cross is for our good.

Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray; Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity, That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly. Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.

SERMON: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

¹⁶But when he had grown powerful, the pride in his heart led to his destruction. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God. He entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

¹⁷Azariah the priest went in after him. He was followed by eighty priests of the LORD, brave men. ¹⁸They confronted King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, because you have been unfaithful. This action will not result in any praise for you from the LORD God."

¹⁹Uzziah became angry. He had a censer for burning incense in his hand. When he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests, beside the altar of incense in the House of the Lord. ²⁰When Azariah, the head priest, and all the other priests looked at him, they immediately realized he had leprosy on his forehead. They rushed him out of there. He himself also was in a hurry to leave because the Lord had struck him.

²¹King Uzziah remained a leper until the day of his death. He lived in a quarantined house because he was a leper. He was excluded from the House of the LORD. Jotham his son was in charge of the palace of the king and administered justice for the people of the land.

²²The rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, were recorded

by Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.

²³Uzziah rested with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the burial field that belonged to the kings, because they said, "He is a leper." His son Jotham ruled as king in his place.

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: #422 "Jesus, Lead Us On"

Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless, We will follow, calm and fearless. Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us, For through many a woe To our home we go. When we seek relief From a long-felt grief, When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring; Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won. Heav'nly Leader, still direct us; Still support, console, protect us Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

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: A Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #350 "All Praise Be Yours"

(tune of CW: 551)

All praise be yours, for you, O King divine, Your rightful glory freely did resign That in our darkened hearts your grace might shine. Alleluia! Alleluia! You came to us in lowliness of thought; By you the outcast and the poor were sought, And by your death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

O Jesus, let your mind within us be, For you were servant that we might be free And humbly stooped to death on Calvary. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Therefore you are, by God's eternal vow, Most high exalted o'er all creatures now And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord, And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Linda Hill & Christina, Wayne Chapman, Terry Oberg, and Roger Brunssen.

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THIS WEEK

Thursday Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Catechism Class, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

Worship, 10:00 a.m.