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“People will see the  
**Son of Man**  
coming in clouds  
with  
**great  
power  
and  
glory.”**

MARK 13:26



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:00 a.m.*

### Third Sunday of End Time — SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

**Theme of the day:** As we approach the end of all things and the great Day of Judgment, we want to be sure we have it all straight. The readings for this Sunday help us prepare by their detailed description of what is to come, so we will not be afraid as we look and long for the day of his appearing. Instead, clinging to his grace in Word and Sacrament we strive to live as those who know what to expect at the end of it all.

## 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: # 214 “Jerusalem the Golden”**

♪ **Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—  
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.**

**There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God’s elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;  
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.**

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**: 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: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.** *Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118

### *Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!

### *Psalm tone*

\*  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

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he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;\*  
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

### *Refrain*

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*  
you have become my salvation.**

**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day the LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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. They are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him  
day and night in his temple. Alleluia! (*Revelation 7:15*)**

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

## **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-18**

**<sup>11</sup>In the one case, every priest stood ministering day after day,  
offering the same sacrifices again and again, which are never able  
to remove sin. <sup>12</sup>In the other case, this priest, after he offered one  
sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.  
<sup>13</sup>Since then he has been waiting until his enemies are made a foot-  
stool under his feet. <sup>14</sup>By only one sacrifice he has made perfect for-  
ever those who are being sanctified.**

**<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he  
said:**

**<sup>16</sup>This is the covenant I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord.**

**I will put my laws on their hearts  
and I will write them on their mind.**

**<sup>17</sup>Then he adds: And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.**

**<sup>18</sup>Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.**

**HYMN: # 605 “Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep”**

**♪ Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep,  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.**

**Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet  
To be for such a slumber meet,  
With holy confidence to sing  
That death has lost his venomed sting!**

**Asleep in Jesus! Peaceful rest,  
Whose waking is supremely blest;  
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour  
That manifests the Savior’s pow’r.**

**Asleep in Jesus! Oh, for me  
May such a blissful refuge be!  
Securely shall my ashes lie  
And wait the summons from on high.**

**SERMON: John 5:25-29**

**<sup>25</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup>And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.**

**<sup>28</sup>“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.**

## **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.**

## **HYMN: # 166 "The Day of Resurrection"**

**♪ The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**



M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen. Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**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 # 776 “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”**  
*(to tune of CW: 169)*

♪ **Sing with all the saints in glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness we awaken,  
Knowing everlasting peace.**

**Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Faithful hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
There on high our welcome waits.  
All believing spirits share it,  
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**

**Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:  
Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders  
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders,  
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

## **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, Roger Brunssen, and Roberta Gowin.

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## **THIS WEEK**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Atascadero Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Catechism Class, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Worship with Lord's Supper, 10:00 a.m.</b>