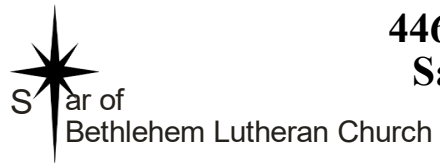


Happy Thanksgiving



*Praise the Lord.
I will thank the Lord with all my heart in the assembly of
the upright and in the congregation.*

Psalm 111:1 [EHV]



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Worship Service

Thursday, November 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING



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.

MORNING PRAISE

OPENING HYMN: # 612 “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”

♪ Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev’ry joy,
Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

Please stand for second verse:

All the plenty summer pours,
Autumn’s rich, o’erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain,
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain —
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



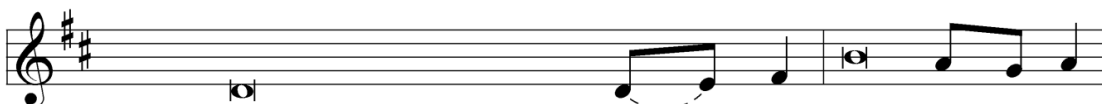
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

Please be seated.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

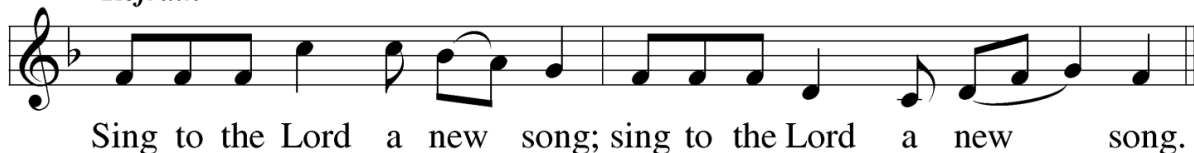
EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:10-13

I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

PSALM of the Day Psalm 100

Refrain



Psalm tone



Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs.*
Know that the LORD is God.

He made us, and we are his.*
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
his courtyards with praise.*
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the LORD is good. His mercy endures forever;*
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

HYMN: # 443 “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

**♪ Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing; A cheerful trust maintain,
For God, the source of ev’rything, Your treasure shall remain.**

**Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.**

**Did not his love and truth and pow’r
Guard ev’ry childhood day?
And did he not in threat’ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?**

**He always will with patience chide; His rod falls gently down,
And all your sins he casts aside In ocean depths to drown.**

**His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes;
All that his counsels did ordain A happy ending makes.**

**Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
And trust his guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand
Here and in heav’n above.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:26-33

Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

“Which of you can add a single moment to his lifespan by worrying? Why do you worry about clothing? Consider how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin, but I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not clothe you even more, you of little faith?

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For the unbelievers chase after all these things. Certainly your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

HYMN: # 610 “Now Thank We All Our God”

♪ Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Habakkuk 3:17-19

The fig tree may have no buds. The vines may have no grapes.
The olive tree may fail to produce. The fields may yield no food.
The sheep may be cut off from their flock, and there may be no
cattle in the barns, but I will delight in the LORD and rejoice
in God who saves me. The LORD God is my strength.
He will give me feet like a deer and make me leap along the
high hills.

Please stand.



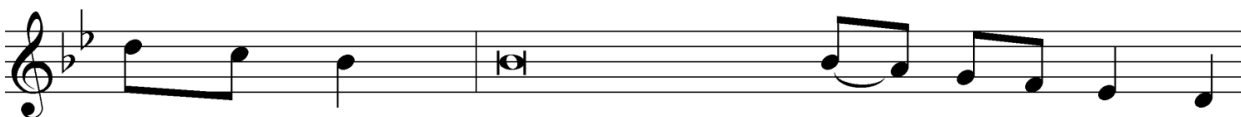
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



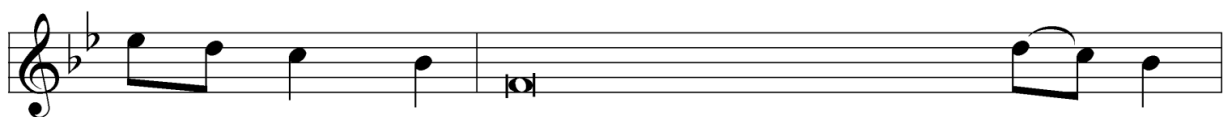
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



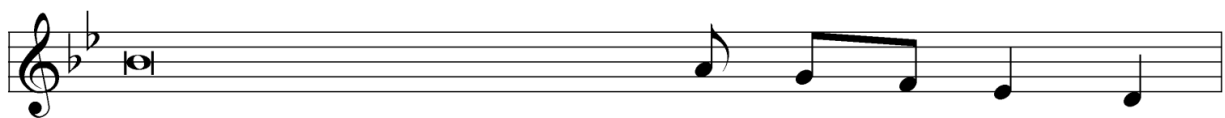
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



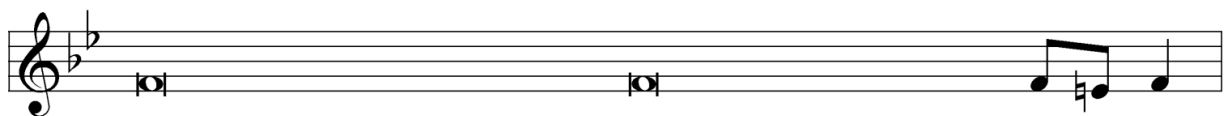
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



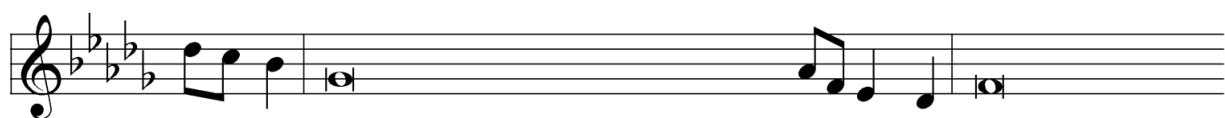
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



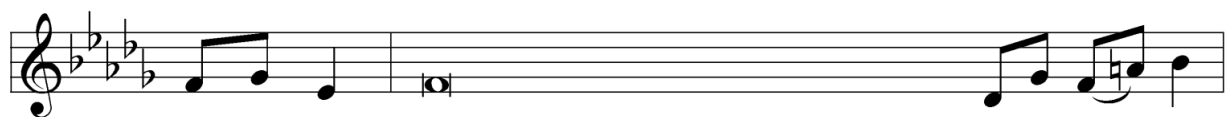
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts,
purely out of thanks to him.*

Litany of Prayer and Praise

The Congregational responses will be sung.

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Your Word,
through which we have found peace, comfort, assurance and eternal
hope.

C: ♪ **O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**
(CW: 279)

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Faith and
Salvation, by which we have been made your children and heirs of
life everlasting.

**C: ♪ To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory –great things he has done!
(CW 399)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the gifts of Life and the abundance of our Earthly Possessions.

**C: ♪ For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvest we are sharing, God's will be done. (CW 611)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the countless blessings you have showered upon us in this Nation and among its citizens.

**C: ♪ God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save, by thy great might.**

**For her our prayers shall rise, to God above the skies;
On him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry, God save the state! (CW 619)**

M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the Victory you have given to our fellow pilgrims and our own loved ones who now live with you in glory.

**C: ♪ For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain, in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 551)**

**M: We thank and praise you, gracious Lord, for the growth of Your
Kingdom among us and others, to the glory of your name and the
salvation of souls.**

**C: ♪ From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are your mercies Lord;
Eternal is your glorious Word. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 250)**

**M: For All these and countless other blessings to body and soul which
are new to us each morning, we thank and praise you. We unite our
hearts and voices in approaching your throne of grace also to sing:**

**C: ♪ We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy Name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
(CW 609:1,2)**

PRAYER

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you
have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your
mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor
run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is
right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: # 612 “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”

♪ **Peace, prosperity, and health,
Private bliss and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd’ning streams,
True religion’s holier beams—
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

**As your prosp’ring hand has blest,
May we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days:
“Praise to God, immortal praise.”**



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, and Roberta Gowin.

AIRMAN'S ATTIC: Star of Bethlehem has established a relationship with Airman's Attic, a facility at Vandenberg Space Force Base where junior enlisted Airmen and their families can go to get donated goods. All items are free for Airmen who are E-5 and below. In addition to our food barrel and special donations, we will be giving our Thanksgiving Day offering to this charity.

MEDITATIONS are on the shelf in the narthex. Treat yourself (and maybe someone you know) to this very beneficial devotional resource. There are also *Advent Devotion* booklets, compliments of Martin Luther College.

COMING UP

Living Nativity and Las Posadas - December 19,
beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Festival Worship, 10:00 a.m.



**Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.**

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest-home;
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.**

CW — 613

Thanksgiving...

**A time of gladness
and sharing
with family and
friends.
A time for praising
our God,
whose love never
ends.**

