



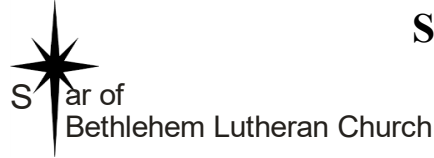
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**"Truly I tell you,
no prophet is accepted in his hometown."**

LUKE 4:24



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Worship Service

Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme of the day: Jesus reveals himself as the Anointed One with the Father's authority to proclaim himself as fulfillment of prophecy. The Word made flesh points to the Word and boldly proclaims, "Fulfillment." This bold proclamation carries joy to the very heart of the body of Christ and emboldens its members to proclaim the same.

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: # 85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”

♪ **O God from God, O Light from Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
To you in heaven’s glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory he has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**Deep in the prophets’ sacred page,
Grand in the poets’ winged word,
Slowly, in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song, “Good will to men!”
Sung by heav’n’s hosts in splendor bright,
Re-echoed now, “Good will!” Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death of pain mid hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
So sang the angel hosts again.
Lift up your heads—your King awaits.
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**

Please stand for last verse:

**Sing to the Lord a mighty song;
Sing to his name, his glories tell!
Sing, heav’nly hosts, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;
Glory and pow’r! Amen, Amen.**

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: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26, 27

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ.

¹³For by one Spirit we all were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free people, and we were all caused to drink one Spirit. ¹⁴Furthermore, the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But now God has arranged the members in the body, each and every one of them, as he desired. ¹⁹If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰But as it is, there are many members, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you."

²⁶So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 19

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the words "Lord, you have the words of". The second staff continues the melody for "ev - er - last - ing life." The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Psalm tone



The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G minor. It features a reciting tone (a half note on G4) followed by an accent (a quarter note on A4), and then a tone (a half note on G4). The notation includes a fermata over the first G4 and a double bar line at the end.

**The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

**Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
their words to the ends of the world.**

Refrain

**The law of the LORD is perfect,*
giving joy to the heart.**

**The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
giving light to the eyes.**

**They are more precious than gold;*
they are sweeter than honey.**

**By them is your servant taught;*
in keeping them there is great reward.**

Refrain

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.**

**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! Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. Alleluia. (*Matthew 4:23*)

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: Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. ¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

HYMN: # 237 “Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens”

♪ **Lord of lords, the sparkling heavens
Show the greatness of your hand,
Brilliant galaxies unfolding, Distant suns your wisdom planned,
Morning stars in concert singing—
Praise the one whose pow’r we see:
Lord of might and majesty.**

**Lord of light, your gift of beauty Fills our planet here below.
Crystal snow and silver moonlight,
Forest green with life aglow,
Sapphire ocean, flaming sunset Your creative joy proclaim!
Lord of all, we praise your name!**

**Lord of love, we bow before you,
Humbled by your constant grace.
Word incarnate, sent from heaven,
On the cross you took our place.
By your death and resurrection
We shall live through endless days!
Lord of life, we sing your praise.**

**Lord of nations, by your Spirit
Cause our fear and greed to cease;
Restless hearts and lives refashion
By the entrance of your peace.
May we now with firm commitment
Follow in obedience true:
Lord of lords, we worship you!**

SERMON: Isaiah 6:1-6

**The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has
anointed me to preach good news to the afflicted.
He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release for those who are bound,
²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor
and the day of vengeance for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,**

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion,
to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit,
so that they will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.
⁴Then they will rebuild ancient ruins.
They will raise up what was formerly devastated,
and they will renew ruined cities,
 which have been devastated for generations.
⁵Strangers will stand and shepherd your flock,
and foreigners will be your farmers and vinedressers.
⁶You will be called the LORD's priests.
You will be named ministers of our God.
You will eat the wealth of nations,
and you will boast about their riches.

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: # 203 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

♪ **Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN: # 84 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

♪ **Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made
And endless praises crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev’ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev’ry tongue
Praise his great love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where’er he reigns:
The pris’ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Worship and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: 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, Roberta Gowin and Amber (Kathryn's granddaughter).

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BIBLE STUDIES: While we do meet in person for our weekly Bible Classes (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.), we also continue to "Zoom" all our studies. If you want to be included in the weekly e-mail with the zoom codes and print-outs, please let Pastor Foley know.

THIS WEEK

Monday-Tuesday California Pastors' Conference

Thursday Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Catechism, 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.**