



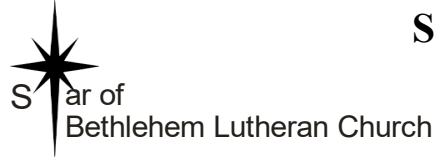
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You must go to everyone I send
you to and say whatever
I command you.

Jeremiah 1:7b



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Worship Service

Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme of the day: Our sinful inclination is to listen without faith. This can only lead us to the brow of a cliff and throwing Jesus out of our lives. But the Savior of the nations comes with his gracious words of redemption and membership in his body. The Word of the Lord is proclaimed through the revelation of his Anointed One. In him faith is rooted, love flourishes, and salvation is known from generation to generation.

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: # 490 “Love in Christ is Strong and Living”

♪ **Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving—
May his will in us be done!**

**Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ’s humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.**

Please stand for last verse:

**Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life’s end.**

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: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you
in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GLORIA: “All Glory Be to God Alone” *(sung to CW: 382)*

♪ **We praise you, God, and you we bless;
We worship you in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.
Of your great glory do we sing,
And to your throne our thanks we bring.**

**Lord God, our King on heaven’s throne,
Our Father, the Almighty One;
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son,
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God—to you we flee.**

**You take the whole world’s sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world’s sin away;
Oh, listen to the prayer we say.
From God’s right hand, oh, send today
Your mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**You only are the Holy One;
O’er all things you are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord most high;
With him you evermore shall be One in the Father’s majesty.**

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me.

⁵Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

⁶But I said, “Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak!
I am only a child!”

⁷The LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You
must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I com-
mand you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I
will rescue you, declares the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth.
The LORD said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

¹⁰Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms
to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



O my people, hear my teaching;^{*}
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,^{*}
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;^{*}
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

**The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob*
and established the law in Israel,**

**so the next generation would know them,*
and they in turn would tell their children.**

**Then they would put their trust in God*
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

**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. The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he anointed me
to preach good news. Alleluia. (*Luke 4:18*)**

**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 4:20-32

**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.”**

**²²They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words
of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, “Isn’t
this Joseph’s son?”**

²³He told them, “Certainly you will quote this proverb to me,

‘Physician, heal yourself!’ Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum.”²⁴ And he said, “Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown.²⁵ But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land.²⁶ Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon.²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things.²⁹ They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

³¹He went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath.³² They were amazed by his teaching, because his message had authority.

HYMN: # 749 “The Love of Christ Who Died for Me”

**♪ The love of Christ, who died for me
Is more than mind can know,
His mercy measureless and free
To meet the debt I owe.
He came my sinful cause to plead,
He laid his glories by,
For me a homeless life to lead,
A shameful death to die.**

**My sins I only see in part,
My self-regarding ways;
The secret places of my heart
Lie bare before his gaze.
For me the price of sin he paid;
My sins beyond recall
Are all alike on Jesus laid,
he died to bear them all.**

**O living Lord of life, for whom The heavens held their breath,
To see, triumphant from the tomb, A love that conquers death,
Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom without end,
O Christ who died for love of me And lives to be my friend.**

SERMON: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

And now, I am going to show you a more excellent way.

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

¹³So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

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: # 498 “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

**♪ Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain—
As sounding brass—and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess
And, striving so, my love profess
But not be giv’n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come; our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev’ry deed;
By this we worship and are freed.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

HYMN: # 492 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

**♪ Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,
Honors all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity;
Heal our wrongs and help our need.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion;
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure;
Stem our selfish greed for gain.**

**Bind us all as one together
In your Church’s sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy,
Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow?
Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken?
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**

WELS CONNECTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Degners.

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).

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

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.

