



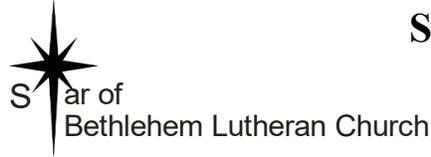
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**"BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...
BECAUSE OF THE SON OF MAN." LUKE 6:22**



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Worship Service

Sunday, February 13, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme of the day: In Jesus' kingdom, everything seems upside down. But when we see life from the perspective Jesus' kingdom affords, we are seeing life as it really is. As Martin Luther wrote, "A theology of glory calls evil good and good evil. A theology of the cross calls the thing what it actually is" (Heidelberg Disputation, Thesis 21).

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: # 372 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

♪ **I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

Please stand for last verse:

**I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father’s holy child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav’nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels’ song.**

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: O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; 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: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵This is what the LORD says.
Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind,
who seeks his strength from human flesh, and who turns his
heart away from the LORD.

⁶He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland.
He will not see good things when they come.
He lives in a dry place in the wilderness,
in a salty land where no one lives.

⁷But blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD, whose confi-
dence is in him.

⁸He will be like a tree planted by water.
It sends out its roots to the stream.
It does not fear the heat when it comes.
Its leaves will remain green.
It is not concerned about a time of drought.
It does not stop producing fruit.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*

**and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.**

Refrain

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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! Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of
eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)**

**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: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**¹²Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the
dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrec-
tion of the dead?**

**¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.
¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still
in your sins. ¹⁸Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in
Christ perished. ¹⁹If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we
are the most pitiful people of all.**

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

HYMN: # 383 “Blessed Are They, Forever Blest”

♪ **Blessed are they, forever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by their God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed
And covered with their Savior’s blood.**

**Blessed are they to whom the Lord
Imputes not their iniquity.
They plead no merit or reward
And not on works but grace rely.**

**From guile their hearts and lips are free;
Their humble joy, their holy fear
With deep repentance well agree
And join to prove their faith sincere.**

**How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all their sins,
While bright the evidence of grace
Through all their lives appears and shines!**

SERMON: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. ¹⁸Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. ¹⁹The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

²⁰He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:
**Blessed are you who are poor,
because yours is the kingdom of God.**

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you,
and whenever they exclude and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.”

²⁴But woe to you who are rich,
because you are receiving your comfort now.

²⁵Woe to you who are well fed now,
because you will be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
because you will be mourning and weeping.

²⁶Woe to you when all people speak well of you,
because that is how their fathers constantly treated the false prophets.

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: # 389 “Rock of Ages”

♪ **Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law’s demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, Helpless, look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly—Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!**

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: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSINIG HYMN: # 466 “Though Thoughtless Thousands”

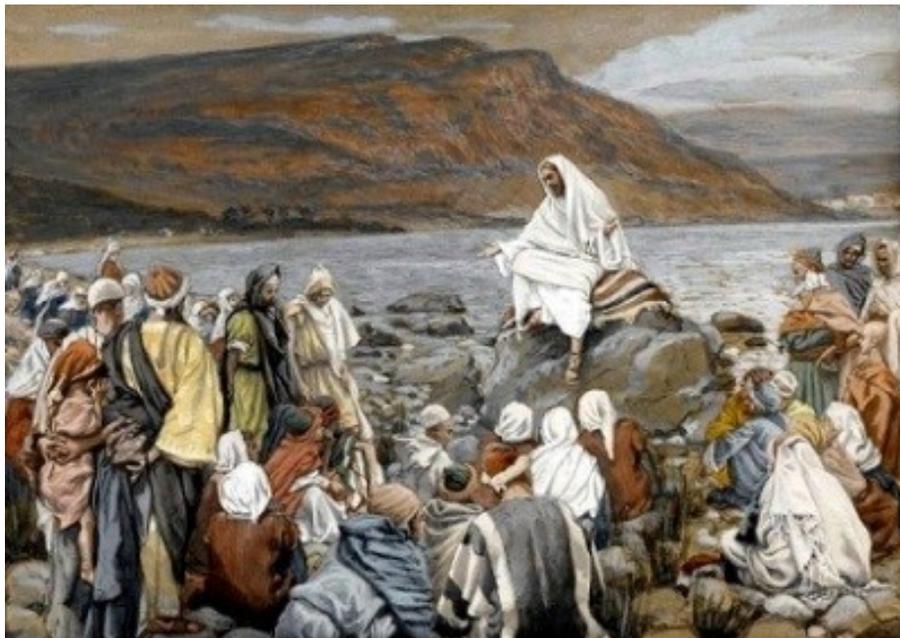
♪ **Though thoughtless thousands choose the road
That leads the soul away from God,
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine:
To live and die entirely thine.**

**In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
From him my life, my all, receive,
To him devote my fleeting hours,
Serve him alone with all my pow’rs.**

**Christ is my everlasting all.
To him I look; on him I call.
He will my ev’ry want supply
In time and through eternity.**

**Soon will the Lord, my life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.**

**Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through ev’ry golden street
And sing on ev’ry blissful plain,
“To live is Christ; to die is gain.”**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Brunssens on the occasion of Mike's birthday.

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).

LWMS SPRING RALLY: March 12, 8:30 a.m. — 2:15 p.m., at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Garden Grove.

MISSION OFFERING: For the next five months our designated Mission Offering will be the California Mission Board's "pick-up" fund, which helps local missions with outreach efforts that don't fall under the synod's budgeted allocations.

THIS WEEK

Thursday	Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.
Friday	Atascadero Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Catechism, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

COMING UP

**ASH WEDNESDAY (Beginning of Lent),
Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.**

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