

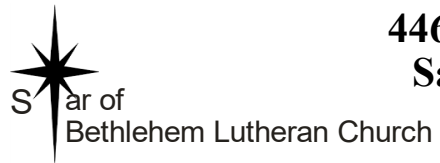


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*He is
Risen!*



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Worship Service

Sunday, April 17, 2022 10:00 a.m.

The RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

Theme of the day: On this most holy of days, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Connected by grace, through faith, to our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of the resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection from the dead.

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.

WORDS OF ENTRANCE

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

OPENING HYMN: # 160 “This Joyful Eastertide”

♪ **This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

**Death’s flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

Please stand for last verse:

**My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

M: We pray. In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden: purify our hearts through your Holy Spirit so that we may love you as you deserve and be worthy of magnifying your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Jesus commanded us: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.” If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and purify us from all sin.

Silence to reflect on the Word of God and to examine ourselves.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: Let us confess our sins against God and against our neighbors:

C: **God of mercy, we confess that we have been enslaved by sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By the love of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and direct us by your Holy Spirit, so that your will may be our joy and we may walk in your ways forever, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his great mercy has given us his Son. By his life and death, God cleansed us from all sin. By his resurrection we have eternal life as Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live.” For this reason, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You are a dearly loved child of God. May God give you the strength to live according to his will. **C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

Hymn # 169 (verses 1,2) “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

♪ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

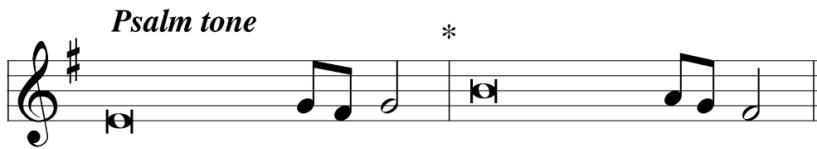
C: Amen.

Please be seated.

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!



The LORD is my strength and my song;*
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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD.

They said:

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.

The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and song.

He has become my salvation.

This is my God, and I will praise him;

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a warrior. The LORD is his name.

⁴He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea.

His elite officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

⁵The deep waters covered them.

They sank down to the depths like a stone.

⁶LORD, your right hand is glorious in power.

LORD, your right hand has shattered the enemy.

⁷In your great majesty you overthrew those who opposed you.

You sent out your burning anger.

It consumed them like stubble.

⁸At the blast from your nostrils the waters piled up.

The flowing waters stood up like a dam.

The deep waters became solid in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, “I will pursue.

I will overtake. I will divide the plunder.

I will do whatever I want with them.

I will draw my sword, and my hand will destroy them.”

¹⁰But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹LORD, who is like you among the gods?

**Who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in praise, working wonders?**

HYMN: # 152 (verses 2,3) “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

♪ He lives triumphant from the grave;

He lives eternally to save.

He lives all glorious in the sky;

He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with his love;

He lives to plead for me above.

He lives, my hungry soul to feed;

He lives to help in time of need.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it.

²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
⁴that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures,
⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same
time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep.
⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of
all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I
am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an
apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by the grace of
God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective.
On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't
my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did
it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is
what you believed.

HYMN: (to the tune of CW 80) "Worship Christ, the Risen King"

♪ Rise, O Church, and lift your voices;
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him;
Empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him,
For the throne of life He shares."
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is risen; Now receive the risen King!

**We acclaim your life, O Jesus;
Now we sing Your victory.
Sin and death may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph;
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.**



MESSAGE OF THE DAY: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. ³When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

The men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?” ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the
Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He
suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scrip-
tures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Fa-
ther and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for
the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

HYMN: # 143 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

**♪ He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

OFFERING

(The members of Star of Bethlehem have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors, you need not feel obligated to participate in this offering unless you so desire.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

Holy Communion, will be celebrated in today's service. The Bible teaches us that Jesus offers us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. The Bible also instructs us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public expression of our complete "oneness," or unity of faith.

Because the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in faith, we invite to the Lord's Supper only those who have expressed that unity with us through membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), or our sister church body, the ELS.

If you are a guest from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you simply refrain from participation in our celebration of the Lord's Supper today. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of declaring your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: We lift up our hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn during distribution: #156 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

**Awake, my heart, with gladness!
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.**

**The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb.
But lo, he now is routed;
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

**This is a sight that gladdens—
What peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.**

**Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all.**

**He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there my cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with me has died Shall here be glorified."**

M: We pray: Almighty and eternal God, you have given joy and peace to the entire world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for your victory over death and the grave, and for the assurance of life after death. Through baptism we have received salvation and eternal life, and, in faith, we ask you to raise us on the Last Day to live forever with Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING

M: 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.

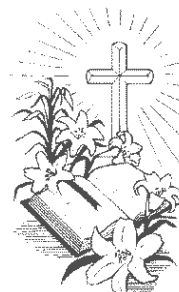
CLOSING HYMN: # 152:1,5,7,8 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

♪ **I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”**





ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of the risen Christ by Ilene Trevarrow in honor of her grand-daughters.

EASTER BRUNCH All are invited to remain with us for the Easter Brunch (and egg hunt) after our worship service.

EASTER FLOWERS Please take yours home with you today.

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Dennis Douglas, 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, Roberta Gowin, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, and Ryan Bevington.

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THIS WEEK

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

I know...



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