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*"My sheep listen to my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me."*

*John 10:27*



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, May 8, 2022 10:00 a.m.*

## The Fourth Sunday of EASTER

**Theme of the day:** On “Good Shepherd Sunday” our attention is fixed on Jesus the Good Shepherd of the sheep. His care and concern are recognized by those whom he has called as his sheep. Even in suffering, his sheep know his care for them and follow him.



## 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.

# The Service of the Word

**OPENING HYMN: # 748 “Lamb of God”**

♪ **Your only Son No sin to hide  
But You have sent Him From Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

**Your gift of Love They crucified  
They laughed and scorned him as he died  
The humble King They named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

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*)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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.**

### **OH, TASTE AND SEE**



**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 Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON: Acts 13:15,16,26-33

<sup>15</sup>After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it."

<sup>16</sup>Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, <sup>26</sup>"Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. <sup>27</sup>The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup>When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

<sup>32</sup>"We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. <sup>33</sup>God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.



<sup>10</sup>They called out with a loud voice and said:  
Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and  
from the Lamb.

<sup>11</sup>All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the  
four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and  
worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and might belong to our God forever and ever.  
Amen.

<sup>13</sup>One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed  
in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?”

And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

<sup>14</sup>And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the  
blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,  
and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup>They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shep-  
herd. He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.  
Alleluia! (John 10:14)

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the  
Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## HYMN: # 375 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

♪ The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
And he is mine forever.

**Where streams of living water flow,  
My Savior gently leads me;  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feeds me.**

**Confused and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With you, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still,  
Your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a table in my sight,  
A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight;  
My cup is overflowing!**

**And so through all the length of days  
Your goodness fails me never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
Within your house forever!**

#### **SERMON: John 10:11-18**

**<sup>11</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them.**

**<sup>13</sup>Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.**

**<sup>14</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me <sup>15</sup>(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.**

**<sup>17</sup>This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”**

*Please stand.*

## **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: # 432 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”**

**♪ I am Jesus’ little lamb;  
Ever glad at heart I am,  
For my shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my needs and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, he bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By his angel hosts attended,  
He shall fold me to his breast,  
There within his arms to rest.**

## 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.**

**HYMN # 436 “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”**

♪ **Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,  
Who your Father’s flock does keep,  
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,  
Guarded still by you.**

**In your promise firm we stand;  
None can take us from your hand.  
Speak—we hear—at your command,  
We will follow you.**

**By your blood our souls were bought;  
By your life salvation wrought;  
By your light our feet are taught,  
Lord, to follow you.**

**Father, draw us to your Son;  
We with joy will follow on  
Till the work of grace is done,  
There to live with you.**

**We, in robes of glory dressed,  
Join th’ assembly of the blest,  
Gathered to eternal rest  
In the fold with you.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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, Ryan Bevington, Carolyn Brunssen, and Don Pedersen.

**“Hi, We’re Your Neighbors at Star”** - Big, fun, promotional, fellowship, outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, August 20. Start thinking about it now.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Catechism Class, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Fellowship Lunch &amp; Voters’ Meeting after.</b>

