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**The glory of God gives [the city] light,  
and the Lamb is its lamp.**

REVELATION 21:23



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, May 22, 2022 10:00 a.m.*

### The Sixth Sunday of EASTER

**Theme of the day:** The infinite love of God is our motivation and power to love him and each other. Such love shows itself in listening to what God says in his Word, defending it from falsehood, and reaching out with it to others.

## 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: # 523 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

♪ **God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your pow’r;  
Crown your ancient Church’s story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways.  
From our fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.**

**Cure your children’s warring madness;  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.**

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 de-  
serve 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: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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: Acts 14:8-18**

**<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. <sup>9</sup>When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. <sup>10</sup>Paul said in a loud voice, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk.**

**<sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form.” <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices along with the crowds.**

**<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup>“Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. <sup>17</sup>Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness.” <sup>18</sup>Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them.**

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 65**

*Refrain*

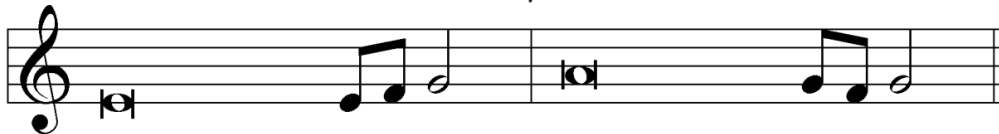


The earth is full of the good-ness of



God, the good-ness of our God.

*Psalm tone*



Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;\*  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*  
to provide the people with grain.

*Refrain*

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
they shout for joy and sing.

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. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.  
Alleluia! (*John 14:23*)

C:  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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


## SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

<sup>10</sup>He carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It has the glory of God. Its radiance is similar to a very precious stone, like crystal-clear jasper.

<sup>12</sup>It has a large, high wall. It has twelve gates. Twelve angels are at the gates, and twelve names are engraved on the gates, the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Three gates are on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. <sup>14</sup>The city's wall also has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the Lamb's twelve apostles.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

## HYMN: # 214 "Jerusalem the Golden"

 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—  
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them; The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.

**There is the throne of David, And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.**

**Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;  
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.**

### **SERMON: John 14:23-29**

**<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.**

**<sup>25</sup>"I have told you these things while staying with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.**

**<sup>27</sup>"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.**

**<sup>29</sup>"I have told you now before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe.**

*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: # 760 “When Peace Like a River” (page 13)**

**♪ When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll—  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

## 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: # 727 "There Is a Higher Throne" (page 14)**

**♪ There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from evr'y tongue  
will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace;  
salvation comes.  
Hear heaven's voices sing;  
their thund'rous anthem rings.  
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies;  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,  
strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King who reigns on high  
forevermore.**

**And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honor him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
as thirst and hunger die;  
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;  
we'll reign with him.**

**Hear heaven's voices sing;  
their thund'rous anthem rings.  
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies;  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,  
strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King who reigns on high  
forevermore.**

Peace I leave with you;



my peace I give you.

- John 14:27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of the risen Christ by Sandy Murphy.

**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.

### **Star of Bethlehem Officers (2022-23):**

President - Carl Evers Jr.

Secretary - Eric Oberg

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Trustees - Karl Koeller; Carl Evers III

Elders - Morris Taubman; Terry Oberg; Steve Daugherty

(Installation of officers at June 26 service.)

### THIS WEEK

**Thursday Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Worship, 10:00 a.m.**

# It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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In 14:27; 3 In 2; Ps 103:1-5; Col 2:13,14; 1 Th 4:16

# There Is a Higher Throne

1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,  
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;

where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.  
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.

Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;

be - liev - ing hearts find prom-ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
the Lamb be-comes our Shep-herd-King; we'll reign with him.

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REV 4:1-5:14; 7:9-17; 22:1-5

*Refrain*

Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings through

em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies; their prais-es rise.

All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are

to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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