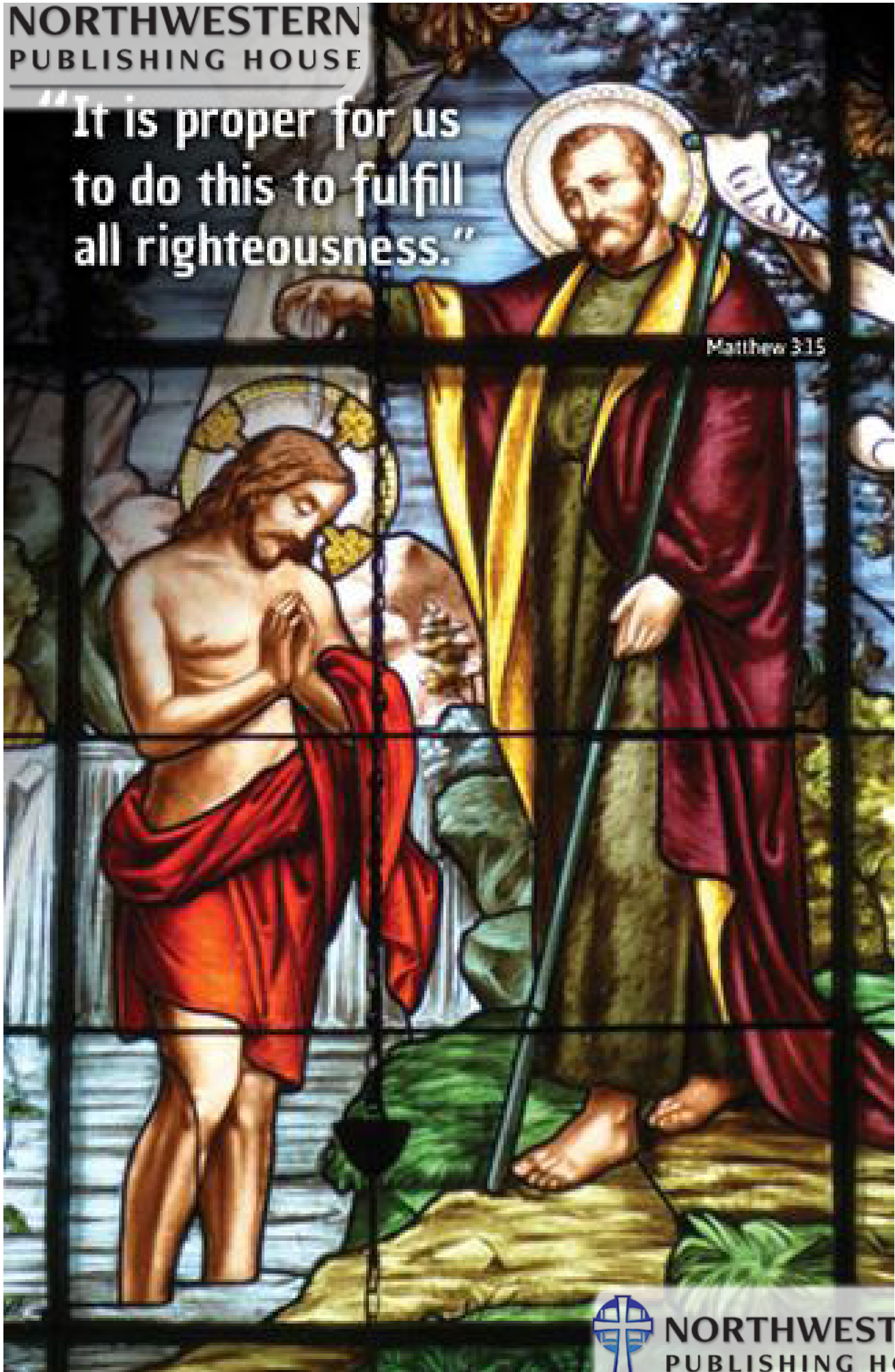




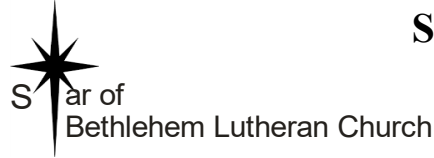
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**“It is proper for us
to do this to fulfill
all righteousness.”**

Matthew 3:15



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Worship Service

Sunday, January 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Theme of the day: The 12 days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the Epiphany. Before that day, Jesus had been worshiped by those of Jewish descent. But God's Word said the Savior would be His Gift to all nations. Epiphany proves God keeps his promises, as he miraculously leads foreigners to worship their Savior. So Epiphany is sometimes called "Christmas of the Gentiles."

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: # 376 “Rise Up and Shine”

♪ **Rise up and shine! Your light has come;
God’s glory breaks like dawn.
For though the earth be cloaked in night
and gloom shrouds ev’ryone,
yet over you the Lord will rise, with glory gleaming clear,
till nations turn to seek your light
and humbled kings draw near.**

**Fling wide your gates, both day and night;
no more keep watch or guard.
You will be called God’s holy hill, the city of the Lord.
No sound of strife will plague your land
no harm besiege your ways;
“Salvation” will you name your walls,
and all your portals “Praise.”**

Please stand for last verse:

**No more will you implore the sun to shed by day its light.
no will you need the changeful moon
to glisten through the night.
Your glory then will be your God, whose light will never cease.
Rise up and shine! Your light has come
to give you joy and peace.**

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 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.

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 eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; 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.

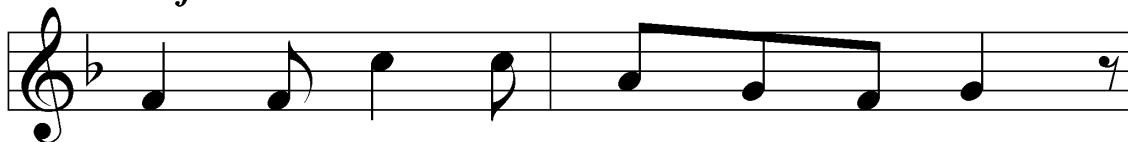
FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 3:2-12

²Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, ³namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

⁷I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 72

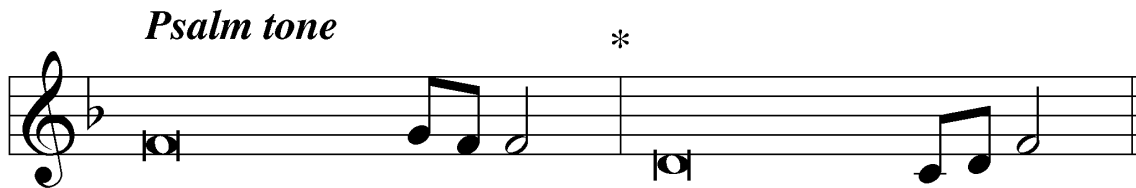
Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.



**Endow the King with your justice, O God,*
the royal Son with your righteousness.**

**He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.**

**He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.**

**He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.**

Refrain

**All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.**

**All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.**

**Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

**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! Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We
saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.
(Matthew 2:2)**

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: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

HYMN: # 381 “The People Who in Darkness Walked”

♪ The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
the heav’nly dawn broke forth on those
who dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.

**To us a child of hope is born,
to us a son is giv'n,
and on his shoulders ever rests
all pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the Everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counselor,
the God by all adored, the God by all adored.**

**His righteous government and pow'r
shall over all extend;
on judgment and on justice based,
his reign shall have no end, his reign shall have no end.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
and make us yours alone,
for you are with the Father and
the Spirit ever one, the Spirit ever one.**

SERMON: Isaiah 60:1-6

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you.**

**²Look, darkness covers the earth,
and deep darkness covers the peoples,
but the LORD will dawn upon you,
and his glory will be seen over you.**

**³Nations will walk to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

**⁴Look up. Look all around and see!
All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and people will carry your daughters on their side.**

**⁵Then you will look and be radiant.
Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy.
For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you.
The wealth of the nations will come to you.**

**⁶Caravans of camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.
All those from Sheba will come.**

**They will carry gold and incense,
and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.**

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: # 351 "He Whose Praise the Shepherds Sounded"

**♪ He whose praise the shepherds sounded —
told, by angel hosts surrounded
that their fears were all unfounded —
now is born our glorious King!**

**Wise men — precious gifts preparing,
myrrh and gold and incense bearing,
in true faith, their love declaring —
to the conqu'ring Lion cling.**

**Join in Mary's jubilation!
Angels, in their heav'nly station,
hail the birth that brings salvation.
Oh, how sweet their holy song!**

**Sing throughout the sanctuary:
Christ the King is born of Mary,
God and man, our sins to carry.
Thanks and praise to him belong!**

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: # 713 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**♪ I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by the Gowins in celebration of their 58th anniversary.

PRAYERS: Remember to pray for: Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, little Elias, Dennis Douglas, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and brother, Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Linda Hill & Christina, Roberta Gowin, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, Louise Perry, Rylan Downs, Sam Daugherty, and Jeff Brown.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2020 are in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU: Pastor and Theresa thank the members of Star for the extremely generous gift of money given to them on Christmas Day. Thank you also for the cards, greetings, goodies, and other gifts.

MISSION OFFERING: For the next sixth months our designated Mission Offering will be for *Conquerors through Christ*, a WELS organization which exists to "help people Resist - Reject - Recover" from pornography use or addiction. It provides resources for individuals, significant others, parents, families, and ministry leaders.

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Circuit Meeting (Tarzana) ESL, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Class, 10:00 a.m. ESL, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

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for your light has come!

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