



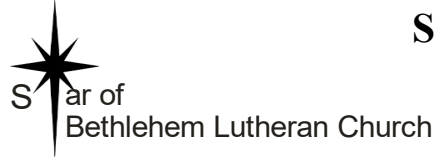
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Jesus went  
throughout Galilee,  
teaching ...  
proclaiming  
the good news ...  
healing ...

*Matthew 23:23*



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### Worship Service

*Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:00 a.m.*

### Third Sunday after the EPIPHANY

**Theme of the day:** Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. There are, however, bright places too, and there you can find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the coming kingdom, and he invites us to follow to a new life illumined by 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.

**OPENING HYMN: # 384 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**

♪ **Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He comes with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong,  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**

**Kings shall bow down before him and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**O’er ev’ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever— that name to us is Love.**

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: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪ Amen.** *Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 8:19-9:4

<sup>19</sup>When they tell you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. <sup>21</sup>They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, <sup>22</sup>and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness.

<sup>9</sup> Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,  
like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.

You have broken the bar on their shoulders and  
the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 27

### *Refrain*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I  
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
O God my Savior.

*Refrain*

Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;\*  
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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! The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.  
For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has  
dawned. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

**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 4:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup>He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup>Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles,

<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,  
and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a  
light has dawned.

<sup>17</sup>From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

<sup>20</sup>They immediately left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**HYMN: # 904 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”**

♪ O Christ, our true and only light,  
enlighten those who sit in night;  
let those afar now hear your voice  
and in your fold with us rejoice.

**Fill with the radiance of your grace  
the souls now lost in error's maze;  
enlighten those whose inmost minds  
some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray  
that they may find the saving way;  
let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
in you find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold,  
recall the wand'ers to your fold;  
unite all those who walk apart,  
confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**That they with us may evermore  
such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
and endless praise to you be giv'n  
by all your Church in earth and heav'n.**

### **SERMON: 1 John 2:3-11**

**<sup>3</sup>This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>The one who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>If anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.**

**<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. <sup>8</sup>At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup>The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. <sup>11</sup>The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**



## **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: # 704 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

**♪ Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
flee the world which would deceive us  
and to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, body here, yet soul above,  
full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; savior, lead; I follow thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, to his image e'er conform;  
heaven's glory soon will please us,  
sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,  
we shall reap in heav'nly joy,  
and the fears that now annoy  
shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with thee;  
there, oh, share thy joy with me.**

**Let us also die with Jesus; his death from the second death,  
from our soul's destruction, frees us,  
quicken us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, flesh and blood and die to sin,  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, there to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; since he's risen from the dead,  
death and grave must soon release us.  
Jesus, thou art now our head.  
We are truly thine own members,  
where thou livest, there live we;  
take and own us constantly,  
faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to thee, also there eternally.**

## **OFFERING**

### **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.**

**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: # 927 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

♪ Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
for the gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound!  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

So whene'er the signal's given  
us from earth to call away,  
borne on angels' wings to heaven,  
glad the summons to obey,  
may we ever, may we ever  
reign with Christ in endless day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday-Tuesday California Pastors' Conference**

**NO ESL Tuesday**

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

**ESL, 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

*“Come,*



*follow me.”*