



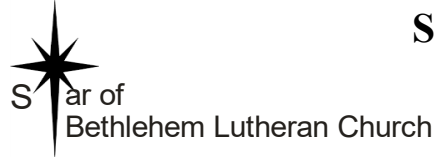
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“IT IS WRITTEN:
‘Man shall not live
on bread alone,
but on **EVERY WORD**
that comes **FROM**
THE MOUTH OF GOD.”

MATTHEW 4:4



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Worship Service

Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in LENT

Theme of the day: The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for Sunday: the ancient foe warred on mankind in the garden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. *But for us fights the valiant one ... he holds the field forever.*

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: # 394 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

♪ **Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;
here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all,
in a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within;
from infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin,
wash your robes and make them white;
you shall walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition,
wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
here the guilty, free remission,
here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
they that drink shall thirst no more**

Please stand for last verse:

**They that drink shall live forever; ’tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never break his covenant of blood,
signed when our Redeemer died,
sealed when he was glorified.**

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: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; 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: Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’ ”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

**Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.**

**You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.**

**¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.**

**He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

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

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, ¹⁴and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

¹⁷Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

¹⁸So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

HYMN: # 556 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

**♪ All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
one common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
and over all God's wrath impends.**

**Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
and us in dreadful bondage keeps;
in guilt we draw our infant breath
and reap its fruits of woe and death.**

**From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.**

**But Christ, the second Adam, came
to bear our sin and woe and shame,
to be our life, our light, our way,
our only hope, our only stay.**

**As by one man all mankind fell
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
so by one Man, who took our place,
we all were justified by grace.**

**We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
until we reach our journey's end.**

SERMON: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

**⁴But Jesus answered, "It is written:
Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."**

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

**He will command his angels concerning you.
And they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."**

**⁷Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written:
You shall not test the Lord your God."**

⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

**¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written:
Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."**

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

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: # 574 "The Tree of Life

**♪ The tree of life with ev'ry good
in Eden's holy orchard stood,
and of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
another tree, of which they knew;
its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
against whose eating God had warned.**

**The stillness of that sacred grove
was broken, as the serpent strove
with tempting voice Eve to beguile
and Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
its awful poison first displayed
within the world so newly made.**

**What mercy God showed to our race,
a plan of rescue by His grace,
in sending One from woman's seed,
the One to fill our greatest need —
for on a tree uplifted high
his only Son for sin would die,
would drink the cup of scorn and dread
to crush the ancient serpent's head!**

**Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
flows life eternal in His name;
for all who trust and will believe,
salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
the Lord invites the world to eat,
to find within this cross of wood
the tree of life with ev'ry good.**

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.

CLOSING HYMN: # 842 “Jesus, Still Lead On”

♪ **Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won;
and although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
let not faith and hope forsake us,
for through many a woe to our home we go.**

**When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won.
Heav’nly Leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us
till we safely stand in our fatherland.**

WELS CONNECTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today’s service were given to the glory of God on the occasion of Terry Oberg’s birthday.

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

Tuesday **ESL (English as a Second Language), 6:00 p.m.**
Wednesday **Lenten Worship Service, 7:00 p.m.**
Thursday **Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.**
 Elders
 ESL, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sunday **Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.**
 Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.

COMING UP

Clean-up/Work Day: Saturday, April 1, 9:00-12:00

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - April 2, 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 9, 10:00 a.m.

Midweek Lenten Services
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

**HIS
FINAL
STEPS**

led to...

Ash Wednesday, February 22a tomb.

Midweek 2, March 1 a dinner celebration.

Midweek 3, March 8 His Father's house.

Midweek 4, March 15 a fig tree.

Midweek 5, March 22 some Greeks.

Midweek 6, March 29 His enemies.