



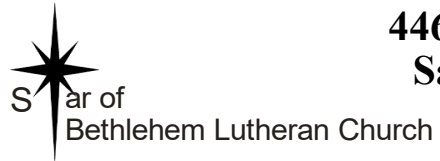
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“ASK the Lord of the harvest,  
therefore, to send out workers  
into his harvest field.”

MATTHEW 9:38



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, June 18, 2023 10:00 a.m.*

### Third Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** In revealing his saving work for us in Christ, God moves us to obey him and declare his praises before the world. Him making you his people makes you want to and able to act like it.

## 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: # 743 “I Hear the Savior Calling”**

♪ **I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me;  
my eyes once closed in blindness, are opened now to see  
that I myself was helpless to live eternally,  
but, dying, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,  
a soul in bitter anguish, one needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer is Christ, my Lord’s decree  
that all have been forgiven; my Savior calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:  
to serve the best I’m able, whate’er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others who share the gospel key  
we spread the gospel tidings; my Savior calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me;  
from door to door I witness to share my Savior’s plea.  
Yet nothing can be added, no word on bended knee,  
beyond the simple gospel; my Savior calls for me!**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency;  
each moment souls are dying, soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, this is my humble plea:  
prepare me for my mission, for you are calling me!**

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**: God invites us to come into his presence to worship him with  
humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our  
sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C**: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful,  
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and  
actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.  
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.  
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior  
Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: ♪ Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: ♪ Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**♪ O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

**O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

M: Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; 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: 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

**This is the way a person should think of us: as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. <sup>2</sup>In this connection, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But it is a trivial matter to me if I am evaluated by you or by a day in a human court. Why, I do not even evaluate myself. <sup>4</sup>I do not in fact know of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this; rather, the one who evaluates me is the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing ahead of time, until the Lord comes. He will bring to light whatever is hidden in darkness and also reveal the intentions of hearts. Then there will be praise for each person from God.**

**<sup>6</sup>Brothers, I turned these things into a lesson using myself and Apollos as examples. I did this for your benefit, so that you may learn from us not to go beyond what is written. Then you will not be arrogant, favoring one person over the other. <sup>7</sup>For who makes you so special? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?**

### PSALM of the Day: Psalm 100

*Refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

*Psalm tone*



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.\*  
Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.\*  
Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;\*  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

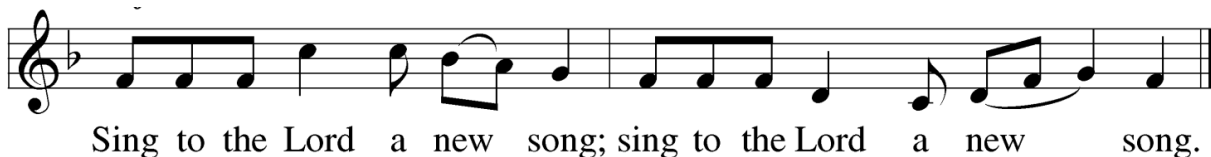
*Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;\*  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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*



M: Alleluia. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Alleluia. (*Matthew 9:38*)

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 9:35-10:8**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

**10** Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

## **HYMN: # 745 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”**

♪ Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;  
who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward he offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
“Here am I, send me, send me”?

If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, you can say he died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
with the judgment’s dread alarms,  
you can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.

**If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,  
pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all,  
with your prayers and with your off'rings  
you can do what God demands;  
you can be like faithful Aaron,  
holding up the prophet's hands.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
while the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly,  
let his work your pleasure be;  
answer quickly when he calleth,  
"Here am I, send me, send me!"**

#### **SERMON: Isaiah 6:1-10**

**In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.  
<sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. <sup>3</sup>One called to another and said,**

**Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!**

**The whole earth is full of his glory!**

**<sup>4</sup>The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.**

**<sup>5</sup>Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"**

**<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup>He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."**

**<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"**

**Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"**

**<sup>9</sup>He said:**

**Go! You are to tell this people,**

**"Keep listening, but you will never understand.**

**Keep looking, but you will never get it."**



**<sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people calloused.  
Make their ears deaf and blind their eyes,  
so that they do not see with their eyes,  
or hear with their ears,  
or understand with their hearts,  
and turn again and be healed.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **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.**

Holy Communion, will be celebrated in today's service. The Bible teaches us that Jesus offers us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. The Bible also instructs us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public expression of our complete "oneness," or unity of faith.

Because the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in faith, we invite to the Lord's Supper only those who have expressed that unity with us through membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), or our sister church body, the ELS.

If you are a guest from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you simply refrain from participation in our celebration of the Lord's Supper today. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of declaring your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more.

## THE HOLY SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪ We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.


Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

**♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.**


## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.

 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN: # 953 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

 Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heav’n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial song  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav’ns with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow,  
and from morn to set of sun  
through the Church the song goes on.

You are King of glory, Christ, Son of God, yet born of Mary,  
for us sinners sacrificed, on the cross our sins did carry;  
first to break the bars of death,  
you have opened heav’n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one, undivided God we claim you,  
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

## THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

♪ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads  
his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF THANKS

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

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: # 932 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

♪ **Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended; O be now extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us  
to work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving, to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
One bread that has fed us,  
one light that has led us  
unite us as one in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANKS to Pastor Phillip Sievert from Grace Lutheran, Yorba Linda, for serving as our pastor this morning.**

(Pastor and Shannon just had a son and a daughter graduate from our worker training school, Martin Luther College. Congratulations, and God's continued best to their family.)

**FLOWERS** for today's service were given to the glory of God by John and Noreen Withers in gratitude for God's many blessings (especially all the new babies he has sent their family).

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

**“Hi, We're Your Neighbors at Star”**- Big, promotional, fun fellowship, outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, August 19th. Start thinking about it now.

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** ESL (English as a Second Language), **6:00 p.m.**

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

ESL, **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

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

Worship, **10:00 a.m.** (Installation of Officers)

**Good Shepherd Bible Camp:** July 9-15, grades 4-10. See Pastor Foley for more information and registration forms. Or check out: [goodshepherdbiblecamp.com](http://goodshepherdbiblecamp.com)

# PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(cf. page 156 in the front of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal)

**Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?**

*A: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

**Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?**

*A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

**Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?**

*A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

**Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?**

*A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

**Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?**

*A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

**Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?**

*A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

**Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?**

*A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

*Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.*

