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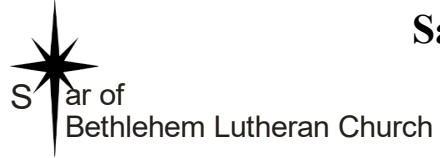
“You are
witnesses
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Luke 24:48

**HOLY
BIBLE**



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Worship Service

Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of EASTER

Theme of the day: With his perfect life, innocent death and glorious resurrection, Christ paid for all our sins and won for us eternal life. Therefore, it is our privilege to share this good news with the rest of the world.



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: # 445 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

♪ **He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
he opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
and earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

Please stand for last verse:

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.**

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 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.

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 30

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.

**For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;**

**weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

Refrain

**To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.**

**Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.**

**You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

**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!
Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us
along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?
Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)**

**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: 1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

2 My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

HYMN: # 459 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

**♪ Christ the Lord is ris’n again;
Christ has broken death’s strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high: Hallelujah!**

**He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say: Hallelujah!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hallelujah!**

**He whose path no records tell
has descended into hell;
he the strong man armed has bound
and in highest heav’n is crowned. Hallelujah!**

**He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. Hallelujah!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we, too, may enter heav'n. Hallelujah!**

SERMON: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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: # 746:1,6,7 “I Love to Tell the Story”

**♪ I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**O wonderful redemption! The price for sin is paid,
salvation is accomplished, my heart is unafraid,
for God has raised Christ Jesus to show the work was done;
his glorious resurrection declared the vict'ry won!**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**The Savior of all people has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.**

**To ev'ry land and nation ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

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: # 924 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

♪ **Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace
that Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your Word
and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;
your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your Word.**

**Abide with your protection among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by Ilene Trevarrow in honor of her granddaughters.

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, Melinda Brown, Alice Taubman, Monica, Louise Perry, Rylan Downs, Jeff Brown, Aaron Taubman, Judy Washburn, Marlene Washburn, Terry's siblings Linda & Carp, and Kathryn Pereira.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have something for which you would like us to be praying or you would like to be included in this chain, please let Ryan (thecamoores@gmail.com) or Pastor Foley (revmikefoley@gmail.com) know. Requests from prayer chain will also be included in the bulletin.

“Hi, We’re Your Neighbors at Star”- Big, fun, promotional, fellowship, outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, August 24th. 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 and Sunday School, **9:00 a.m.**
Worship with Holy Communion, **10:00 a.m.**

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