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“Flesh  
gives birth  
to *flesh*, but  
the Spirit gives  
birth to *spirit*.”

John 3:6



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, May 26, 2024 10:00 a.m.*

### The First Sunday after PENTECOST — HOLY TRINITY



**Theme of the day:** The Bible clearly teaches us that we have one undivided God. Yet there are three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are all fully God. In this God alone we find our beginning, our redemption, and our restoration to everlasting holiness.

## 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: # 483 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

♪ **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,**  
**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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 and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

**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!"

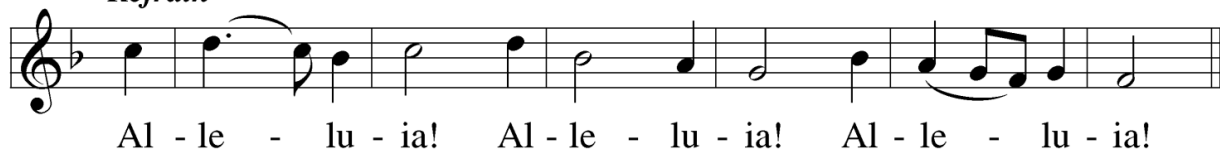
<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup>He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

<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!"

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 150

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Praise God in his sanctuary;\*  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;\*  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

### *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,\*  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,\*  
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,\*  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

*Refrain*

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.\*  
Praise 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*

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia. (*Isaiah 6:3*)

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: John 3:1-17**

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! <sup>6</sup>Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

<sup>10</sup>“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

<sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

#### **HYMN: # 588 “Come, O Come Life-Giving Spirit”**

♪ **Come, O, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!  
May your power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.  
Then shall truth and life and light  
banish all the gloom of night.**

**Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;  
when we trespass on our way,  
cast, O Lord, our sins behind you and be with us day by day.  
Should we stray, O Lord, recall;  
work repentance when we fall.**

**Spirit, guard our faith forever; let not Satan, death, or shame  
ever part us from our Savior.  
Lord, our refuge is your name!  
When our hearts oppose your will,  
let your Word prove stronger still.**

**And when life's frail thread is breaking,  
then assure us more and more, as the heirs of life unending,  
of the glory there in store, glory never yet expressed,  
glory of the saints at rest.**

**SERMON: Romans 8:12-17**

**<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.**

**<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.**

**<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.**

## **THE ATHANASIAN CREED**

*(This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.)*

**Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

**Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father**



**is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal; yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite. In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord. For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords. The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons. Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

**This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

**HYMN: # 502 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

♪ **Children of the heav’nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish;  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.**

**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: # 519 “There Is a Redeemer”**

♪ **There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you oh my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain  
Thank you oh my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face,  
there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.  
Thank you oh my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**The WELS Connection**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today’s service were given to the glory of God by the Evers in observance of Jared’s birthday.

**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, Kathryn Pereira, and Merlyn and Helen Cummings .

**“Hi, We’re Your Neighbors at Star”**- Big, fun, promotional fellowship / outreach day at Waller Park, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Start planning for 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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