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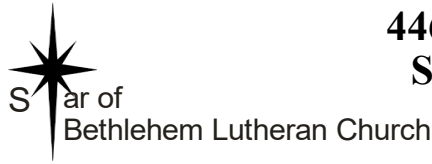
was made for  
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Sabbath.”

Mark 2:27



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, June 2, 2024 10:00 a.m.*

## Second Sunday after PENTECOST

**Theme of the day:** In God's kingdom we are to live according to his will as expressed in his holy law. But even in the directions given for our lives in the law, we see *Christ for us*. For the law does not benefit God; it benefits us. The Third Commandment is a preeminent example of the point.



## 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: # 919 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”**

♪ **Blessed Jesus, at your Word**  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you,  
by your teachings, sweet and holy,  
drawn from earth to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
you must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
open now our heart and mind;  
help us by your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry your Church now raises;  
hear and bless our prayers and praises.

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
confident of our salvation,  
while we here below must wander,  
till we sing your praises yonder.

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: Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen. *Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 62

*Refrain*



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

*Psalm tone* \*



**My soul finds rest in God alone;\***  
**my salvation comes from him.**

**He alone is my rock and my salvation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

**Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;\*  
my hope comes from him.**

*Refrain*

**Though your riches increase,\*  
do not set your heart on them.**

**My salvation and my honor depend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

**Trust in him at all times, O people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

**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 commandment of the Lord is bright. It gives light  
to the eyes. Alleluia. (*Psalm 19:8*)**

**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: Mark 2:23-3:6**

**<sup>23</sup>Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain  
fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked  
along. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what  
is not lawful on the Sabbath day?”**

<sup>25</sup>He replied to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions.”

<sup>27</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.”

**3** Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there with a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day, so that they could accuse him. <sup>3</sup>He said to the man with the withered hand, “Step forward!” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>Then he looked around at them with anger, deeply grieved at the hardness of their hearts. He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees left and immediately began to conspire against Jesus with the Herodians, plotting how they might kill him.

#### **HYMN: # 703 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

♪ I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise  
and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till trav’ling days are done.

## **SERMON: Galatians 1:11-24**

**<sup>11</sup>But I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup>For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation from Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>13</sup>Certainly you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God to an extraordinary degree and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my own people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>However, God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son in me, so that I would preach him among the Gentiles. At that time, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, <sup>17</sup>and I did not go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me. Instead I went away into Arabia, and then I returned again to Damascus.**

**<sup>18</sup>Next, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to meet Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup>(Now about the things I am writing to you—look, I assure you in the presence of God that I am not lying.) <sup>21</sup>Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>I was still personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup>They heard only: "The one who was once persecuting us is now preaching the faith that he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup>And they were praising God for what happened to me.**

## **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.**

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION:**

**Paula Ehinger**

## **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.**

## **THE HOLY SACRAMENT**

**M: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you. (*spoken*)**

**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! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth.**

**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.**

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.

### **COMMUNION HYMN: # 855 "The Church's One Foundation"**

♪ **The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.  
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.**

**Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

## **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!**

**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.**

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: # 929 “May the Peace of God”**

♪ **May the peace of God our heav’nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within his love.**  
**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain —  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and this fellowship of his communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart.**  
**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain —  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** for today’s service were given to the glory of God  
by the Daughertys.

**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 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.

**STAR CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please update your personal information as it changes (either online or blue sheets in narthex).

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\*\*\* You will need to use your e-mail address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

**Good Shepherd Bible Camp:** July 7-13, grades 4-10. See Pastor Foley for more information and registration forms.  
Or check out: [goodshepherdbiblecamp.com](http://goodshepherdbiblecamp.com)

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>ESL (English as a Second Language), 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>ESL, 6:00-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Worship, 10:00 a.m.</b>

## **Christian Questions**

prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament

- 1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?** Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
- 2. How do you know this?**  
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
- 3. Are you sorry for your sins?**  
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
- 4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?**  
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.  
See Romans 6:21, 23.
- 5. Do you hope to be saved?** Yes, that is my hope.
- 6. In whom then do you trust?** In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7. Who is Christ?** The Son of God, true God and man.
- 8. How many Gods are there?**  
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?**  
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
- 10. Did the Father also die for you?**  
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
- 11. How do you know this?**  
From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
- 12. What are the words of institution?**  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- 13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?** Yes, I believe it.
- 14. What convinces you to believe this?**  
The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

**15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?**

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?**

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious.

Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

**17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?**

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

**18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?**

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

**19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?**

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

**20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?**

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.

Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

