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They went out  
and preached that  
people should  
***REPENT.***

*Mark 6:12*



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.*

### **Eighth Sunday after PENTECOST**

**Theme of the day:** During the past eight weeks the emphasis has been on the creation of faith and its preservation in spite of the suffering and persecution that seem to contradict the promise. Now the second cycle of the Pentecost season begins with an emphasis on the response of those who hear the Word. Those who have the Savior in his Word share him by sharing his Word.

## 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: # 897 “Lord Jesus, You Have Come”**

♪ **Lord Jesus, you have come a teacher sent from heaven  
and by both word and deed God’s truth to us have given.  
You wisely have ordained the holy ministry  
that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.**

**O blessed ministry of reconciliation,  
that shows the way to God and brings to us salvation!  
Lord, by your gospel pure you bless and keep your fold,  
you call, enlighten, keep, you comfort and uphold.**

**Preserve this ministry while harvest days are keeping;  
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reaping,  
send workers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gather in  
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.**

**The servants you have called and to your Church are giving  
preserve in doctrine pure and holiness of living.  
Your Spirit fill their hearts  
and charge their words with pow’r;  
what they should boldly speak, O give them in that hour!**

*Please stand for last verse:*

**Bring those into your fold who still to you are strangers;  
guard those who are within against offense and dangers.  
Press onward with your Word till pastor and his fold  
through faith in you, O Christ, your glory shall behold.**

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, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; 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: Amos 7:10-15

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:

Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. <sup>11</sup>This is what Amos says: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Amaziah said to Amos, “You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. <sup>13</sup>But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos responded to Amaziah:

I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78



O my people, hear my teaching;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,\*  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

### *Refrain*

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob\*  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,\*  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God\*  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

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. For God did not give us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. Alleluia. (*2 Timothy 1:7*)

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 6:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. <sup>9</sup>They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. <sup>11</sup>Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

**HYMN: # 716 “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”**

♪ **O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow you,  
forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new;  
grant us to hear your call to risk security  
and bound in heart and will to you, find perfect liberty.**

**O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for ages sealed,  
whose words and works awakened faith,  
the ways of God revealed;  
instruct us now, we pray, by your empow’ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek  
their light, their life, their Lord.**

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they’d never trod  
to serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God:  
send us on ways where faith transcends timidity,  
where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.**

**O Christ, th’apostles’ Lord, the martyrs’ strength and song,  
the crucified and risen King to whom the saints belong:  
though generations pass, our tribute still we bring,  
our hymns a sacrifice of praise, our lives an offering.**

**SERMON: Titus 1:1-9**

**Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God’s elect people and the knowledge of the truth that conforms to godliness, <sup>2</sup>based on the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began. <sup>3</sup>At the proper time he revealed this in his word, in the preaching that was entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,**

**<sup>4</sup>To Titus, my true child in our common faith:**

**Grace and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.**

**<sup>5</sup>The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that were left unfinished and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you. <sup>6</sup>Such a man is to be blameless, the husband of only one wife, and to have believing children who are not open to a charge of wild living or disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Indeed an overseer, since he is God’s steward, must be blameless, not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not a drunkard, not violent, not eager for dishonest gain.**

<sup>8</sup>Instead, he must be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, devout, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must cling to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he will be able both to encourage people by the sound teaching and also to correct those who oppose 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: # 870 "O Church, Arise"**

**♪ O Church Arise and put your armor on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold whose battle cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.**



**Our call to war — to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which he died —  
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day  
ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.**

**So Spirit come, put strength in every stride,  
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**C:** **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

**M:** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**C:** **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect. Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## **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: # 640 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”**

♪ **God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
throughout all generations.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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. Time to start getting at it.

## **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 with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>(Installation of Officers)</b>
	<b>Fellowship Meal &amp; Voters’ Meeting</b>



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*GENERATION*  
the praiseworthy  
deeds of  
*the LORD...*

*Psalm 78:4*

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