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 Calvary Lutheran Church, Morro Bay
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
 whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
 but have chosen our own way.
 Instead of putting others before ourselves,**

we long to take the best seats at the table.
 When met by those in need,
 we have too often passed by on the other side.
 Set us again on the path of life.
 Save us from ourselves
 and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.

Hear the good news!
 God does not deal with us according to our sins
 but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
 In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
 We are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

GATHERING The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing #531 (red book, rear section)

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
 The gates of heav'n are opened wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

REFRAIN

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
 Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
 Take your place at the table of the King.
 The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.**

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
 He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.**

REFRAIN

**The hungry heart he satisfied, offers the poor his paradise.
 Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.**

REFRAIN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (Spanish setting)

page 175 (red hymnal, front part)

**Lord have mercy on us;
 O Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy on us;
 O Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us;
O Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray together... **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:6-7

The first lesson for Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Proverbs, the 25th chapter, beginning with the 6th verse.

Do not put yourself forward in the ruler's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Praise God!

Happy are those who fear God, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in God.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

**The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

[New Revised Standard Version]

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Second Reading for this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 13th chapter of Hebrews, beginning with the 1st verse.

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,

for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them;

those who are being tortured as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled;

for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;
for God has said,

“I will never leave you or forsake you.”

So we can say with confidence,

“God is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you;

consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God,

that is, the fruit of lips that confess God’s name.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,

for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[*The Message*]

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **page 179 (red hymnal, front section)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The gospel lesson for this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 14th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

On one occasion

when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees
to eat a meal on the sabbath,
they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,
do not sit down at the place of honor,
in case someone more distinguished than you
has been invited by your host;
and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you,
‘Give this person your place,’
and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place,
so that when your host comes, they may say to you,
‘Friend, move up higher’;
then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him,

“When you give a luncheon or a dinner,
do not invite your friends or your siblings
or your relatives or rich neighbors,
in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
But when you give a banquet, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,
for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Humility

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing, Holy, holy, holy.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

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**Holy, holy, holy.
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Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.**

**Holy, holy, holy.
 Holy, holy, holy.
 Holy, holy, holy.
 I want to see you.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 And he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people, particularly Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Brenda Bos, and Dean Amy Beveridge. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts including Morro Bay and Creek, Little Morro Creek, Alva Paul Creek and Los Osos Creek. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs, especially Coptic Christians in Egypt, Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, Bahai's, Christians, Sunni and Sufi Muslims in Iran, and Yazidis in Iraq and Syria. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving and others in need of our prayers, especially,

- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in on-going rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- completed final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Aparicio family dealing with an unexpected loss of a loved one, Jacob Tovar
- Edith Tway- multiple health problems
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- has responded well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from bladder replacement surgery
- The family of Tim Stein, whose memorial will be on September 24th
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to her baclofen pump
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain cancer surgery
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- Happy Birthday to Jeff McKee and David Cooper; Happy anniversary to Jack and Jean Senter

Merciful God
receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all the saints who confessed God's name, especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers. We also offer these prayers, spoken and unspoken, from those assembled here [*offer your prayers, either aloud or silently*]...

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Holy, Holy

p. 181 (red hymnal, front section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power, holy is the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, which 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.**

LAMB OF GOD

p.174 (red hymnal, front section)

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us, comfort us,
and show us the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #836 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Ina Davenport**

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer**, for assisting in worship.
- **Nancy Koppl**, for teaching Sunday School.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Gary Brochtrup** for streaming worship.
- **Sandy McMillan** for assembling worship bulletins.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks** for his handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship for conversation and fellowship in the outside patio.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, August 31st 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- You are encouraged to bring in your donations to the church for the **October 1st Parking Lot Sale**. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee counter in the Fellowship Hall. Please help with this very important fund raiser!
- **Sundy Undy!** This coming Sunday and every Sunday in September will be a "Sundy Undy" Sunday! We're collecting underwear and socks in all sizes for Iglesia and the Prado center. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation instead of shopping for undies. Just place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it "undies".
- The **Morro Bay Historical Society** will be meeting in our Fellowship Hall this afternoon, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The topic is the preservation of historical buildings in Morro Bay. All are welcome to attend.
- **Sunday, September 4th, 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- **Note that we are still asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak. We are grateful that COVID cases are going down in our area, and that we may lift this requirement soon.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.