



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
 we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
 love kindness,
 and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING Morning Has Broken #556 (red book, rear section)

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

[Morning Has Broken has words by English author Eleanor Farjeon and was inspired by the village of Alfriston in East Sussex, then set to a traditional Scottish Gaelic tune. She was encouraged by her editor to write a song of thanksgiving for everyday use. The hymn is often sung in children's services and in funeral services. Cat Stevens made it popular in 1971 in his album Teaser and the Firecat.]

GREETING

In the name of God the Creator,
in the name of Christ the Redeemer,
in the name of the Guiding Spirit,
Alleluia, Amen.

GATHERING SONG (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Come, let us worship God....**Come let us worship God.**
Come, let us worship God....**Come let us worship God.**
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Rest for the weary....**Rest for the weary.**
Rest for the weary....**Rest for the weary.**
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Food for the hungry....**Food for the hungry.**
Food for the hungry....**Food for the hungry.**
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.**
Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.**
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

KYRIE (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Kyrie eleison.....**Kyrie eleison**
Kyrie eleison.....**Kyrie eleison**
Kyrie....**Kyrie**
Christe....**Christe**
Kyrie....**Kyrie**
Christe....**Christe**
Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison
Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison
Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Let us pray together... **Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation.**
Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-19

[The first lesson for today is the subject of today's sermon, so will be read by Pastor Brian as a part of the sermon.]

PSALM 111 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Praise God!

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of God,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is God's work,
and God's righteousness endures forever.

**God has gained renown through wonderful deeds;
God is gracious and merciful.**

God provides food for those who fear God,
who is ever mindful of the covenant.

**God has shown the people the power of God's works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all God's precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

God sent redemption to the people;
God has commanded the covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

[New Revised Standard Version]

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

The Second Reading for today is from the letter of Second Timothy, the 2nd chapter, beginning with the 8th verse.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David –
that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship,
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this,
and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words,
which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

[*The New Revised Standard Version*]

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

The gospel lesson for today is from the 17th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 11th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem
Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him.
Keeping their distance, they called out, saying,
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
When he saw them, he said to them,
"Go and show yourselves to the priests."
And as they went, they were made clean.
Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed,
turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.
And he was a Samaritan.
Then Jesus asked,
"Were not ten made clean?
But the other nine, where are they?
Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
Then he said to him,
"Get up and go on your way;
your faith has made you well."

[*The New Revised Standard Version*]

This is the gospel indeed.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Strange Story of Naaman the Warrior Pastor Stein-Webber

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram,
was a great man and in high favor with his master,
because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram.
The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.
Now the Arameans on one of their raids
had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel,
and she served Naaman's wife.
She said to her mistress,
"If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria.
He would cure him of his leprosy."
So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel said.
And the king of Aram said,
"Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold,
and ten sets of garments.
He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read,
"When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman,
that you may cure him of his leprosy."
When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said,
"Am I God, to give death or life,
that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?
Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes,
he sent a message to the king,
"Why have you torn your clothes?
Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."
So Naaman came with his horses and chariots,
and halted at the entrance to Elisha's house.
Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying,
"Go, wash in the Jordan seven times,
and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."
But Naaman became angry and went away, saying,
"I thought that for me he would surely come out,
stand and call on the name of the Lord his God,
and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!
Are not Aban and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus,
better than all the waters of Israel?
Could I not wash in them, and be clean?"

He turned and went away in a rage.
But his servants approached and said to him,
"Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult,
would you not have done it?
How much more, when all he said to you was,
'Wash, and be clean'?"

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,
according to the word of the man of God;

his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company;
he came and stood before Elisha and said,

“Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel;
please accept a present from your servant.”

But Elisha said,

“As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!”

Naaman urged Elisha to accept, but Elisha refused.

Then Naaman said,

“If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant;
for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice
to any god except the Lord.

But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count:

when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there,
leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon,
when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon,
may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count.”

He said to him, “Go in peace.”

[The New Revised Standard Version]

SERMON HYMN My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759 (red hymnal, rear section)

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

[Hymn writer Ray Palmer is often considered to be one of America's best nineteenth-century hymn writers. After completing grammar school he worked in a Boston dry goods store, but a religious awakening prodded him to study for the ministry. He attended Yale College (supporting himself by teaching) and was ordained in 1835. Palmer was a popular preacher and author, writing original poetry as well as translating hymns.]

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons, especially ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Southwest California Synod Bishop Brenda Bos. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Bring widespread action to bring relief to those who suffer in Florida as a result of Hurricane Ian. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace, especially Los Osos Cares, the Prado Center, and the San Luis Obispo Food Bank. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer, especially,

- Ina Davenport - Glaucoma has returned
- The Brochtrup family - thanks that they have recovered from Covid
- Sally Mingo - Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hende, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Paul Weggenmann - Jean Senter's cousin - pain with arthritis and dying of a disease that weakens muscles
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in on-going rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- Undergoing new treatment

- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Edith Tway- multiple health problems, back at home
- 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- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Mary Stein-Webber - returning from her brother's memorial service
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain surgery
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- 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
- For Mark Orback who celebrates his birthdays this week

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick, especially Kathie Sperow. Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We also lift others who are in need of prayer at this time, especially,
[you may pray special prayers out loud or in your hearts]

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
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

SANCTUS p. 173 (red hymnal, front section)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord.
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

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.**

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Ray Makeever

**Christ, have mercy on us all,
keep us steadfast e'er we fall.
Break the bread, pour the wine.
Come and dine.**

**God, be with us at the feast.
Grant us wisdom, give us peace.
Break the bread, pour the wine.
Come and dine.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe again.
Light the darkness, be our friend.
Break the bread, pour the wine.
Come and dine.**

**Bake a great loaf, give it time;
choose the best grapes from the vine.
Break the bread, pour the wine
Come and dine.**

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:
**God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **Beautiful Savior #838 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

[This hymn was originally published in the Munster Gesangbuch, or "Munster Hymnal" in 1677. It became popular when it was translated into English around 1873 by Joseph A. Seiss, who eventually attended Gettysburg Seminary in Pennsylvania and served as a pastor in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
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.

- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** 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, with real coffee and goodies.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing an interview with Joey Vahedi, the actor who plays Thomas from *The Chosen*.
- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, October 12th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- The **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, October 13th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Sunday, October 16th 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall, fellowship after worship.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**