



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 Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.**

Amen.

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

We have put on ✝ Christ,

and our sins have been washed away.

Let us rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING

Let Our Voices Rise Like Incense

Whitmer-Bell

Let our voices rise like incense,

let them be as sweet perfume.

Let our praises fill the temple,

Hallelujahs singing ever new.

Holy, holy is the lord Almighty.

Holy, holy is the Lord our God.

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

Holy, holy, is the Lord our God.

Holy, holy, is the Lord our God.

[Repeat]

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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Song **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah #240** (red hymnal, rear section)

Light two candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray together... **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of God shall rest on them,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Their delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

They shall not judge by what their eyes see,
or decide by what their ears hear;
but with righteousness shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
they shall strike the earth with the rod of their mouth,
and with the breath of their lips they shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around their waist,
and faithfulness the belt around their loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hold of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of them, and their dwelling shall be glorious.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Give the ruler your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a ruler's child.
May they judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
May they defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

May they live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May they be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

In their days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever; may God's glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

[Paul wrote:]

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures
we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised
on behalf of the truth of God
in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs and matriarchs,
and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for God's mercy.

As it is written,

“Therefore I confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;

and again God says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God's people”;

and again,

“Praise God, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise God”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in that one the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

[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: Matthew 3:1-12

The gospel lesson for today is from the book of Matthew, the 3rd chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

“Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near.”

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,

and all the region along the Jordan,

and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw the many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them,

“You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves,

‘We have Abraham and Sarah as our ancestors’;

for I tell you,

God is able from these stones to raise up children of Abraham and Sarah.

Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees;

every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit

is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance,

but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor

and will gather his wheat into the granary;

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Cousins Changing the World

Pastor Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry #249 (red hymnal, rear section)

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

[The author of this hymn, Charles Coffin, served first as principal of the college at Beauvais, France starting in 1712, and then rector at the University of Paris in 1718. He was instrumental in the construction of the Paris Breviary. In the preface to a collection of his hymns, he wrote: "In the further writing of these Hymns, I thought it advisable not so much to indulge a poetical spirit, as to be consulted with reverence and piety. Most of the arguments, therefore, I drew from the pure sources of the Holy Scriptures, in order to tie them to the suitable numbers of the Church's song."]

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

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation. We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones, or otherwise in need of our prayers.

- Dan & Kathie Sperow - Recovering from Covid
- Ina Davenport - Health issues
- Sean Osterthaler - Recovering from surgery for broken ankle
- Aaron Brochtrup - Concussion from vehicle rollover after job related vehicle pursuit
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Pastor Brian - recovery from Bell's Palsy
- Family of Edith Tway who passed on October 12
- Pastor Jim Berg – dealing with health issues
- L.C - Improved mental health
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Paul Weggenmann - Jean Senter's cousin - Health issues
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - in on-going home rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- recovering from recent procedure and to gain weight and strength
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law - living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- responding 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
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- facing oral surgery
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Elaine Grawe- Recovering from recent fall
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - 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- 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 and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them.
- For Carrie Forster-Osterthaler, Cindy Haener, Isabella Jacoby and George Tway who celebrate their birthdays this week

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are mindful of all our needs, nevertheless, for our own sake, we offer before you intercession for others in need of prayer, especially...

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Eternal God,**
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
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 us 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:
Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
AMEN.

BLESSING

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Blessed Be the God of Israel #250 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

**With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

**My child as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

[Carl Daw, the author/adaptor of this hymn, was a son of a Baptist minister. He taught English at the College of William and Mary for nine years, and then became an Episcopal priest, with parishes in Virginia, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. He was for a time the Executive Director of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada. Other hymns he wrote that are in our hymnal are Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song and As We Gather At Your Table.]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
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 editing and 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 and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm on Zoom. We will be discussing the Christmas video from last year's The Chosen.
- **Coffee Group** will meet at 9:00 at La Parisienne in Morro Bay
- **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, December 5th at 1:00 at the Stein-Webber house, 1302 17th St. in Los Osos.
- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, December 7th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- There will be a **rehearsal** for the 12/11 children's program on Saturday, December 10th at a time to be announced.
- 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**