



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,
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, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING I Know That My Redeemer Lives #619 (red book, rear section)

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting head!**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;**

**he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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, mercy on us;
O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, 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... Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10a

The first lesson for Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Genesis, the 18th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre
while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent.
It was the hottest part of the day.
He looked up and saw three people standing.
He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them.

He said,
“Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant.
I’ll get some water so you can wash your feet.
Rest under this tree.
I’ll get some food to refresh you on your way,
since your travels have brought you across my path.”

They said, “Certainly. Go ahead.”

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah.
He said, “Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread.”

Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf
and gave it to the servant who lost no time getting it ready.
Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted,
set the meal before the people, and stood there under the tree while they ate.

The men said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?”
He said, “In the tent.”

One of them said, “I’m coming back about this time next year.
When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son.”

[*The Message*]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

O Beloved, You invite us to rest in the abode of your Heart,
to forgive our weaknesses and renew our love.
Who will respond with hearts opened wide to Love?
Those who walk with integrity,
who are in harmony with your Word,
and sing the heart’s song;
Whose tongues speak truth judging not others and seeking only the good;
Whose eyes behold not the outer garments of the body,
but see within the inner robe of Love;
Whose own weaknesses are acknowledged and brought to light in prayer;
Those who are just in all affairs of life and take not advantage of another;

Those who dwell in the Heart of Love, who act justly, with integrity,
will join the Dance of Life, will sing the Songs of Joy!
Their family, friends and indeed, the world will be blessed by their love.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

The Second Reading for this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 1st chapter of Colossians, beginning with the 15th verse.

[Paul writes:]

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen.
We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created.
For everything, absolutely everything, above and below,
visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels –
everything got started in Christ and finds its purpose in Christ.
Christ holds it all together right up to this moment.
And when it comes to the church, Christ organizes and holds it together,
like a head does a body.

Christ was supreme in the beginning and –
leading the resurrection parade –
is supreme in the end.
From beginning to end Christ is there, towering far above everything, everyone
So spacious is Christ, so expansive,
that everything of God finds its proper place in Christ without crowding.
Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe –
people and things, animals and atoms –
get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies,
all because of Christ's death, Christ's blood that poured down from the cross.

You yourselves are a case study of what Christ does.
At one time you all had your backs turned to God,
thinking rebellious thoughts of God, turned to trouble every chance you got.
But now, by surrendering completely at the Cross, actually *dying* for you,
Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together,
whole and holy in God's presence.
You don't walk away from a gift like that!
You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message,
careful not to be distracted or diverted.
There is no other Message – just this one.
Every creature under heaven gets this same Message.
I, Paul, am a messenger of the Message.

I want you to know how glad I am that it's me sitting here in jail and not you.
There's a lot of suffering to be entered into in this world –
the kind of suffering Christ takes on.
I welcome the chance to take my share in the church's part of that suffering.
When I became a servant in this church, I experienced this suffering as a sheer gift,

God's way of helping me serve you, laying out the whole truth.

This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it's out in the open.
God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out,
regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing.

The mystery in a nutshell is just this:

Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory.

It's that simple.

That is the substance of our Message.

We preach *Christ*, warning people not to add to the Message.

We teach in a spirit of profound common sense

so that we can bring each person to maturity.

To be mature is to be basic.

Christ!

No more, no less.

That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year,
doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.

[*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 10:38-42

The gospel lesson for this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 10th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 38th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village.

A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home.

She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said.

But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen.

Later, she stepped in, interrupting them.

“Master, don't you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me?

Tell her to lend me a hand.”

The Master said,

“Martha, dear Martha, you're fussing far too much

and getting yourself worked up over nothing.
One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it –
it's the main course, and won't be taken from her.”

[*The Message*]

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

SERMON

Pastor David Risendal

SERMON HYMN The Right Hand of God #889 (red hymnal, rear section)

**The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love,
our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.**

**The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go,
so clouded is the way, so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.**

**The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate, and greed.
Our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
are destroyed by the right hand of God.**

**The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds, and souls,
so wondrous is its touch with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.**

**The right hand of God is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.
In all these different lands, let people all join hands,
and be one by the right hand of God.**

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any, and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers, and all in need of prayer, especially,

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community, Calvary Lutheran Church, and all the congregations of our area, to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen.

- Paul Kenealy, recovering from dangerous potassium levels
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, and husband of Mike- now in rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- undergoing a final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law- recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway- moving from the hospital again to rehab

- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- whose doctors are turning to different healing techniques
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from a complicated bladder replacement surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother- living under hospice care
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to the new baclofen pump
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering from brain cancer surgery at home
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Garrett Stapp, husband and father of 2 young children and son in law of the Brochtrup's neighbors John and Judy Jeter - awaiting a heart transplant
- 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 Vern and Edith West, that they stay safe and healthy
- For Victor Hansen who celebrates his birthday this week

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
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, 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.**

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 you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Softly and Tenderly #608 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

REFRAIN

**"Come home, come home. You who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
REFRAIN**

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, there is mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
REFRAIN**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Katie Edson**, 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** for assembling worship bulletins and editing our newsletter.
- **Gary Brochtrup** for streaming worship,
- **Our kitchen crew**, for hosting fellowship time.

Events this week:

- Welcome to **Rev. David and Betsy Risendal**, friends of the Stein-Webbers who are vacationing in the area (and working a bit!). Mary, Brian and David were all pastors together in the greater Phoenix area for their first calls as pastors.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing how God is showing up in our lives.
- **Men's Group** meets on Tuesday, August 2nd, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, July 20th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall
- **The Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, July 20th at 1:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Sunday, July 24th, 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- Our congregation will be participating in the **Los Osos Community Dinner** on Thursday, July 28th. Please speak with Nancy Padilla if you are able to provide food this time.
- **Note that we are still strongly asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak.