



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. Lord, Be Glorified #744 (red book, rear section)

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

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... **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

The first lesson for today is from the book of Amos, the 8th chapter, beginning with the 4th verse.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying,

“When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

God has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

[*The New Revised Standard Version*]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Praise God!

Praise, O servants of God;

praise the name of God.

Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to be praised.

God is high above all nations,

and God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people.**

God gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise God!

[*New Revised Standard Version*]

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Second Reading for today is from the book of First Timothy, the 2nd chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

[Paul writes:]

First of all, then,

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
be made for everyone,
for rulers and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For

There is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

– this was attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying),
a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and 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 16:1-13

The gospel lesson for today is from the 16th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples,

“There was a rich man who had a manager,
and charges were brought to him
that this man was squandering his property.

So he summoned him and said to him,
‘What is this that I hear about you?
Give me an accounting of your management,
because you cannot be my manager any longer.’

Then the manager said to himself,
‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me?
I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
I have decided what to do so that,
when I am dismissed as manager,
people may welcome me into their homes.’

So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first,

‘How much do you owe my master?’

He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of oil.’

He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?'
He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat'
He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
And his master commended the dishonest manager
because he had acted shrewdly;
for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation
than are the children of light.
And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth
so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into their homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much;
and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,
who will entrust to you the true riches?
And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is your own?
No slave can serve two masters;
for a slave will either hate the one and love the other,
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth."

[*The New Revised Standard Version*]

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

SERMON The Impossible Parable Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN Take My Life, That I May Be #685 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

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 scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, in particular, Laura Salazar, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders, especially Volodymyr Zalensky, and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters, especially the Prado Center. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. Bless our finance committee of Sandy McMillan, Gary Brochtrup, Gary Orback and Kate Anderson. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Comforter and healer, we call to mind those who are ill in mind or body, in need of your dear care, especially,

- The Brochtrup family - recovering from Covid
- Sally Mingo - Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- 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
- Aparicio family dealing with an unexpected loss of a loved one, Jacob Tovar
- 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- 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 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 Debbie Hoeflich and Kea McKee who celebrate their birthdays this week

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We also offer up prayers for the following:

(you may pray silently or out loud)

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

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 Oh, Sing to the Lord #822 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders,
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders,
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders,
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

**For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
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 streaming worship 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** 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 the Gen Zer's who view the first season of *The Chosen*.
- **Pastor Brian** will hold a **Text Study for the Men's Group** on Monday, September 19th at 1:00 pm at his house, 1302 17th St. in Los Osos.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, September 21st, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- You are encouraged to bring in your donations to the church for the **October 1st Rummage Sale**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for help in receiving donations. Please, if you can, help with this very important fund raiser!
- **Sundy Undies!** 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".
- **Sunday, September 25th, 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- The Church Council, in its meeting last Thursday, voted to **lift the mask mandate for worship and other events**. We will be returning to coffee, juice and goodies for **Sunday fellowship hour** as well. We are grateful that COVID cases are going down in our area, and know that many people will feel more comfortable wearing masks. Thanks to all for your compliance these past many weeks!
- 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**