



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



**PRELUDE****John Cribb****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus we are forgiven,

by Jesus we are welcome,

in Jesus we are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING    Shall We Gather at the River #423    (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.**

**REFRAIN**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever all the happy golden day.**

**REFRAIN**

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.**

**REFRAIN**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

**REFRAIN**

**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**

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In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.  
**A---men.**

**NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

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**REFRAIN**

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God.**

**REFRAIN**

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ, forever.**  
**REFRAIN**

**For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new.**  
**REFRAIN**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:13-24**

*(The congregation will read the **bold** words.)*

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?  
It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;  
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.  
**Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?**

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
**But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

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

**PSALM 70**

*(The congregation responds with the **bold** words)*

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.  
**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**  
**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**  
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.  
**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**  
**let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**  
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.  
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*(The congregation reads the **bold** words.)*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,  
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of  
the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,  
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,  
will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
**Then we who are alive, who are left,**  
**will be caught up in the clouds together with them**  
**to meet the Lord in the air;**  
**and so we will be with the Lord forever.**  
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**Gospel Acclamation**            **Celtic Alleluia #174**            **(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13**

The gospel lesson for this Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost is from the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

*(The congregation shall read the **bold** words.)*

[Jesus said to the disciples:]

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;

but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

**But at midnight there was a shout,**

**‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’**

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise replied,

‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us;

you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,

and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet;

and the door was shut.

**Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying,**

**‘Lord, lord, open to us.’**

But he replied,

‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Brian**

**SERMON HYMN**            **My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness #251 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!**

**You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.**

**Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim –  
great wonders you have done for me and holy is your name.**

**To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.  
 With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.  
 The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;  
 the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.**

**To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;  
 the promise to our parents made their children will secure.  
 Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.**

## **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**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day, especially,

- Jack Senter - Illness
- Brenda Ouwerkerk and family – death of mother, Edith West
- Elaine Grawe
- Nancy Padilla – multiple dental procedures

- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – Home from Bayside and recovering
- Christian – Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from double surgery
- Wes, brother of John Cribb – facing the choice between kidney dialysis and kidney transplant
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – dealing with frontal temporal lobe dementia and aphasia.
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Aaron Brochtrup - for perseverance and patience while he works to recover from his injuries
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – learning to live with condition
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- weighing treatment options for persistent infection
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For the earthquake victims in Afghanistan
- For the people of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Samantha Rocha who celebrates her birthday this week

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, who knows each one, we pray for those whom we have not named yet, but are also in need of our support and intercession, especially, [*You may name out loud or in your heart, those who are on your hearts, this morning.*]

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you, especially Linda Luke, Sharon Nix and Edith Mae West. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

**OFFERING SONG            Create in Me a Clean Heart #186 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**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, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest, 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.**



**TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. 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. **Amen.**

**THANKS BE TO YOU**

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**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
AMEN.**

**BLESSING**

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****Soon and Very Soon #439 (red hymnal, rear section)**

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

No more cryn' there, we are goin' to see the King...

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King...

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King...

**DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****John Cribb**

Thank you to:

- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer, Nikki Rocha and Kathie Sperow** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the newsletter.
- **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, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, Mike Lorenzo and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- Thanks to all who have filled out **Stewardship forms** and deposited them in the red box at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you have not received your stewardship packet yet, please speak with Sandy McMillan.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to discuss the movie, *Jesus Revolution*.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will be on Zoom on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. If you want to join, please speak with Pastor Brian and he will send you an invitation. Next Sunday's Bible passages will be Zechariah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; and Matthew 25:14-30.
- **Confirmation** will take place on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The topic will be the **book of Jonah**.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *Esther, Daniel and Life Under Empire*.

- The **Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Pastor Mary's Bible Study on **the story of Joseph in Genesis** will be on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the Stein-Webber home, 1302 17<sup>th</sup> St. in Los Osos. Please speak with Pastor Mary if you wish to join.
- **Coffee Club** will meet on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at La Parisienne in Morro Bay.
- We will be providing meals for the **Los Osos Community Dinner** on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please speak with Nancy Padilla or Janet Lorenzo if you wish to contribute a dish.
- If you would like to attend the **Amy Grant Concert** on the evening of February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Performing Arts Center in San Luis Obispo, please let Brenda Ouwerkerk **TODAY** so she can buy a group of tickets together for us.
- 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](http://morrobaylutherans.org)