



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CALVARY Lutheran Church  
480 MONTEREY AVE.  
MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA  
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December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday in Advent



**PRELUDE****John Cribb****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Gail Brochtrup****GATHERING O Come, All Ye Faithful #283 (verses 1, 3-4) (red hymnal, rear section)****O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!****O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels:****REFRAIN****O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,****O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!****Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!****Glory to God in the highest:****REFRAIN****Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!****Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:****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****Now the Feast and Celebration booklet p. 3**

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.****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 strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**SONG**      **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah #240 (verse 2) (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

## WORD

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

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-6, 9

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

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

**“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah, **“Here is your God!”**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 85:1-2. 8-13

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

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a***(The congregation reads the **bold** words.)*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years,  
and a thousand years are like one day.

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness,  
but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish,  
but all to come to repentance.

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise,  
and the elements will be dissolved with fire,  
and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.**

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,  
what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness,  
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,  
because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved,  
and the elements will melt with fire?

But, in accordance with God's promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth,  
where righteousness is at home.

**Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things,  
strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish;  
and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Led by Nikki Rocha**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's Day of restoration.

*A brief silence.*

Send forth your faithful people with words of promise and forgiveness. Teach your church to be bold in revealing your good news in word and in deed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reveal your majesty in mountain peaks, flowing rivers, and blossoming wilderness roads. Heal the earth where it longs for renewal. Bring wholeness to the earth and all its creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Turn the hearts of the nations toward righteousness and peace. Increase cooperation for justice between countries, commonwealths, political parties, and diplomatic leaders. In times of prosperity, direct leaders to be generous for the sake of all. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Comfort your people with tender words of love and healing. Surround all who are grieving, all who know depression or anxiety, or all who feel lonely or forgotten. Be a steadfast presence when all else feels uncertain. And we lift up these people and places who are especially in need of our prayers...

- Katie Edson and family who lost their mother on November 28
- Wyatt Owen – 1 month old great nephew of Katie Edson – recovering from RSV
- Tom Bauer – recovering from surgery
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from double surgery
- 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
- 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
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For an end to the war in Ukraine
- For the earthquake victims in Afghanistan
- For the people of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For George Tway, Ina Davenport and Brenda Pool who celebrate their birthdays this week

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Grant holy patience to all who are waiting this season. Give hope to those seeking employment. Bring reassurance to people awaiting new diagnoses or treatments. Protect expectant parents. Watch with those who keep bedside vigil. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You know each one of us and all for whom we care, so we now pray for those whom we have not named yet, who are 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.**

With you a thousand years is like a day. Bless the memory of the saints from ages past and the anticipation of saints yet to be born. Inspire us to live with faith as we await your new heaven and new earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **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**

Pastor Brian spoke these words over these elements:

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.]*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**Generous God,  
 in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together.  
 Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim  
 your good news of liberation and release,  
 brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
 Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The God of peace bless you,  
 the love of Christ sustain you in hope,  
 and the anointing of the Spirit ✝ remain upon you  
 now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN Prepare the Royal Highway #264 (red hymnal, rear section)**

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!  
 Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!  
 Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

**REFRAIN**

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!  
 Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
 God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

**REFRAIN**

Then fling; the gates wide open to greet your promised king!  
 Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.  
 All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:

**REFRAIN**

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.  
 His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.  
 So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:

**REFRAIN****DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Keep awake.  
 Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE****John Cribb**


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Thank you to:

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- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
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- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the newsletter.
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- **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:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet next on Sunday, January 7.



- **Coffee Club** will meet this Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at the Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant on Morro Bay Blvd.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will be taking a break this week. We will meet next on Monday,
- **Confirmation** will take place on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The topic will be the **Review of the Old Testament**.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *Mark on the Crucifixion and Resurrection*.
- The **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm online.
- The **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- The **Worship Planning Committee** will meet on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.
- Next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **potluck lunch after worship** in the fellowship hall. Come one, come all, even if you are unable to contribute something to the potluck!
- Gifts or donations for **Project Angel Tree** this year with Iglesia Santa Cruz, will be due at church by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, for timely delivery.
- Thanks to Nikki Rocha for her leadership of the **Sunday School Program** today.
- If you are planning for Christmas worship, **Christmas Eve** worship will be on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, and **Christmas Day** worship will be on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. There **will** be **Advent worship** on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning at 10:00 am.
- 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)