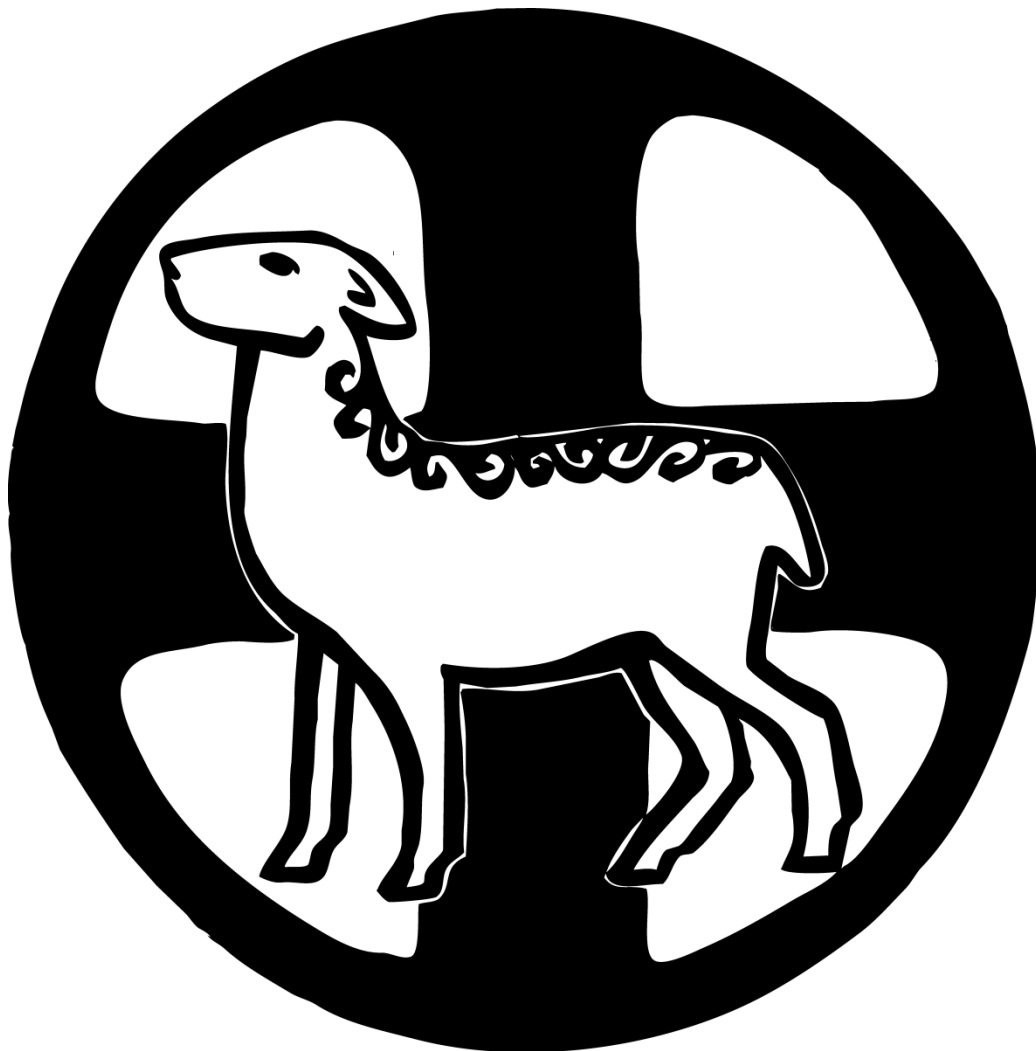




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**February 12, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**PRELUDE**

**John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**I Love You Lord [three times]**

**I love you Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship You, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy, my King in what You hear.  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

**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 #157**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

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**

### **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**

Let us pray together... **O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

## **FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*[Moses said to the people:]*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving  
the Lord your God, walking in God's ways,

and observing God's commandments, decrees, and ordinances,

then you shall live and become numerous,

and the Lord your God will bless you

in the land that you are entering to possess.  
But if your heart turns away and you do not hear,  
but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them,  
I declare to you today that you shall perish;  
you shall not live long  
in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.  
I call heaven and earth to witness against you today  
that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.  
Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,  
loving the Lord your God, obeying God, and holding fast to God;  
for that means life to you and length of days,  
so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors,  
to Abraham and Sarah, to Isaac and Rebekah, and to Jacob, Leah and Rachel.

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119:1-8 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord!  
**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**  
who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.  
**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**  
Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!  
**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**  
I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.  
**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 3:1-9**

[Paul writes:]

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people,  
but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.  
I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food.  
Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh.  
For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh,

and behaving according to human inclinations?  
For when one says,  
    "I belong to Paul,"  
and another,  
    "I belong to Apollos,"  
are you not merely human?  
What then is Apollos?  
What is Paul?  
Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.  
I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.  
So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,  
    but only God who gives the growth.  
The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose,  
    and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.  
For we are God's servants, working together;  
you are God's field, God's building.

*[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 5:21-37**

The gospel passage for today is from the book of Matthew, the 5th chapter, beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory be to you, Oh Lord.**

*[Jesus said to the disciples:]*

    "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,  
        'You shall not murder';  
        and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.'  
But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,  
    you will be liable to judgment;  
and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council;  
and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.  
So when you are offering your gift at the altar,  
    if you remember that your brother or sister  
    has something against you,  
    leave your gift there before the altar and go;  
first be reconciled to your brother or sister,  
    and then come and offer your gift.

Come to terms quickly with your accuser  
while you are on the way to court with them,  
or your accuser may hand you over to the judge,  
and the judge to the guard,  
and you will be thrown into prison.  
Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’  
But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust  
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away;  
it is better for you to lose one of your members  
than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.  
And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away;  
it is better for you to lose one of your members  
than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife,  
let him give her a certificate of divorce.’  
But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife,  
except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery;  
and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,  
‘You shall not swear falsely,  
but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’  
But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven,  
for it is the throne of God,  
or by the earth, for it is his footstool,  
or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great Ruler.  
And do not swear by your head,  
for you cannot make one hair white or black.  
Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’;  
anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN**

**On Eagle’s Wings #787 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”**

**REFRAIN**

**“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.**

**REFRAIN**

**You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.**

**REFRAIN**

**For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**REFRAIN**

## **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**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, especially in Israel and Palestine, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope, especially after earthquakes and destruction in Turkey and Syria. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nurture all in need, especially...

- Lalo & Luise Jiminez - Lalo has pneumonia and pain from trigeminal neuralgia
- Pastor Mary - recovering from a period of asthma
- Ron Forster - recovering from pancreatitis
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - adjusting to new medications
- Ina Davenport - Healing of her arm
- Aaron Brochtrup - still unable to return to work - neck pain, headaches, neurological trauma
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- 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
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- 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 Joyce Bauer who celebrates her birthday today.

Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and prevent us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**Listen to us, we pray, as we lift up others who are in need of our prayer, especially...**

**Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.**



Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY #191**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**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.**

## PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY #208 (red hymnal, rear section)

**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:

**Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN    How Great Thou Art #856    (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

### **REFRAIN**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!  
How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!  
How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

### **REFRAIN**

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin;**

### **REFRAIN**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"**

### **REFRAIN**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Mary Stein-Webber** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship 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 and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- We give thanks to **Ina Davenport**, who for many years has accompanied worship at Calvary, and who is now retired. We are encouraging everybody to write a personal note on one of the cards provided, and return them to church by next Sunday to send them on to Ina.
- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall today.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will meet tonight to discuss Season 3, Episode 6.
- The **Preaching as a Congregation** group will NOT meet tonight on Zoom.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, February 15th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **The Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
- The Southwest California Synod will present a **Zoom meeting** on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on **Gun Violence Prevention**. If you would like to join Pastor Brian in an effort to discover how Calvary Lutheran might do our part, please contact him to receive information about the meeting.
- **Coffee Club** will meet Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Buttercup in Morro Bay.
- 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)**