



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE - The Good Shepherd, Roger C. Wilson

John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyce Bauer

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #656

(red hymnal, rear section)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

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 p. 184

(red hymnal, front section)

REFRAIN

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the Water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray together.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone,

because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common;

they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all,
as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home

and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: I Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that?

But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you,

leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse;

when he suffered, he did not threaten;

but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.
For you were going astray like sheep,
but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 188 (red hymnal, front section)

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia... Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10

The gospel lesson for this Fourth Sunday of Easter is from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the first verse.

Glory to you, O God.

[Jesus said:]

“Very truly, I tell you,
anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate
but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit
The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them,
and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
They will not follow a stranger,
but they will run from him
because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them,
but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them,

“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
All who came before me are thieves and bandits;
but the sheep did not listen to them.
I am the gate.
Whoever enters by me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

**SERMON HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #789
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

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 the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*
You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way, and in need of our prayers, especially...

- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- Mike Lorenzo - healing from back surgery
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Gary Brochtrup - healing from cataract surgery
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson
- Ken Foran - recovering from knee surgery
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- 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
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- 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 and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Brenda Ouwerkerk who celebrates her birthday today

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever Betty Sorensen, Eldre Larsen, Sid Bennett, Larry Nelson and Barbara Schaefer. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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.... **Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.**

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 p. 190

(red hymnal, rear section)

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

**God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On Saturday, Pastor Brian spoke these words over these elements of bread and wine:

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. 191 (red hymnal, front section)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

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 MUSIC - Beside Still Waters, Christopher Boodle

John Cribb

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:

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love

and serve the world in Jesus' name.

AMEN.

BLESSING

The God of all,

who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN The Lord's My Shepherd #778 (red hymnal, rear section)

**The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

**My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - He Lives! Sound Praises! Lani Smith

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Katie Edson** for assisting in worship.
- **Joyce Bauer** for presiding in worship
- **Rachel Jacoby** for preaching.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** 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, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will not meet tonight, but will continue on Sunday, May 7th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episodes 3 and 4.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will not meet tomorrow.
- The **Coffee Club** will meet tomorrow, May 1st, at 9:00 am at Top Dog in Morro Bay.
- The **Mens' Group** is postponed to Monday, May 8th, at the Stein-Webber house at 1302 17th St. from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in!
- Today after worship, there will be a **brunch after worship** sponsored by our Council Team #1! Please plan on staying for fellowship and eating! (And if you're interested in joining a team, let Gail Brochtrup or Janet Lorenzo know!)
- This Saturday, May 6th, we will be hosting a **training on First Aid**, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. It will be the same trainer who did such a good job a few months ago on CPR. Well worth your time! There will be a circulating sign-up sheet today. There is no charge for the training. You can also invite your friends!
- The **memorial service for Sid Bennett**, former pastor of Calvary, will take place this Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 am at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church at 1701 Fredericks St. in San Luis Obispo. Donations in his name may be made to Martin Luther King Jr. High School for a Memorial Scholarship Fund in his name, c/o PO Box 1693, SLO, CA 93406.
- 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**