

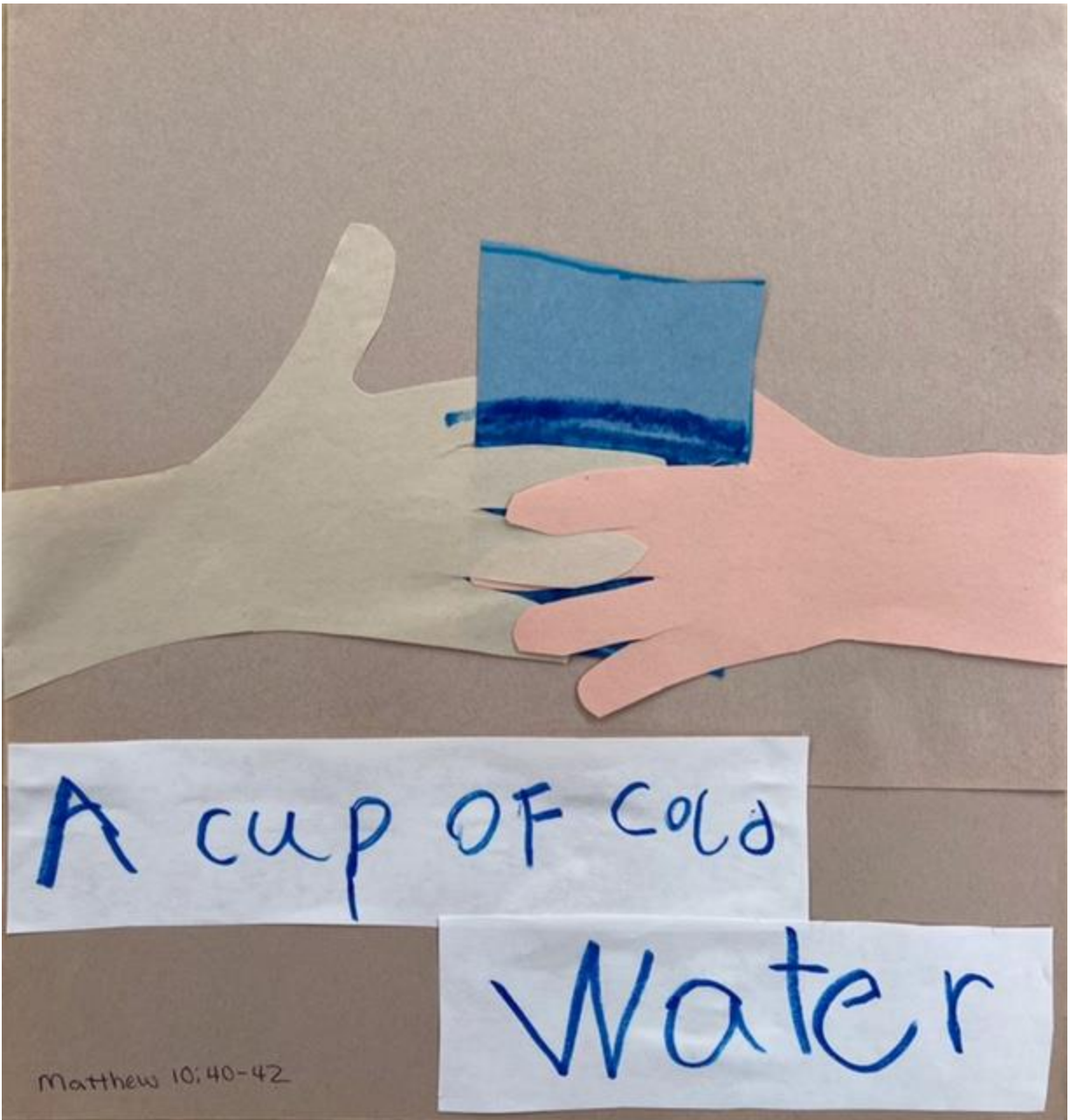


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PRELUDE

John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty.

(Repeat)

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.

GLORIA p. 204 (red hymnal, front section)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Maker of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Maker's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray together.

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5-9

*[The congregation will read the **bold** words.]*

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah
in the presence of the priests and all the people
who were standing in the house of the Lord;
and the prophet Jeremiah said,
"Amen! May God do so;
may God fulfill the words that you have prophesied,
and bring back to this place from Babylon
the vessels of the house of the Lord,
and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing
and in the hearing of all the people.
The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times
prophesied war, famine, and pestilence
against many countries and great kingdoms.
**As for the prophet who prophesies peace,
when the word of that prophet comes true,
then it will be known that God has truly sent the prophet.”**

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

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Your love, O God, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
**‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
**Truly, our shield belongs to God;
our ruler to the Holy One of Israel.**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23
(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]
Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies,
to make you obey their passions.
No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness,
but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life,
and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.
For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then?

Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace?

By no means!

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves,
you are slaves of the one whom you obey,
either of sin, which leads to death,

or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin,
have become obedient from the heart
to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,
and that you, having been set free from sin,
have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.
For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity
and to greater and greater iniquity,
so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed?
The end of those things is death.
But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God,
the advantage you get is sanctification.

**The end is eternal life.
For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 205 (red hymnal, front section)

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

The gospel lesson for this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the tenth chapter, the 40thverse.

Glory to you, O God.

(The congregation shall read the bold words.)

[Jesus said to the twelve:]

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward;
and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person
will receive the reward of the righteous; **and whoever gives even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple— truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.**”

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

SERMON

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN **O Christ the Same #760 (red hymnal, rear section) (to the tune of "Danny Boy")**

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears,
Eternal Lord the King of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years,
O Living Word the Source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ The same, the friend of sinners sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old, upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified,
O Son of Man who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of Life in all your saving power,
O Christ the same to whom our hearts are given,
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain,
O Lord of Love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. For Estero Bay, all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill, especially...

- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Daryl Sorensen – preparing to move back to Reedley
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from heart issues
- Carly Muff – traveling to Italy
- Ruth Anello – Orthopedic surgery on July 13
- Wes, brother of John Cribb - recovering from kidney surgery
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter - undiagnosed illness
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church whose entire church building burned
- Donna Cuvelier – thankful she is recovering at home after recent hospitalization
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- 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
- 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, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Janet Lorenzo who celebrates her birthday this week.

For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray also, O God, 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.]

God in. your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for Linda Luke and all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
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.... **God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. 207 (red hymnal, front section)

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

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.**

**Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

AMEN.

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #888 (red hymnal, rear section)

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!**

America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Mary Stein-Webber**, for being assistant minister today.
- **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 newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Nancy Koppl** for teaching **Sunday School**
- **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 meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 2, Episode 4. New participants are welcome!
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, July 3rd, at 9:30 am. We will be discussing next week's lessons: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- **The Men's Group** will meet on Monday, July 3, 1:00 – 2:30, at the Stein-Webber residence.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, July 5th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are just beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in! This week's subject will be Daniel and Nation Building.
- There will be a **fellowship brunch** after worship today provided by the Council and Outreach Committee. All are encouraged to stay for good food and good conversation!
- The **funeral for Linda Luke** will be on Friday, July 21st, beginning at noon, at Los Osos Cemetery and Memorial Park on Los Osos Valley Rd. The service will be followed by a committal at a niche on the property, and then a reception with something to eat and drink.
- If you too would like to create **bulletin cover art** such as we have seen done by our young people recently, please talk with Pastor Brian.
- 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