



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**August 20, 2023**  
**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**



“...these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer”  
Isaiah 56:7

**PRELUDE** A Solemn Prelude, Leon Boellmann **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** **Jesus Loves Me #595** **(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**REFRAIN**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.**

**REFRAIN**

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.**

**REFRAIN**

## GREETING

In the name of God the Creator, in the name of Christ the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit, Alleluia, Amen.

Come let us worship God (repeat throughout).

Come let us worship God.

Welcome everyone,

To the Love of God.

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

## KYRIE

Ray Makeever

Kyrie eleison...

**Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie eleison...

**Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie...

**Kyrie.**

Christe...

**Christe.**

Kyrie...

**Kyrie.**

Christe...

**Christe.**

Kyrie, Christe eleison.

**Kyrie, Christe eleison.**

**[Repeat last line two more times in a round.]**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray together.

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

Thus says God: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

**And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—**

**these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;**

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer

for all peoples.  
Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

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

**PSALM 67 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]

I ask, then, has God rejected his people?

**By no means!**

I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham,  
a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

God has not rejected his people whom were foreknown.

**For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**

Just as you were once disobedient to God  
but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,  
so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you,  
they too may now receive mercy.

**For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that God may be merciful to all.**

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

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    Open Your Ears #519 (verse 1)  
(red hymnal, front section)**

**Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28**

The gospel lesson for this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

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

Jesus left [Gennesaret] and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

But he did not answer her at all.

**And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”**

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. “But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said,

“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

**And her daughter was healed instantly.**

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Open Your Ears (refrain)**

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!**

**God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)**

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!**

**God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian**

**SERMON HYMN**

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #588 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;**

**there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.**

**There is not place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;**

**there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.**

**There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;**

**there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;**

**and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.**

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

## **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**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick, or those who are otherwise in need of our prayers, especially,

- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – successful surgery and recovery from open heart surgery on Tuesday, August 8
- Mark Shuck – Gail B.’s brother – home from the hospital, recovering from motorcycle accident
- Pastor David Ryal – recovering from heart surgery and being monitored for other conditions
- Christian – Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Dick Williams – receiving treatment for lumbar spinal stenosis
- Pastor Brian – in gratitude for healing
- Maddison Schwenoha – friend of Sophia Lorenzo – multiple injuries from car accident
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Joyce Bauer – being monitored for condition
- Ruth Anello – Recovering from orthopedic 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 illness
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- 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- waiting for MRI results regarding 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 in Turkey suffering from the earthquake, and the IMPACT Missionaries
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For David Muff, Pastor Brian, Nalani Jacoby, and Kevin Rocha who celebrate their birthdays this week, and for Pastor Brian and Pastor Mary Stein-Webber who celebrate their wedding anniversary

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, you journey with us in all of life’s transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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 you thanks for those who now rest from their labors, *especially Linda Luke, and Bernard of Clairvaux, whom the church commemorates today.* Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

## **OFFERING SONG**

**Ray Makeever**

**What have we to offer? What have we to share?**

**Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.**

**God will not falter; so let us dare**

**lay it at the altar there.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to bring?**

**Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;**

**dreams of what we're after, promises of when.**

**Lay it at the altar then.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to give?**

**Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;**

**truth that must be spoken, justice somehow.**

**Lay it at the altar now.**

## **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 (spoken)**



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

**CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL**

**Ray Makeever**

**Christ have mercy on us all.  
Keep us steadfast e'er we fall.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

**God, be with us at the feast.  
Grant us wisdom, give us peace.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe again.  
Light the darkness, be our friend.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

**Bake a great loaf; give it time;  
choose the best grapes from the vine.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

### **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** - Choral, Leon Boellmann

**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:

**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**      **Blessed Assurance #638**      **(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Hear of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

### **REFRAIN**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

### **REFRAIN**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in God's love.**

### **REFRAIN**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be part of the harvesting.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Thank you to:

- **Andrew Jacoby** for assisting
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer and others** 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, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **Donations for Iglesia de Santa Cruz in Santa Maria** should be in the narthex by Thursday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The delivery crew will take them that morning!
- **There will be a Fall Clean-up Day** on Saturday, September 16. The day will begin with a pizza lunch. There is a sign-up sheet going around for those of you who are able to help get our church property spiffed up for the coming season.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will not meet tonight. The next discussion group will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will not meet tomorrow, Monday. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The lessons will be Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; and Matthew 16:21-28.
- The **Bible Study** will be on hiatus through the month of August and will resume on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for the **monthly brunch** sponsored by members of the Outreach Committee and the Church Council!
- 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**