



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you.
to share God's love as he told me to.

CHORUS

God said, "Freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

All power is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and Heaven in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share God's power as he told me to

CHORUS

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.

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.
Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving
world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5

[The congregation will read the bold words.]

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for God has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**God, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

God upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O God,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of God;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

**Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ
for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs and matriarchs,
**and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah,
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.**

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 14:13-21

The gospel lesson for this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 14th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 13th verse.

Glory to you, O God.

(The congregation shall read the bold words.)

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist],
 he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself
But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,
 "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;
 send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages
 and buy food for themselves."
Jesus said to them,
 They need not go away;
 you give them something to eat."
They replied,
 "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
And he said,
 "Bring them here to me."
Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven,
 and blessed and broke the loaves,
 and gave them to the disciples, **and the disciples gave them to the crowds.**
And all ate and were filled;
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.
And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Caro Hall

SERMON HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly #461 (red hymnal, rear section)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing to together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas, especially in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you, especially....

- Robin Karas – successful surgery and recovery from open heart surgery on Tuesday, August 8
- Mark Shuck – Gail B.'s brother – ICU with multiple injuries after motorcycle accident
- Pastor David Ryal – recovering from a heart attack with two stents implanted
- Christian – Heidi Carney's son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Dick Williams – receiving treatment for lower back weakness
- Pastor Brian – thankful for a successful procedure
- Maddison Schwenoha – friend of Sophia Lorenzo – multiple injuries from car accident
- Tom Anello's sister – undergoing treatment for cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Joyce Bauer – thanksgiving for having her health consultation this past week
- 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 - 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 - continuing to make progress in recovery
- 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 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 August Muff who celebrates his birthday this week

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. 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.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. 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 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 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.**

COMMUNION SONG Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil #512 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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 All Are Welcome #641 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

CHORUS

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness, and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

CHORUS

Let us build a home where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

CHORUS

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

CHORUS

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Caroline Hall**, for preaching.
- **Cindy Haener**, for being assisting minister.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer and others** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** 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:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 3, Episode 1, "Homecoming."

- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 7th, at 9:30 am. We will be discussing next week's lessons: I Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- The **Coffee Club** will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 7th, starting at 9:00 am, at the Foghorn in Morro Bay.
- The **Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, August 8th, starting at 5:00 pm on Zoom.
- The **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, August 9th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are following a new curriculum, watching a video series called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This week's subject will be *Elijah: Troublemaker of Israel*.
- The **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, August 10th starting at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- The **Worship and Music Planning Committee** will meet on Saturday, August 12th, 9:30 to 11ish in the fellowship hall. New folks are welcome!
- 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.

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**