



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

**February 11, 2024**

**Transfiguration Sunday**



**PRELUDE**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*      **Ann Lucas**  
**arr. Mark Hayes**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**GATHERING HYMN**      **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #834**  
**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (Spanish setting)**

**page 175 (red hymnal, front part)**

**Lord have mercy on us;  
O Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on us;  
O Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy on us;  
O Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy on us;  
O Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy on us;  
O Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on us;  
O Lord, have mercy.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together ... **Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind,  
Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel."

**But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."**

So they went down to Bethel.

The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him,

"Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?"

**And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."**

**Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho."**

**But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."**

So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him,

"Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?"

**And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."**

**Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan."**

**But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."**

So the two of them went on.

Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them,  
as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water;

the water was parted to the one side and to the other,

until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha,

“Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.”  
**Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”**  
He responded, “You have asked a hard thing;  
yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you;  
if not, it will not.”  
As they continued walking and talking,  
a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,  
and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.  
**Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its  
horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him,  
he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.**

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

### **PSALM 50:1-6**

The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**  
Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.  
**God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**  
“Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”  
**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**

### **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.  
In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,  
to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,  
who is the image of God.  
**For we do not proclaim ourselves;  
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake.**  
For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”  
who has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

### **CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **REFRAIN**

**Leader:** Listen now for the gospel! **People: Alleluia!**

**Leader:** It is God's word that changes us! **People: Alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone,  
until we give our lives to God, and God alone.**

### **REFRAIN**

**Come, Holy Spirit root in us God's living word,  
that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.**

### **REFRAIN**

**Come, Holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost,  
confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost.**

### **REFRAIN**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9**

The gospel passage for this Transfiguration Sunday is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel of Mark, beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John,  
and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.  
And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.  
Then Peter said to Jesus,  
"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here;  
let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.  
Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,  
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"  
Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.  
  
As they were coming down the mountain,  
he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen,  
until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN    God of Grace and God of Glory #705    (red hymnal, rear section)**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r,  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

**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**

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people.  
May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering, especially,

- Jean Senter – recovering from knee problems
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha’s cousin – heart problems
- Dick Williams – general health issues
- Katie Edson and family who are grieving the loss of Mercedes
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from health issues
- Elaine Grawe – relocating to be near her son
- Nancy Padilla – going through multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple health issues
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby’s – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – Eye surgery the end of the month
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- undergoing hyperbaric oxygen therapy for serious infection
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Joyce Bauer and Ed Ogren who celebrate their birthdays this week, and Dan and Kathie Sperow who celebrate their wedding anniversary

Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We now pray for others who have not been named yet on this day,  
*[You may lift up your prayers either out loud or in your hearts.]*

*God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died, especially Edith West and Linda Luke. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING SONG**

**Come and See**

**Makeover**

## **REFRAIN**

**We have found the Messiah in the water.**

**We have found the Messiah on the road to Galilee, found the Messiah.**

**Come and See! O Come and See!**

**When John saw the Spirit in the Holy Dove – Come and See, O Come and See! –  
Come down to rest on the Light of Love – Come and See, O Come and See!**

## **REFRAIN**

**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away – Come and See, O Come and See! –  
The sin and the evil of the world today – Come and See, O Come and See!**

## **REFRAIN**

**When we ask Jesus where do you stay – Come and See, O Come and See! –  
Come follow me and I will show the way – Come and See, O Come and See!**

## **REFRAIN**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Let us pray together... **Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
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**

**p. 181 (red hymnal, front section)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God,  
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,  
God of might and power; holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## **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.**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**p.182 (red hymnal, front section)**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

## **TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ.]

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Greg Rowlett

arr Joel Raney

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together ... **Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Ed Ogren  
David Ogren  
Ella Ogren

## **BLESSING**

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine #671

(red hymnal, rear section)

**REFRAIN**

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me:**

**REFRAIN**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me:**

**REFRAIN**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Worthy*

**Todd Beaney**

**Ann Lucas**

Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha**, for being worship assistant.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer, Nikki Rocha and Kathie Sperow** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla and Janet Lorenzo**, for setting up and welcoming on Sundays.
- **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, Mike Lorenzo and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- Make plans now for **mid-week Lent services**, starting with **Ash Wednesday** worship on this Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The service will include confession, the imposition of ashes and holy communion. Subsequent **Lent soup suppers and brief worship** will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup> for five Wednesdays, with supper at 5:30 pm and a brief worship at 6:15 pm.
- Next Sunday officially kicks off our **Lenten project collection of food items for Iglesia**

- **Church Council** will meet on this Thursday, February 15 at 5:30.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight on Zoom at 7:00 pm. We will be circling back to discuss Season 3, episode 5.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will be on Tuesday, February 13th, starting at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- **The Bible Study class** on *The Parables of Jesus: Parables of Grace* will continue this Tuesday, February 13th, 1:10 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house on 1302 17<sup>th</sup> St. in Los Osos.
- **The Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the usual time on Zoom.
- **The ongoing Bible Study** is on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *Paul and the Roman Empire*.
- **Coffee Club** will meet this Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Carlock's Bakery in Los Osos.
- 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)**