



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**February 18, 2024**  
**First Sunday in Lent**



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING

### Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**These are the words, as we follow Jesus down to Jerusalem,  
that help us know that our blessings come from God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah.**

## **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.

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him,  
"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you,  
and with every living creature that is with you,

the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you,  
as many as came out of the ark.

**I establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood,  
and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”**

God said,

“This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you  
and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

I have set my bow in the clouds,  
and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you  
and every living creature of all flesh;

and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

**When the bow is in the clouds,  
I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant  
between God and every living creature of all flesh  
that is on the earth.”**

God said to Noah,

“This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me  
and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM      Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery #334      (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Tree of life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.**

**From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone,  
make us turn to you alone.**

**Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word,  
give us faith to live your word.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
in order to bring you to God.  
He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,  
in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,  
who in former times did not obey,  
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark,  
in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.  
And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you  
not as a removal of dirt from the body,  
but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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:** Mark 1:9-15

The gospel lesson for this First Sunday in Lent is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Mark, beginning with the 9<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee  
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
And just as he was coming up out of the water,  
he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.  
He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan;  
and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,  
proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,  
“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;  
repent, and believe in the good news.”

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN What Wondrous Love is This? #666 (red hymnal, rear section)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people *especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling, especially,

- Kathie Sperow - pneumonia
- 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
- 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 Mary Stein-Webber and Katie Brochtrup who celebrate their birthdays this week

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.**

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through 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.... **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name.**

**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.**

**LAMB OF GOD p. 208**

**(red hymnal, front section)**

**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:

**Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**                      **Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land #333 (red hymnal, rear section)**

## **REFRAIN**

**Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.**

## **REFRAIN**

**When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet.**

## **REFRAIN**

**Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.**

## **REFRAIN**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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Thank you to:

- **Andy Jacoby**, for being assistant minister today.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer** 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:

- Welcome to **Sharron Jackman**, former Calvary member who is visiting from Washington State!
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about the movie *The Resurrection of Gavin Stone*, directed by Dallas Jenkins.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet on Tuesday, February 20th, at 10:00 am. We will be discussing next week's lessons: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; and Mark 8:31-38.
- The **Bible Study on the Parables of Grace** will take place on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:10 to 2:30 pm entirely on Zoom.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** will take place on February 21 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be *Paul's Letters to a Community in Conflict*.
- There will be **soup supper and mid-week Lenten worship** on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm. You many sign up to provide soup today.
- Next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **brunch** after worship, provided by a team of folks. No need to bring anything to share! We will also have cake for February birthdays and for folks who have recently joined Calvary as members!
- 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)**