



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALVARY Lutheran Church  
480 MONTEREY AVE.  
MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA  
Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

**April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**



**PRELUDE**

*Your Great Name*  
Neal, arr. Tomquist  
*10,000 Reasons*  
Redman/Myrin, arr. Tomquist

**Lynne Oliverius**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING I Know That My Redeemer Lives #619 (red hymnal, rear section)**  
**(verses 1-3, 4, 7-8)**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
 he lives, my everlasting head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave,  
 he lives eternally to save;  
 he lives exalted, throned above;  
 he lives to rule the church in love.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply;  
 he lives to guide me with his eye;  
 he lives to comfort me when faint,  
 he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**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.**

**COME AND GATHER**

*Tree of Life liturgy  
 Haugen/Briehl*

**REFRAIN**

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
 Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.  
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

*[Verses to be sung by the cantor.]*

**KYRIE**

*Tree of Life liturgy*

*[Verses to be sung by cantor.]*

**REFRAIN**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy, mercy on us all.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray together... **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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: Acts 3:12-19**

[Peter] addressed the people,

“You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us,  
as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,  
the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus,  
whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate,  
though he had decided to release him.

But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One  
and asked to have a murderer given to you,  
and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

**To this we are witnesses.**

And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong,  
whom you see and know;

and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health  
in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance,  
as did also your rulers.

**In this way God fulfilled what had foretold through all the prophets,  
that his Messiah would suffer.  
Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”**

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

**PSALM 4 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**  
Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
God will hear me when I call.  
**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**  
Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in God.  
**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O God.**  
You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.  
**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

**Second Reading: I John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are.  
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.  
**Beloved, we are God’s children now;  
what we will be has not yet been revealed.**  
What we do know is this:  
when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God face to face.  
And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

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

**CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Beneath the Tree of Life liturgy*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
For you have the words, you have the words, the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them,

"Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.

Touch me and see;

for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them,

"Have you anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them,

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—

that everything written about me in the law of Moses,

the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them,

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer

and to rise from the dead on the third day,

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things."

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****SERMON HYMN      Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #623    (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone, thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

## 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially,

- Tim Gough - Aaron Brochtrup's father-in-law recovering from a head on vehicle crash- he has a brain injury and shattered pelvis
- Don Baccus – Mass on lung (Janet Lorenzo's brother-in-law)
- Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retina

- Danielle Shields – 43-year-old mom of 4 kids with breast cancer that has spread to her bones.
- Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
- Kathie Sperow – dealing with a new condition
- Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – for peace and comfort
- Katie Edson and family – death of their mother, Mercedes
- 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
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
- 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 gun violence
- Victims of collapsed bridge in Maryland
- For Jason Lange and Hayden Chrismen who celebrate their birthdays this week, and for Joe & Debbie Hoeflich who celebrate their wedding anniversary

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

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry through Calvary Lutheran Church in Morro Bay. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our shepherd, we lift up out loud and in our hearts those whom we have not named yet, who are also in need of our prayers, especially,

*[You may name names at this time.]*

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

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**



Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**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.... **Risen One,**  
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**  
**May the gifts that we offer here**  
**be signs of your abiding love.**  
**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**  
**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**

*Tree of Life liturgy*

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

*Tree of Life liturgy*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
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. 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**    *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*    **Lynne Oliverius, violin**  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
*You Raise Me Up*  
Loveland/Graham

#### **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:

Shepherding God,  
 you have prepared a table before us  
 and nourished us with your love.  
 Send us forth from this banquet  
 to proclaim your goodness  
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
 our redeemer and friend.  
**AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
 The God of resurrection power,  
 the Christ of unending joy,  
 and the Spirit of Easter hope  
 ✝ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**Go, My Children, With My Blessing #543**  
 (red hymnal, rear section)

**“Go, my children, with my blessing never alone  
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
 In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
 Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Ode to Joy*  
 Johann Sebastian Bach

Ella Ogren, violin  
 Lynne Oliverius, violin  
 David Ogren, cello

Thank you to:

- **Andy Jacoby**, for assisting in worship.
- **Lynne Oliverius**, for accompanying worship.
- **Ella and David Ogren**, for musical talents.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Janet Lorenzo, David Ogren** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling worship 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.
- **A whole crowd** for decorating our sanctuary so nicely, and all of you who blessed the congregation with your attendance and leadership during Holy Week and Easter Sunday!
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.
- **The Worship Planning Team**, for doing what their name says!

Events this week:

- We are continuing to learn a new liturgy today and through the Easter Season called *Beneath the Tree of Life*, written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl, who also wrote *Now the Feast and Celebration*. It is tuneful and meaningful, and should not take long to learn!
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will continue tonight, 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom, to view and talk about Season 4, Episode 2. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group and he will send you an invitation!
- Pastor Brian's **study on the book *The Great Angel*** by Margaret Barker, will continue on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 to 9:55 am on Zoom. Please indicate to him if you wish to join in.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 to 11:00 am. Contact Pastor Brian with your interest for a Zoom invite.
- **The Regular Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. The topic will be an overview of the four gospels.
- **The Church Council** will meet on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee Club** will meet this Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 am at the Tognazzini's Dockside Restaurant in Morro Bay.
- **The Worship Planning Committee** will meet on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)