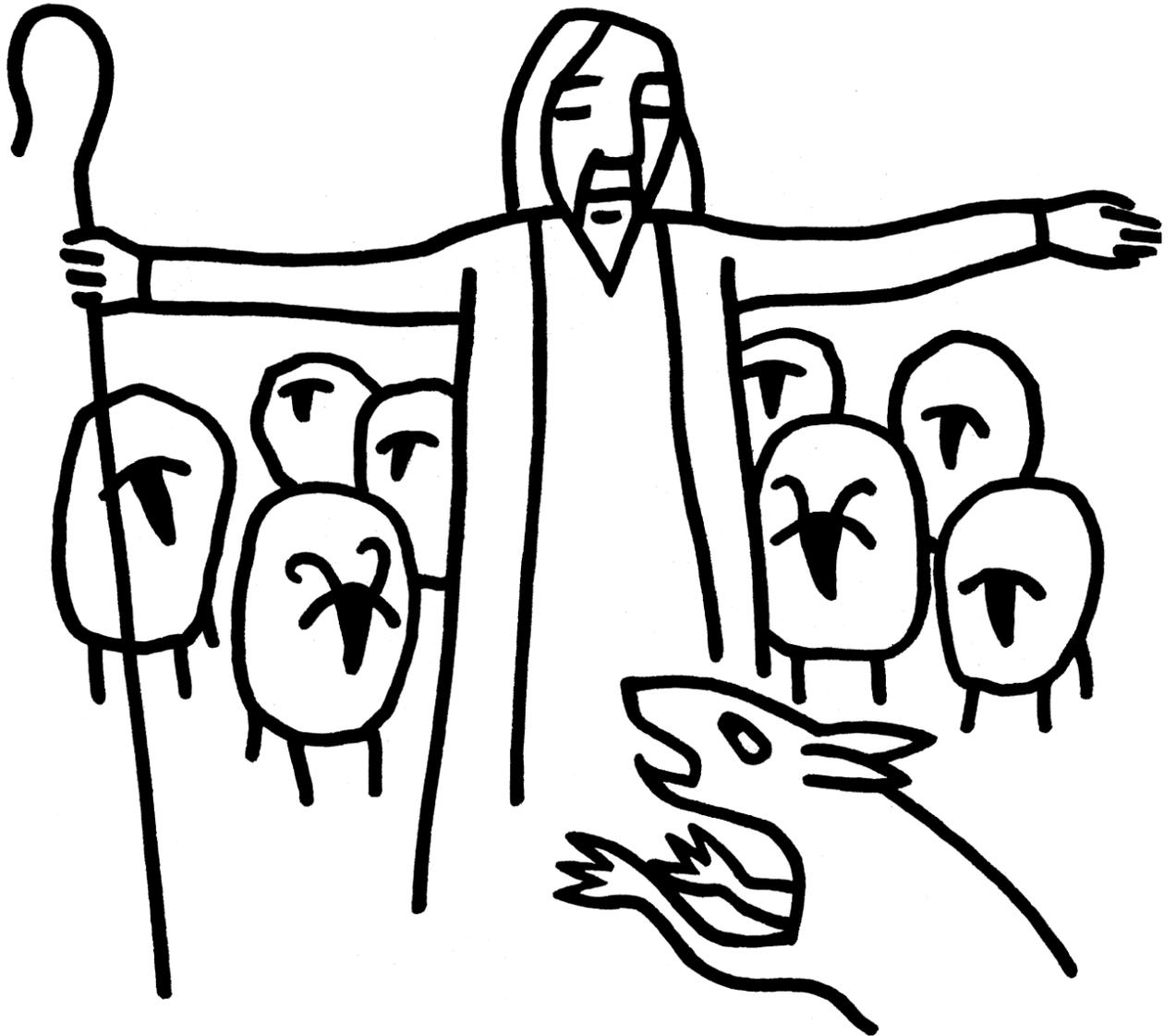


April 21, 2024
Calvary Lutheran Church, Morro Bay
Fourth Sunday of Easter



PRELUDE**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.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**GATHERING****This Joyful Eastertide #391****(red hymnal, rear section)**

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sor-----row!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this mor-----row.**

REFRAIN

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.

But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, aris-----en.

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slum-----ber
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in num-----ber.

REFRAIN

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the riv-----er.

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliv-----er.

REFRAIN**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 sun 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... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander,
and all who were of the high-priestly family.

When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired,
“By what power or by what name did you do this?”

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

“Rulers of the people and elders,
if we are questioned today because of a good deed
done to someone who was sick
and are asked how this man has been healed,
**let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel,
that this man is standing before you in good health
by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified,
whom God raised from the dead.**

This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else,

for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals
by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN The Lord’s My Shepherd #779 (red hymnal, rear section)

**The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake;
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake;**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

Second Reading: I John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?**

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
And by this we will know that we are from the truth
and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us;
for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything.

**Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;
and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God.**

And this is God's commandment,
that we should believe in the name of God's Son Jesus Christ
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.
And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

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: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:]

"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down their life for the sheep.

**The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep,
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.**

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me,
 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
 And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
 I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
 For this reason the Father loves me,
 because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.
 I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.
I have received this command from my Father.”

This is the gospel indeed.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN Praise, Praise, You Are My Rock #862
(red hymnal, rear section)

Praise, praise! You are my rock.
The wind, the waves are high.
You hold me when the waves are strong.
You hold me lest I die, I die.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

Praise, praise! You are my rock.
My desert sand is dry.
You break the rock, a river flows.
You hear me when I cry, I cry.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

Praise, praise! You are my rock.
You calm the fear and pain.
One word of faith and I am well,
I rise to praise and walk again.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

Praise, praise! You are my rock.
You host the table set.
We break the bread, we drink the cup;
we know whom we have met, have met.
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

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.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. We pray for

- 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
- Karin Wilcox, recovering from cancer and facing further treatments
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- Peace and safety for the peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of gun violence
- For Mike Lorenzo and Carol Schuldt celebrating their birthdays this week

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Healing God, 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.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith, including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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**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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #789
 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
 In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
 keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
 you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
 blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to:

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- **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*.
- **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 3. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group and he will send you an invitation!
- The **Confirmation Class** will meet on Monday, April 22nd, starting at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The topic will be the history of the Christian church.
- Pastor Brian's **study on the book *The Great Angel*** by Margaret Barker, will continue on Tuesday, April 23rd, 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 23rd, 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 24th at 10:00 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)