



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA  
Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

**December 11, 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**PRELUDE**

**Ina Davenport**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**GATHERING Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #254 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, now they gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*[Author Charles Wesley, part of the early Methodist movement, wrote about 6500 hymns. He was the Wesley's 18<sup>th</sup> child, and became a "King's Scholar" at an early age. He accompanied his brother John to Georgia as a missionary in 1735, but soon returned to become an itinerant and field preacher. His notable for caring for the prisoners at Newgate Prison in London.]*

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**"The Little Star"**

**HYMN We Three Kings of Orient Are**

**We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.**

**REFRAIN:**

**O ... star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.**

**REFRAIN**

**Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high.**

**REFRAIN**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**REFRAIN**

*[Author John Henry Hopkins was born in Vermont to a father who was an ironmaster, school teacher, lawyer and Episcopal priest. Hopkins himself was formed as a school assistant. He played several instruments and wrote hymns. He also designed seals, stained glass windows and liturgical ornaments, and became an Episcopal priest himself in Plattsburg, New York and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He delivered the eulogy at the funeral of President Ulysses S. Grant.]*

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

God will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

God will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people;

no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 1:46b-55 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**

**for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of this servant.**  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.  
**God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.**  
God has shown strength with their arm;  
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
**God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;**  
God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
**God has helped servant Israel, in remembrance of God's mercy,  
according to the promise God made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever."**

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

### **Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.  
The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,  
being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.  
You also must be patient.  
Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.  
Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged.  
See, the Judge is standing at the doors!  
As an example of suffering and patience, beloved,  
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:26-38**

The gospel lesson for today is from the book of Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, beginning with the 26<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory be to you, Oh Lord.**

In the sixth month [of Elizabeth's pregnancy]  
the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,  
to a young woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph,  
of the house of David.  
The young woman's name was Mary.  
And he came to her and said,

“Greetings, favored one!

The Lord is with you.”

But she was much perplexed by his words  
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her,

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his realm there will be no end.”

Mary said to the angel,

“How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

The angel said to her,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;

therefore the child to be born will be holy;  
he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son;  
and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Then Mary said,

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord;  
let it be with me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mary Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN**

**No Wind at the Window**

**No wind at the window, no knock on the door;  
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;  
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear:  
just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.**

**“O Mary, O Mary, don’t hide from my face  
Be glad that you’re favored and filled with God’s grace.  
The time for redeeming the world has begun,  
and you are requested to mother God’s Son.”**

**This child must be born that the kingdom might come:  
salvation for many, destruction for some;  
both end and beginning, both message and sign;  
both victor and victim, both yours and divine.**

**No payment was promised, no promises made;  
no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed.  
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess,  
replied with conviction, "Tell God I say yes."**

*[The author of this hymn, John L. Bell, was born in Scotland and became a music teacher, from which position he became frustrated. He moved to London where he served in a deprived neighborhood and became a Reformed pastor. He served the youth of a wide region in Scotland, and wrote hymns to address social issues, such as unemployment, the diverse culture and child abuse. He wrote the book *The Singing Thing*.]*

## **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 prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission.  
God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict, including the Rohingya people in China. Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss, especially,

- Nick Larsen in the recent death of his wife Judith
- Dan & Kathie Sperow - Recovering from Covid
- Ina Davenport - Health issues
- Sean Osterthaler - Recovering from surgery for broken ankle
- Aaron Brochtrup - Concussion from vehicle rollover after job related vehicle pursuit
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Pastor Brian - recovery from Bell's Palsy
- Family of Edith Tway who passed on October 12
- Pastor Jim Berg – dealing with health issues
- L.C - Improved mental health
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Paul Weggenmann - Jean Senter's cousin - Health issues
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - in on-going home rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- recovering from recent procedure and to gain weight and strength
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law - living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- facing oral surgery
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Elaine Grawe- Recovering from recent fall
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them.
- For Ina Davenport, Brenda Pool, Debbie Chrismen, Ron Forster and Alexander McKee who celebrate their birthdays this week, and Bruce and Cindy Haener and Joe and Angelina Rice who celebrate their wedding anniversaries

Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving, especially the family of Nickolas Cotton, and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.  
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**

**SANCTUS p. 173 (red hymnal, front section)**

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

## **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

**Ray Makeever**

**Christ, have mercy on us all,  
keep us steadfast e'er we fall.  
Break the bread, pour the wine.  
Come and dine.**

**God, be with us at the feast.  
Grant us wisdom, give us peace.  
Break the bread, pour the wine.  
Come and dine.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe again.  
Light the darkness, be our friend.  
Break the bread, pour the wine.  
Come and dine.**

**Bake a great loaf, give it time;  
choose the best grapes from the vine.  
Break the bread, pour the wine  
Come and dine.**

## **TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**Faithful God,**

**in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.**

**As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.**

**Guide us toward your promised future,  
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

**AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

God the eternal Word,  
who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN All Earth is Hopeful #266 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.**

**People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!  
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!**

**We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.**

*[Alberto Talue, the author of this hymn was a Roman Catholic priest and musician of the oldest church in Barcelona, Spain. He hailed from the semi-autonomous region of Catalunya in northeastern Spain. The hymn was translated by Madeleine Forell Marshall, a Lutheran in Southern California.]*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Ina Davenport**

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Thank you to:

- **Katie Edson** for assisting in worship.
- **Nancy Koppl** for teaching Sunday School and leading the Children's Program, and for the assistance of **Nikki Rocha**.
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- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins.
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- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **All** who have provided Angel Tree gifts for people of Iglesia de Santa Cruz

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm on Zoom. We will be discussing the Season 3, Episode 1 of The Chosen.
- **The Church Council** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee Club** will meet on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Wayward Bakery in Los Osos.
- **Christmas Eve Worship** will be at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary on, you guessed it, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Christmas Day Worship** will begin at 10:00 am in the sanctuary on next Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. **New Year's Day Worship** will also be on a Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 10:00 am.
- 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)**