

December 25, 2022  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Morro Bay  
Christmas Day



**PRELUDE****Ina Davenport****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.**

**We nurture conflict and build barriers.**

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.**

**Where we are reluctant, give us courage.**

**Where we are cynical, restore our trust.**

**Renew us with your grace**

**and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.

**Amen.****GATHERING Joy to the World #267****(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her king;**

**let ev'ry heart prepare him room**

**and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,**

**and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**

**Let all their songs employ,**

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow  
 nor thorns infest the ground;  
 he comes to make his blessings flow  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
 far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
 and makes the nations prove  
 the glories of his righteousness  
 and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
 and wonder, wonders of his love.

#### **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.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together... **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #282 (red hymnal, rear section)**

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
 from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
 The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
 and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.  
 Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,  
 and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
 who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:  
 look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
 oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,  
 when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,

when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

## WORD

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

### PSALM 96 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

O sing to the Lord a new song;

**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;

**tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but God made the heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before God;**

**strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.**

Ascribe to God, O families of the peoples, ascribe to God glory and strength.

**Ascribe to God the glory due God's name;**

bring an offering, and come into God's courts.

**Worship the Lord in holy splendor;**

**tremble before God, all the earth.**

Say among the nations,

"God is king!

**The world is firmly established;**

**it shall never be moved.**

God will judge the peoples with equity."

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;**

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**let the field exult, and everything in it.**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before God;

for God is coming to judge the earth.

**God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.**

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

### Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,  
training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions,

and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly,  
 while we wait for the blessed hope  
 and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He it is who gave himself for us

that he might redeem us from all iniquity

and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**[CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION]**

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

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

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-5, 10-14**

The gospel passage for today is from John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

In the beginning was the Word,  
 and the Word was with God,  
 and the Word was God.

The Word was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through the Word,  
 and without the Word not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in the Word was life,  
 and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,  
 and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Word was in the world, and the world came into being through him,  
 yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,  
 and his own people did not accept him

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,  
 he gave power to become children of God,  
 who were born not of blood or of the will of the flesh,  
 or of the will of humankind, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
 and we have seen his glory,  
 the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOLY CONVERSATION**

Led by Pastor Stein-Webber

**SERMON HYMN** Angels from the Realms of Glory #275 (red hymnal, rear section)

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creations' story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

**REFRAIN**

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.

**REFRAIN**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.

**REFRAIN**

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.

**REFRAIN****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**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

Your infinite love is born to us this night. With choirs of angels the church proclaims the good news. Send us out as messengers of the hope that has come to all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are pleased to dwell with your creatures and the whole earth sings for joy. Renew the splendor of creation from the smallest cell to the widest galaxies. Guide us to be wise stewards of your gifts for the sake of generations to come. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your authority is over the nations. Break the rod of oppression in every land and free all people from fear. Bring peace where there is war, compassion where there is suffering, and healing where there is disease, especially in Ukraine and Pakistan. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You cherish those who are most vulnerable. Protect infants and children, and bless those who care for them. Watch over women giving birth, attend the dying, and relieve any who are in pain. Shelter refugee families and those who have no home. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your lovingkindness embraces everyone in need. Help any for whom this season is lonely or joyless. Comfort those among us, or known to us, who are experiencing distress of body or mind, missing loved ones, or grieving, especially,

- Betty Johnson – recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy.]
- Jennifer Kurrle - recovering from recent hospitalization
- Linda Hecker, Gail Brochtrup's sister, dealing with COVID and MS at the same time
- Heidi Carney - death of her friend Sylvia
- 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
- L.C - Improved mental health
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Jean Senter and family - death of her cousin Paul Weggenmann
- 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 Jack Senter who celebrates his birthday this week

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

You welcome those who have died into the joyous light of glory. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place who have praised you with lives of faith and humility. Inspire us by their example to love you by serving others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We now lift up individual prayers for people and situations that are close to us. We pray for.... God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**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 Angels We Have Heard on High #289 – v. 1 (red hymnal, front section)**

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

**Glo....ria, in excelsis Deo;**

**Glo....ria, in excelsis Deo.**

## **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.**

## **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. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**God our redeemer,  
 you have fed us at this table  
 with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
 As you have gathered us in joy,  
 send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
 Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
 born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 AMEN.**

**BLESSING**

**God bless you and keep you,  
 † Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
 and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
 now and forever.  
 Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270  
 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Hark the herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the newborn king;  
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled."  
 Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
 join the triumph of the skies;  
 with angelic hosts proclaim,  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**REFRAIN**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
 Christ the everlasting Lord,  
 late in time behold him come,  
 offspring of a virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
 Hail incarnate deity!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

**REFRAIN**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
 Hail the Sun of righteousness!**

Light and life to all he brings,  
 ris'n with healing in his wings.  
 Mild he lays his glory by,  
 born that we no more may die,  
 born to raise each child of earth  
 born to give us second birth.

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born!  
 Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha** for assisting in worship.
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- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
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- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
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Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- **The Chosen discussion group** and the **Bible Study** are on hiatus this week.
- **New Year's Day worship** will be on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.
- **Epiphany Day worship** will be on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary will be **un-decorated** on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.
- The **Congregational Annual Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after worship in the sanctuary.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
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