

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 480 MONTEREY AVE. MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

July 10, 2022 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Merciful God.

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves.

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

GATHERING On Eagle's Wings #787 (red book, rear section)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN:

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under my wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.
REFRAIN

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
REFRAIN

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. REFRAIN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit (+) be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (Spanish setting)

page 175 (red hymnal, front part)

Lord have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray together... O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:8-14

The first lesson for Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter, beginning with the 9^{8h} verse.

You will make a new start, listening obediently to God,

keeping all God's commandments that I'm commanding you today.

God, your God, will excel in making things go well for you:

you'll have babies, get calves, grow crops and enjoy an all-around good life.

Yes, God will start enjoying you again,

making things go well for you just as God enjoyed doing it for your ancestors.

But only if you listen obediently to God, your God,

and keep the commandments and regulations

written in this Book of Revelation.

Nothing half-hearted here;

you must return to God, your God, totally, heart and soul, holding nothing back.

This commandment that I'm commanding you today isn't too much for you, it's not out of your reach.

It's not on a high mountain -

you don't have to get mountaineers to climb the peak

and bring it down to your level and explain it before you can live it.

And it's not across the ocean -

you don't have to send sailors out to get it, bring it back, and then explain it before you can live it.

No.

The word is right here and now -

as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest.

Just do it!

[The Message]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

To You, O Love, I lift up my soul!

O Heart within my heart, in You I place my trust.

Let me not feel unworthy:

let not fear rule over me.

Yes! May all who open their hearts savor You and bless the earth!

Compel me to know your ways, O God;

instruct me upon your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for through You will I know wholeness; I shall reflect your Light both day and night.

I know of your mercy, Blessed One, and of your unconditional Love;

You have been with me from the beginning.

Forgive the many times I have walked away from you choosing to follow my own will.

I see your guidance, once again I yearn to know your Peace.

Companion me as I open to your Will!

You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth, happy to guide those who miss their way; **You enjoy teaching all who are open, all who choose to live in truth.**

Your paths are loving and sure, O Holy One,

and those who give witness to You through their lives are blessed beyond measure.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The Second Reading for this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 1st chapter of Colossians, beginning with the 1st verse.

[Paul writes:]

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father

In our prayers for you, we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus

and of the love that you have for all the saints,

because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth,

the gospel that has come to you.

Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world,

so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant.

He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you

and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will

in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord,

fully pleasing to the Lord,

as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from the Lord's glorious power,

and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,

while joyfully giving thanks to God,

who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

God has rescued us from the power of darkness

and transferred us into the realm of the beloved Son.

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION "How Do We Know God?"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

page 179 (red hymnal, front section)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

The gospel lesson for this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 10th chapter of Luke, beginning with the 25th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus.

"Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?"

He answered.

"What's written in God's Law?

How do you interpret it?"

He said,

"That you love the Lord your God

with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence – and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."

"Good answer!"

said Jesus.

"Do it and you'll live"

Looking for a loophole, he asked,

"And just how would you define 'neighbor'?"

Jesus answered by telling a story.

"There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho."

On the way he was attacked by robbers.

They took is clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead.

Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road,

but when he saw him he angled across to the other side.

Then a Levite religious man showed up;

he also avoided the injured man.

"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him.

When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him.

He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds.

Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn,

and made him comfortable.

In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper,

saving.

'Take good care of him.

If it costs any more, put it on my bill – I'll pay you on my way back.'

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"

"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said,

"Go and do the same."

[The Message]

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

SERMON A Well-Told Story Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN I Love to Tell the Story #661 (red hymnal, rear section)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. REFRAIN

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. REFRAIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness, or in other circumstances meriting our prayer, as we lift up especially,

- Paul Kenealy, recovering from dangerous potassium levels
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, and husband of Mike- now in rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- undergoing a final round of chemotherapy
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law- recovering from a stroke
- Edith Tway- moving from the hospital again to rehab
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- whose doctors are turning to different healing techniques
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend-recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- recovering from a complicated bladder replacement surgery
- Tim Stein, Pastor Mary's brother-living under hospice care
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to the new baclofen pump
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering from brain cancer surgery at home
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and 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, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Vern and Edith West, that they stay safe and healthy
- For George & Edith Tway, and David and Janelle Muff who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

God of grace.

hear our prayer.

Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided, especially the future work of Lutheran Social Services in our county. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... God of abundance: You have blessed us with all kinds of abundance. Make us good stewards of our riches so that present and future generations may live without fear of hunger or despair, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

Amen.

The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

SENDING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light of God #866 (red hymnal, rear section)

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, ooo ooo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, ooo ooo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing... We are praying... We are singing...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Cindy Haener,** for assisting in worship.
- Nancy Koppl, for teaching Sunday School.
- Sandy McMillan and others for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- Janet Lorenzo for streaming worship, assembling worship bulletins and editing our newsletter.
- Nancy Padilla, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Our kitchen crew,** for hosting fellowship time.
- **Joyce Bauer,** for leading ushering and altar guild.
- **Nikki Rocha,** for providing prayer and the laying on of hands.

Events this week:

- We were sorry to learn that the COVID virus has touched the Rice family, and so the baptism we had hoped to celebrate today for young Henry has been postponed for the time being.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Now is a good time to join the group, as we are starting a new subject about **how God is showing up in our lives.**
- Thanks to all men who took a chance on the **Men's Group** this past Tuesday. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house (1302 17th St., Los Osos). You are welcome to come!
- **Bible Study** on Wednesday, July 13th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall
- **Outreach Committee** meets on Wednesday, July 13th, in the fellowship hall.
- **Sunday, July 17th, 10:00 am,** worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- **Note that we are still strongly asking for the use of masks in worship**, for the sake of those whose health is compromised or weak. The newest omicron sub-variant is turning out to be highly contagious.