



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

## PRELUDE

John Cribb

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #857 (red book, rear section)**

**Lord, I lift your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing your praises,  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

*[Repeat two more times.]*

## 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.**

**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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

The first lesson for Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of Jeremiah, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter, beginning with the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse.

[God said:]

“Am I not a God near at hand and not a God far off?  
Can anyone hide out in a corner where I can’t see them?  
Am I not present everywhere, whether seen or unseen?

“I know what they’re saying,  
all these prophets who preach lies using me as their text,  
saying, ‘I had this dream! I had this dream!  
How long do I have to put up with this?  
Do these prophets give two cents about me  
as they preach their lies and spew out their grandiose delusions?  
They swap dreams with one another,  
feed on each other’s delusive dreams,

trying to distract my people from me  
just as their ancestors were distracted by the no-god Baal.

“You prophets who do nothing but dream –  
go ahead and tell your silly dreams.  
But you prophets who have a message from me –  
tell it truly and faithfully.  
What does straw have in common with wheat?  
Nothing else is like God’s Decree.  
Isn’t my Message like fire?  
Isn’t it like a sledgehammer busting a rock?”

[*The Message*]

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

### **PSALM 82 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
**giving judgment in the midst of the gods:**

“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

**Save the weak and the orphan;**

defend the humble and needy;

**rescue the weak and the poor;**

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

**They do not know, neither do they understand;**

they wander about in darkness;

**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Now I say to you,

‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

**nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.’”**

Arise God, and rule the earth,  
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

[*New Revised Standard Version*]

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2**

The Second Reading for this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews, beginning with the 29<sup>th</sup> verse.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land,

but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,

because she had

received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say?

For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah,  
of David and Samuel and the prophets –  
who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises,  
shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword,  
won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword;

they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented –  
of whom the world was not worthy.

They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith,

did not receive what was promised,

since God had provided something better so that they would not,

apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
disregarding its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*[New Revised Standard. Version]*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**page 179 (red hymnal, front section)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:49-56**

The gospel lesson for this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke, beginning with the 49<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

[Jesus said:]

“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

I have a baptism with which to be baptized,

and what stress I am under until it is complete!  
Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?  
No, I tell you, but rather division!  
From now on five in one household will be divided,  
three against two and two against three;  
they will be divided:  
father against son and son against father;  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds,  
“When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say,  
‘It is going to rain’;  
and so it happens.  
And when you see the south wind blowing, you say,  
‘There will be scorching heat’;  
and it happens.  
You hypocrites!  
You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and sky,  
but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

[New Revised Standard Version]

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

**SERMON                  Hmmm... Division                  Pastor Brian Stein-Webber  
Delivered by Jim Luke**

**SERMON HYMN    Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #789 (red book, 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.**

## **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**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters, especially central Appalachia, Northern California, Montana, Puerto Rico, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Afghanistan, Brazil, and Australia. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to build nations who respect the rights of all its peoples.  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed, especially in North Korea, Syria, Turkmenistan, Saudi Arabia, Equatorial Guinea and Uzbekistan. Merciful God. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep, especially,

- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in rehabilitation care.

- Linda Luke- completed 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
- Pastor Mary - the passing of her brother, Tim Stein
- 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 well from brain surgery-
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Garrett Stapp, Please join us in praying that his body will receive the new heart, and that there will be no forms of rejection.
- For Vern and Edith West, that they stay safe and healthy
- 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 Betty Sorensen who celebrates her birthday this week
- For Daryl & Betty Sorensen, Nick & Becky Mendoza and Brian and Mary Stein-Webber who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week

In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**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 set before us a plentiful harvest.  
May we work toward a world where nobody is hungry,  
in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past #632 (red hymnal, rear section)

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.**

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Jim Luke**, for delivering Pastor Brian's sermon. (He is away this morning attending the memorial service for Howie Wennes in Thousand Oaks.)

- **Cindy Haener**, for assisting in worship.
- **Nancy Koppl**, for teaching Sunday School.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **John Cribb**, 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.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to the inside of the church.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to the outside of the church

Events this week:

- **The Zoom discussion group** will NOT meet tonight. See you NEXT week!
- **Outreach Committee** meets on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Coffee Club** meets on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Nautical Bean in Baywood.
- **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**, worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall.
- **Don't forget** to bring your items to donate to the **Yard Sale** in October! We have some storage room available.
- **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. We will hold a fellowship time after worship in the hall, but without coffee or treats, so that we keep our mask on.
- **Remember** - you can always check the **calendar page on our website** for upcoming events [morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)