



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE**John Cribb****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****Order for Confession and Forgiveness***All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.***ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
 you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING**A Mighty Fortress #504****(red hymnal, rear section)**

**A mighty fortress is our God a sword and shield victorious;
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
 With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
 On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
 But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
 You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
 He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
 we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
 Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
 His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
 One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
 for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
 Were they to take our house, good, honor, child, or spouse,
 though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
 The kingdom's ours forever!**

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.

KYRIE

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In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
 for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise,
 for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

A---men.

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

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REFRAIN

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and freedom;
 praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
 whose blood has freed and united us
 to be one great people of God.**

REFRAIN

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
 all honor and glory to Christ, forever.**

REFRAIN

**For God has come to dwell with us,
 to make us people of God;
 to make all things new.**

REFRAIN**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah Jeremiah 31:31-34

*(The congregation will read the **bold** words.)*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.

**It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—
a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.**

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,
“Know the Lord,”
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;
for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

*(The congregation responds with the **bold** words)*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28*(The congregation reads the **bold** words.)*

[Paul writes:]

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law,
 so that every mouth may be silenced,
 and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law,
 for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed,
 and is attested by the law and the prophets,
 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
 they are now justified by God’s grace as a gift,
 through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood,
 effective through faith.**

God did this to show divine righteousness,
 because in God’s divine forbearance
 God had passed over the sins previously committed;
 it was to prove at the present time that God alone is righteous
 and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting?

It is excluded.

By what law?

By that of works?

No, but by the law of faith.

**For we hold that a person is justified by faith
 apart from works prescribed by the law.**

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION**Gospel Acclamation****Celtic Alleluia #174****(red hymnal, rear section)****Alleluia, Alleluia.****Alleluia, Alleluia.****Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36**

The gospel lesson for this Reformation Sunday is from the 8th chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the 31st verse.

Glory to you, O God.

*(The congregation shall read the **bold** words.)*

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

They answered him,

**“We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”**

Jesus answered them,

“Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.
The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever.
So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Brian

SERMON HYMN My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #597 (red hymnal, rear section)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

REFRAIN

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev’ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.**

REFRAIN

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.**

REFRAIN

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!**

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness, especially Lahaina on the island of Maui. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict, especially this day in Israel and Palestine. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer, especially,

- Brenda Ouwerkerk and family – death of mother, Edith West
- Elaine Grawe
- Nancy Padilla – multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – recovering at Bayside
- Mark Shuck – Gail B.'s brother – recovering from shoulder surgery
- Christian – Heidi Carney's son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello's sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from double surgery
- Wes, brother of John Cribb – facing the choice between kidney dialysis and kidney transplant
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – dealing with frontal temporal lobe dementia and aphasia.
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Aaron Brochtrup - for perseverance and patience while he works to recover from his injuries
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – learning to live with condition
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- weighing treatment options for persistent infection
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry

- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For the earthquake victims in Afghanistan
- For the people of Israel and Palestine
- For Audrey Forster who celebrates her birthday this week

Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray also, O God, for those whom we have not named yet, but are also in need of our support and intercession, especially,

[You may name out loud or in your heart, those who are on your hearts, this morning.]

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING SONG Create in Me a Clean Heart #188 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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

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**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

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.

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.]

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Amazing Grace #779 (red hymnal, rear section)

Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THANKS BE TO YOU

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**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word #517 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church that we
may sing your praise eternally.
O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**John Cribb**

Thank you to:

- **Andy Jacoby**, for serving as assisting minister
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer and others** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- Today is **Reformation Sunday**. There will be a **Brunch and Sunday School Dessert Sale and Bookmark Sale** after worship. Proceeds will benefit our Compassion Child Charite.
- Thanks to all who have filled out **Stewardship forms** and deposited them in the red box at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you have not received your stewardship packet yet, please speak with Sandy McMillan.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, Sunday, October 29, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to discuss Season 3, Episode 8, *Sustenance*.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will be on Zoom on Monday, October 30th starting at 9:30 am. If you want to join, please speak with Pastor Brian and he will send you an invitation. Next Sunday's Bible passages will be Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 34; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.
- **Confirmation Class** will be on Monday evening, October 30th, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The subject will be the story of Moses and the Exodus.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be Jewish Identity and Rebuilding After Exile.
- Pastor Mary's Bible Study on **the story of Joseph in Genesis** will be on Thursday, November 2nd, 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the Stein-Webber home, 1302 17th St. in Los Osos. Please speak with Pastor Mary if you wish to join.
- The **memorial service** for the mother of Brenda Ouwerkerk, **Edith Mae West**, will be on Saturday, November 4th, starting at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. There will be a cookie reception in the fellowship hall afterward. Speak with Cindy Haener if you would like to contribute cookies! All Calvary folks are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- The next **Worship Planning Workshop** will be on Saturday, November 4th, 9:30 to 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.
- On Sunday, November 5th, **All Saints Sunday**, part of the worship will be dedicated to **remembering dear ones who died during COVID**, or since that time.

- 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:
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