



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



PRELUDE - How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine

John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gail Brochtrup

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 Jesus Calls U O'er the Tumult #696 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

GREETING

In the name of God the Creator, in the name of Christ the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit,
Alleluia, Amen.

Come let us worship God (repeat throughout).

Come let us worship God.

Welcome everyone,

To the Love of God.

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

KYRIE

Ray Makeever

Kyrie eleison... **Kyrie eleison.**
Kyrie eleison... **Kyrie eleison.**
Kyrie... **Kyrie.**
Christe... **Christe.**
Kyrie... **Kyrie.**
Christe... **Christe.**
Kyrie, Christe eleison. **Kyrie, Christe eleison.**

[Repeat last line two more times in a round.]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray together.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

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

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the God of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's pleasant planting; Who expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

PSALM 80:7-15 (*the congregation responds with the **bold** words*)

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

**Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

(*The congregation reads the **bold** words.*)

[Paul writes:]

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

More than that, I regard everything as loss

because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;

but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;

but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

**I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Open Your Ears #519 (verse 1)
(red hymnal, front section)

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

The gospel lesson for this Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost is from the 21st chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 33rd verse.

Glory to you, O God.

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

[Jesus said to the people:]

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first;

and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

They said to him,

"He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them,

"Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Open Your Ears (refrain)

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

SERMON

Jim Luke

SERMON HYMN On What Has Now Been Sown #550 (red hymnal, rear section)

On what has now been sown, your blessing Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace ... the harvest raise, and yours alone shall be the praise.

To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord ... and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here,
may meet together thus when you and yours appear,
and follow you ... to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

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 of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need, especially,

- 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 – being monitored for condition
- 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 in Turkey suffering from the earthquake, and the IMPACT Missionaries
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For the people of Maui recovering from devastating fires, people of Libya- flooding, and for the earthquake victims in Morocco and Turkey...
- For Toni Tway and Mark Orback who celebrate their birthdays this week

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. 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 of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. 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

Ray Makeever

**What have we to offer? What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.
God will not falter; so let us dare
lay it at the altar there.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to bring?
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;
dreams of what we're after, promises of when.
Lay it at the altar then.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;
truth that must be spoken, justice somehow.
Lay it at the altar now.**

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 (spoken)

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

CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL

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. 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.]

COMMUNION MUSIC - He Is Lord Traditional, arr. Fred Bock

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:

**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 We Are Called #720 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

REFRAIN

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those who fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

REFRAIN

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE - I Just Keep Trusting My Lord John W. Petersen **John Cribb**

Thank you to:

- **Jim Luke**, for preaching.
- **Cindy Haener**, 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** for editing and assembling worship 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:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will be on hiatus tonight and will continue on the evening of October 15th.
- Pastor Mary's class on the story of **Joseph in Genesis** will be starting on Thursday, October 12th. The time and location will depend upon the interested participants. If you haven't registered your interest yet, please contact Pastor Mary at mary@safeplacetoheal.com right away!
- The **Sermon Feedback and Forward** is on hiatus tomorrow, and will continue on Monday, October 9th. The lessons to be discussed will be Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, and Matthew 22:1-14.
- **Coffee Club** will meet Friday, October 13th, starting at 9:00 am at Tidelands Park in Morro Bay. Bring your own coffee and a snack to share if you like.
- The **Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, October 11th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The topic will be the Babylonian Conquest and Exile.
- 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**