



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All Saint's Sunday



PRELUDE**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✝ Jesus we are forgiven, by Jesus we are welcome,

in Jesus we are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING**Lift High the Cross #660 (red hymnal, rear section)****REFRAIN**

Lift high the cross, the love of God proclaims

till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians follow where our captain trod,

our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

REFRAIN

All newborn servants of the Crucified

bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

REFRAIN

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,

as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee!

REFRAIN

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

praise to the Crucified for victory!

REFRAIN**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

Now the Feast and Celebration booklet p. 3

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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and
to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Revelation 7:9-17

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

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”**

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures,

and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

**“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

“Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

I said to him, **“Sir, you are the one that knows.”**

Then he said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

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

I will bless God at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in God; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of God; let us exalt God’s name together.

I sought God, who answered me and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.

Look upon God and be radiant, and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and God heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of God encamps around those who fear God and delivers them.

Taste and see that God is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Fear God, you saints of God, for those who fear God lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

O God, you redeem the life of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3*(The congregation reads the **bold** words.)*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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: Matthew 5:1-12

The gospel lesson for this All Saints Sunday is from the 5th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory to you, O God.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;
 and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
 and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Brian

SERMON HYMN Wade in the Water #459 (red hymnal, rear section)

REFRAIN

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-goin-a trouble the water.**

**See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-goin'a trouble the water,
the leader looks like the Israelite.
God's a-goin-a trouble the water.**

REFRAIN

**See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-goin'a trouble the water,
Looks like the band that Moses led.
God's a-goin-a trouble the water.**

REFRAIN

**Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a-goin'a trouble the water,
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me.
God's a-goin-a trouble the water.**

REFRAIN

**If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-goin'a trouble the water,
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.
God's a-goin-a trouble the water.**

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially,

- Jack & Jean Senter - Illness
- 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 - praise that she is cancer free, and for continued healing
- 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 Kurre'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
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Jean Senter who celebrates her birthday this week, and Chris and Kate Anderson who celebrate their wedding anniversary

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.]

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love: Linda Luke and Edith Mae West. *You may name others out loud or in your hearts...*

Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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 #186
(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.]

You are invited to bring to the altar pictures or names of loved ones, to exemplify that whole hosts of believers who have come and will come to the table of blessing.]

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River #423
(red hymnal, rear section)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

REFRAIN

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever all the happy golden day.

REFRAIN

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

REFRAIN

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

REFRAIN**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:

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

**AMEN.
BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

**SENDING HYMN For All the Saints #422
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor Brian

Thank you to:

- **Pastor Brian** 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 **All Saints Sunday**. We are remembering those who have died in the past year, those who died during the COVID outbreak, and those who have died of COVID.
- 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.
- **Coffee Club** is tomorrow at 9:00 at Top Dog in Morro Bay.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, Sunday, November 5th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to discuss the last part of Season 3, Episode 8, *Sustenance*.
- **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will be on Zoom on Monday, November 6th 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 Amos 5: 18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, November 8th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The subject will be Esther, Daniel and Life Under Empire.
- Pastor Mary's Bible Study on **the story of Joseph in Genesis** will be on Thursday, November 9th, 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 **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, November 9th starting at 5:00 in the fellowship hall.
- If you would like to attend the **Amy Grant Concert** on the evening of February 18th at the Performing Arts Center in San Luis Obispo, please let Brenda Ouwerkerk know by next Sunday so she can buy a group of tickets together for us.
- 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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