

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

January 1, 2023 Name of Jesus Sunday



PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

the Word made flesh.

our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,

let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people,

and call us to be messengers of your peace.

We confess that too often we hoard our joy,

our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

We neglect the needs of our neighbors

and ignore the groaning of creation.

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace

and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

GATHERING Oh Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic is Your Name Michael W. Smith

O Lord, our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth O Lord, our Lord How majestic is Your name in all the earth

O Lord, we praise Your name O Lord, we magnify Your name Prince of peace, mighty God O Lord, God Almighty

REPEAT

[Michael W. Smith is a singer/musician/songwriter from West Virginia with addiction problems at an early age who overcame his problems with God's help, and went on the have a tremendously successful career in Nashville Christian music scene.]

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray together... Eternal God, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime #284 (solo and congregation)

SOLO

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:

REFRAIN

Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

CONGREGATION

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found; a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round; but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: REFRAIN

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.

The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. REFRAIN

O children of the forest free, the angel-song is true; the holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you. Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. REFRAIN

[This hymn, written around 1643 in Canada, was likely the first Christmas carol in North America. The author was Jesuit priest, Jean de Brebeuf, who spent 16 years ministering among the Huron people. He set the words to an old French tune. Though the Iroquois people were at peace with the French, it was not so with the Hurons. In an attack on the Huron people in 1649, the Iroquois killed Father Brebeuf and dispersed the Huron tribe. This carol later re-emerged in the diaspora. It was liberally translated into English by Jess Edgar Middleton, a report for the Montreal Herald and later The Mail and Empire in Toronto.]

WORD

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

Numbers 6:22-27

God spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to Aaron and his children, saying,

Thus you shall bless the Israelites:

You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

PSALM 8 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants,

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with gory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and all the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Love, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

[New Revised Standard Version]

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come,

God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

in order to redeem those who were under the law,

so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:15-21

The gospel passage for today is from Luke, the 2nd chapter, beginning with the 15th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;

and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child, and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON God-Given Names Pastor Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN What Child is This? #296 (red hymnal, rear section)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary! Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrhh, come peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

[This popular hymn was written by William Chatterton Dix in 1865 to the equally popular tune Greensleeves. Dix as born in Bristol, England and became a manager of a maritime Insurance company. He was confined to bed because of illness in his 30th year, during which he suffered greatly, but also wrote some of his hymns.]

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

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you have given the church the holy name of Jesus, in whom we are your beloved children. Unite us in mission through the power of his Spirit. Make us worthy of the name we bear, the name in which we pray. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, restore your glory to the earth. Awaken humanity to our kinship with all living things that depend on your provision. Teach us to care for the earth and safeguard its treasures for those who come after us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Peacemaking God, reconcile the nations. Lead those in conflict into negotiation, especially in areas of religious or ethnic strife, especially Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, Ethiopia, Yemen,

Afghanistan, Lebanon and Sudan. End acts of aggression and violence carried out in your name. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Delivering God, rescue our siblings in any danger, especially in communities where people are recovering from disaster, especially the United States, Indonesia, China, and Pakistan. Move those in authority to respond with speed and compassion. We pray for the safety of first responders, health care workers, and all who protect us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation, or health condition, especially,

- Betty Johnson recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy.]
- Jennifer Kurrle recovering from recent hospitalization
- Heidi Carney death of her friend Sylvia
- Nick Larsen in the recent death of his wife Judith
- Ina Davenport Health issues
- Sean Osterthaler Recovering from surgery for broken ankle
- Aaron Brochtrup Concussion from vehicle rollover after job related vehicle pursuit
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Joanne Kulczyk recovering from a fall
- Pastor Brian recovery from Bell's Palsy
- Family of Edith Tway who passed on October 12
- L.C Improved mental health
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother spine surgery
- Jean Senter and family death of her cousin Paul Weggenmann
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas in on-going home rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- recovering from recent procedure and to gain weight and strength
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- facing oral surgery
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Elaine Grawe- Recovering from recent fall
- Darel and Betty Sorenson Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- 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 and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Understanding God, we also lift up other people, groups or situations that are in need of prayer. We pray for....

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Saving God, redeem us and grant us eternal peace. We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in your undying love, made known to us in Jesus our Emmanuel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS Angels We Have Heard on High #289 - v. 1 (red hymnal, front section)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Glo....ria, in excelsis Deo;

Glo....ria, in excelsis Deo.

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. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

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:
God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you,

H Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Blessed Be the Name #797 (red hymnal, rear section)

Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name, Jesus' name. Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name, Jesus' name. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed be the name, Jesus' name. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed be the name, Jesus' name.

Let us go to Jesus, let us go to Jesus, let us go to Jesus in heav'n. Let us go to Jesus, let us go to Jesus, let us go to Jesus in heav'n. Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go to Jesus in heav'n. Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go to Jesus in heav'n.

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- Janet Lorenzo for editing and assembling worship bulletins.
- 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 and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- The Chosen discussion group is on hiatus this week.

- **Coffee Group** will meet on **Tuesday**, **January 3** at Buttercup in Morro Bay
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, January 4th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Epiphany Day worship** will be on Friday, January 6th, starting at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary will be **de-decorated** on Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 am.
- The **Congregational Annual Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 8th after worship in the sanctuary.
- **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, January 9th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house, 1302 17th St., Los Osos.
- 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