



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**January 8, 2023**  
**Baptism of Jesus Sunday**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
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 As With Gladness Men of Old #302 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we sing alleluias to our king**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy pure and free from sin's alloy  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavn'ly king.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.**

#### **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.**

#### **WORD**

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

#### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the God glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;  
worship God in holy splendor.**

The voice of God is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders God, over mighty waters.

**The voice of God is powerful;  
the voice of God is full of majesty.**

The voice of God breaks the cedars;  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sioron like a young wild ox.**

The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of God shakes the wilderness;  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
**and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"**

God sits enthroned over the flood;  
God sits enthroned as ruler forever.

**May God give strength to the people!  
May God bless the people with peace!**

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

**Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them:

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right  
is acceptable to him.

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
how he went about doing good and healing all  
who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,  
not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify  
that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.  
All the prophets testify about him  
that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*[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: Matthew 3:13-17**

The gospel passage for today is from Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, beginning with the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him  
John would have prevented him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him,

“Let it be so now;

for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,  
suddenly the heavens were opened to him,

and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said,

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**The New Thing**

**Pastor Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN**

**Down Galilee's Slow Roadways**

**Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.**

**He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but here within the river the sign was birth and grave.**

**Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."**

**We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.  
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."**

## **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**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds, including Chorro and Los Osos Creeks. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Protect also those in the West who are receiving too much water too quickly. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis, especially,

- Kathie Sperow - recovering from a mild heart attack
- Betty Johnson – recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - recovering from recent hospitalization
- 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
- 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 - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- 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 January 20
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Elaine Grawe - Headaches and housing
- 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.
- For Kate Anderson and Jennifer Kurrle who celebrate their birthdays this week

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Ever-Present God, we also lift up others who are in need of our intercession. We pray for....  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.  
Amen.**

## **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**

*[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 the 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.**

## 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:

**Holy One, we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.**

**AMEN.**

## BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN I’m Going on a Journey. #446. (red hymnal, rear section)

**I’m going on a journey, and I’m starting today.**

**My head is wet, and I’m on my way.**

**Christ’s mark is on me; it’s on you, too;**

**it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!**

I'm becoming this day a saint of God.  
It really doesn't matter what roads I trod.  
Wherever I go, God's been there too.  
God's love has touched me and will carry me through.

There are other saints who have said amen.  
They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end.  
Along the way I want to be  
the kind of person that God set free.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

*[The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin directly after the Postlude. Members and friends are encouraged to stay to conduct the business of the congregation.]*

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Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha** 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 and Gail Brochtrup** 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.
- **Thanks to all** who de-decorated the sanctuary yesterday!

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will meet tonight on Zoom at 7:00 pm, to talk about Season 3, episode 3.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house, 1302 17<sup>th</sup> St., Los Osos.
- Next Sunday we will begin to learn a **new liturgy**, with songs primarily written by Marty Haugen, a great musician of the church.
- The **Church Council** will be meeting this Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.
- 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](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**