



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**First Sunday of Lent**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**Psalm 5**

**Give ear to my words O Lord, consider my meditation.  
Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God  
For unto Thee will I pray, my voice shalt Thou hear in the morning  
O Lord in the morning, will I direct my prayer.  
unto Thee and will look up. (repeat two times)**

**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 #157**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

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**

### **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... Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man,  
“You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;  
but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, \\  
for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty  
than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made  
It said to the woman,  
“Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”  
The woman said to the serpent,  
“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;  
but God said,  
‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden,  
nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman,  
“You will not die;  
for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened,  
and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,  
and that it was a delight to the eyes,  
and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate;  
and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.  
Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;  
and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 32 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in God.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin,  
and so death spread to all because all have sinned—  
sin was indeed in the world before the law,  
but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses,  
even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam,  
who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if the many died through the one man’s trespass,  
much more surely have the grace of God  
and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ,  
abounded for the many.

And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin.

For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation,  
but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one,  
much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace  
and the free gift of righteousness  
exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one person’s trespass led to condemnation for all,  
so one person’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

For just as by the one person’s disobedience the many were made sinners,  
so by the one person’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

*[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 4:1-11**

The gospel passage for today is from the book of Matthew, the 4th chapter, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him,

“If you are the Son of God,  
command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city

and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him,

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him,

“Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain

and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor;

and he said to him,

“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him,

“Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*[The New Revised Standard Version]*

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #834 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty victorious thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

### **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**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to Bishop Brenda Bos, her staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love, especially...

- The Aparicio and Padilla families of Rebecca Aparicio who passed this week
- Lalo & Luise Jiminez - Lalo has pneumonia and pain from trigeminal neuralgia
- Pastor Mary - recovering from a period of asthma
- Ron Forster - recovering from pancreatitis
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - adjusting to new medications
- Ina Davenport - Healing of her arm
- Aaron Brochtrup - still unable to return to work - neck pain, headaches, neurological trauma
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Carly Muff, Robin Karas and Georgina Tway who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You hear us always, especially as we now offer prayers up for other people on our minds and hearts...

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; 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 PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.**

**Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.**

**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**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY #191**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**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.]*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

### **PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY #208 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**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:

**Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.  
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.**

**AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN Softly and Tenderly #608 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

**REFRAIN**

**"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O Sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me!  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?**

**REFRAIN**

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

**REFRAIN**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying worship.
- **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 and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- Today we are beginning our **Lent Collection for the people served by Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz**. You may place food and other donations in the boat, or even better, bring a reusable "beach" bag full of groceries! The disciples will deliver the food at the end of the season!
- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall today, where there will be a Mexican food brunch.
- **The Preaching Congregation group** will meet tonight on Zoom with Professor Hannan, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will meet next Sunday on Zoom.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, February 29th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- The first of our **Lenten soup suppers** will be this Wednesday night, with supper starting at 5:30 pm and a brief worship at 6:15 pm
- 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**