



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**PRELUDE** - Variations on "Now the Green Blade Rises", Keith Kolander     **John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

**Where despair prevails, grant hope.**

**Where chaos reigns, bring peace.**

**We ask this through Christ,**

**who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.**

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**#365 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'ly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

#### **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**

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**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.

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, 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: Acts 10: 34-43**

Peter began to speak to [the people]:

“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 he 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.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,**

**“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

God is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of God acts valiantly!**

The right hand of God is exalted!

The right hand of God acts valiantly!”

**I shall not die, but live,**

**and declare the works of God.**

God indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to God.**

“This is the gate of God;

here the righteous may enter.”

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By God has this been done;**

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed,

then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,  
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.  
And suddenly there was a great earthquake;  
for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven,  
came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.  
His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.  
For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.  
But the angel said to the women,  
“Do not be afraid;  
I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.  
He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.  
Come, see the place where he lay.  
Then go quickly and tell his disciples,  
‘He has been raised from the dead,  
and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him.’  
This is my message for you.”  
So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.  
Suddenly Jesus met them and said,  
“Greetings!”  
And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.  
Then Jesus said to them,  
“Do not be afraid;  
go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee;  
there they will see me.”

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

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**SERMON HYMN**

**The Easter Song**

**Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again!....  
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead!" .....  
The angel upon the tombstone said, "He is risen just as He said,  
quickly now go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"**

**Joy to the world,  
He is risen, Alleluia!  
He's risen, Alleluia!  
He's risen, Alleluia!**

**(sing twice)**

## 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all laypeople, theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world, our nation included, that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized, and for all health care workers who care for them, especially,

- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Mike Lorenzo - Numbness in leg and having trouble walking
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Diane Williams - recovering from intestinal issues
- John Cribb - death of his father in South Carolina
- 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
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- 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- ongoing abdominal pain
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- 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 COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Bob Clemensson, Dan Sperow and Linda Luke who celebrate their birthdays this week

Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**You gave us praying spirits. We also lift up before you this day....**

**Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**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.... **Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.  
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 MUSIC** - I Know that My Redeemer Liveth, G.F.Handel, arr. Robert J. Hughes

#### **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:  
**Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
AMEN.**

## BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN                      **Thine Is the Glory #376** (red hymnal, rear section)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**

### REFRAIN

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!**

### REFRAIN

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

### REFRAIN

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** - Easter Chant: O Filii Et Filiae, Gordon Young

**John Cribb**

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- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.

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- **A whole crowd** for decorating our sanctuary so nicely!
- **To everybody who contributed to our latest food drive, and to Sandy McMillan, Nancy Padilla and Katie Edson** for delivering our big collection to Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz this past week!

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet next Sunday, April 16th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to begin again with Season 1, Episode 1. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group!
- Tomorrow, Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting a new zoom group that will meet **to talk about the past and the next Sunday sermons**. This is an effort to draw more people into what and how our sermons get preached! Contact Pastor Brian to be put on the invitation list.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **The Church Council** will meet on this Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **The Worship Planning Committee** will meet this Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 am in the social 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)**