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# July 23, 2023

## Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



**PRELUDE - We Have Come into His House, Bruce Ballinger John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**Do Lord Remember Me**

**CHORUS**

**Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,**

**Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,**

**Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,**

**Look away beyond the blue.**

**I've got a home in glory land, that outshines the sun...**

**Look away beyond the blue.**

**CHORUS**

**I took Jesus as my Savior; you take Him too...**

**Look away beyond the blue.**

**CHORUS**

**We've been baptized in Your name; we are Your own...**

**Look away beyond the blue.**

**CHORUS**

## **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.**

**GLORIA p. 204** (red hymnal, front section)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Maker of surpassing worth;  
we exalt You, we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before You; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, You have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross You died to save us; now You reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in Your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim You; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name You, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Maker's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Let us pray together.

**Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8**

*[The congregation will read the **bold** words.]*

Thus says God, the King of Israel,  
and God's Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me?

Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

**Do not fear, or be afraid;**

**have I not told you from of old and declared it?**

You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
**There is no other rock; I know not one.**

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 86:11-17 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.  
**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O God, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

**Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25  
(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh,  
to live according to the flesh—  
for if you live according to the flesh, you will die;  
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.  
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.

**When we cry, "Abba! Father!"  
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—  
if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.  
For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;  
for the creation was subjected to futility,  
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;  
and not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
    who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
    groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen?

**But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    p. 205            (red hymnal, front section)**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

## **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

The gospel lesson for this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 24<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

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

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable:

    "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone  
    who sowed good seed in his field;  
but while everybody was asleep,  
    an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat,  
    and then went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain,  
    then the weeds appeared as well.

**And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,  
    'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?  
    Where, then, did these weeds come from?'**

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

But he replied, 'No;

    for in gathering the weeds  
    you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest;  
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,

    Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned,  
    but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

**Then he left the crowds and went into the house.  
And his disciples approached him, saying,  
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”**

He answered,

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;  
the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;  
the weeds are the children of the evil one,  
and the enemy who sowed them is the devil;  
the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.  
Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire,  
so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels,  
and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin  
and all evildoers,  
and they will throw them into the furnace of fire,  
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their God.  
Let anyone with ears listen!”**

This is the gospel indeed.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN**

**We Plow the Fields and Scatter #681 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.**

**REFRAIN**

**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.**

**You only are the maker of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.**

**REFRAIN**

**We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer you all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure – our humble, thankful hearts.**

**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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by a new climate normal, especially the millions in this country, and Europe and around the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction, and those in need of our prayers, especially,

- Dick Williams – hospitalized with back pain, unable to walk
- Pastor Brian – recovering from a recent medical procedure
- Maddison Schwenoha – friend of Sophia Lorenzo – multiple injuries from car accident
- Tom Anello's sister – undergoing treatment for cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Daryl Sorensen – as he makes the move back to Reedley
- Joyce Bauer – patience waiting for her consultation appointment
- Ruth Anello – Recovering from orthopedic surgery on July 13
- Wes, brother of John Cribb - recovering from kidney surgery
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer

- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter - undiagnosed illness
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - for perseverance and patience while he works to recover from his injuries
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- 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 Liz Fitzgerald who celebrates her birthday this week

Sustain your people living with HIV/ AIDS, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. 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.]*

God in. your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed, so that we live into that same hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, 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 field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 p. 207** (red hymnal, front section)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.  
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.**

**LAMB OF GOD p. 208 (red hymnal, front section)**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

#### **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 - We Worship and Adore You, Mark Hayes**

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**COMMUNION SONG Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil #512 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
AMEN.**

## BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN      **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #807 (red hymnal, rear section)**

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring hart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be part of the harvesting.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE - I Will Call Upon the Lord, Michael O'Shield**

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Cindy Haener**, for being assisting minister.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
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- **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:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 2, Episode 7, "Reckoning."

- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. We will be discussing next week's lessons: I Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- **The Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are following a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This week's subject will be *Biblical Wisdom Literature*.
- The **Los Osos Community Dinner** will take place this Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Los Osos Community Center. Let Nancy Padilla know if you wish to join in cooking the meal.
- The **Celebration of Life for Linda Luke** will be on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon, at Los Osos Cemetery and Memorial Park on Los Osos Valley Rd. The service will be followed by a committal at a niche on the property, and then a reception with something to eat and drink.
- There will be a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> after worship in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a proposal by Toste Construction to reshape and repave the parking lot on the north side of the property. If the proposal is approved, then a financing plan will be discussed and approved.
- Also, next Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **potluck lunch** after the congregational meeting in the fellowship hall. If you would like to bring something please sign up on the sheet that will be circulated today.
- If you too would like to create **bulletin cover art** such as we have seen done by our young people recently, please talk with Pastor Brian.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
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**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events: [morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**