



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**August 27, 2023**  
**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**PRELUDE**

**John Cribb**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jean Senter**

## 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

### Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Jesus, name above all names**

**Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.**

**Emmanuel, God is with us.**

**Blessed Redeemer, Living word.**

**[Repeat two more times.]**

## GREETING

In the name of God the Creator, in the name of Christ the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit, Alleluia, Amen.

Come let us worship God (repeat throughout).

Come let us worship God.

Welcome everyone,

To the Love of God.

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

## KYRIE

Ray Makeever

Kyrie eleison...      **Kyrie eleison.**  
Kyrie eleison...      **Kyrie eleison.**  
Kyrie...              **Kyrie.**  
Christe...            **Christe.**  
Kyrie...              **Kyrie.**  
Christe...            **Christe.**  
Kyrie, Christe eleison.      **Kyrie, Christe eleison.**

**[Repeat last line two more times in a round.]**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray together.

**God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

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

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek God.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,            and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for they were but two when I called them,

          but I blessed them and made them many. For God will comfort Zion; God will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of God;

**joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.**

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out

          and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,

          and those who live on it will die like gnats;

**but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 138 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of God, that great is the glory of God.

**God is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies  
your right hand shall save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me;  
O God, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8  
(The congregation reads the bold words.)**

[Paul writes:]

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,  
so that you may discern what is the will of God  
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you  
not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think,  
but to think with sober judgment,  
each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

**For as in one body we have many members,  
and not all the members have the same function,  
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually we are members one of another.**

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

prophecy, in proportion to faith;  
ministry, in ministering;  
the teacher, in teaching;  
the exhorter, in exhortation;  
the giver, in generosity;  
the leader, in diligence;  
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    Open Your Ears #519 (verse 1) (red hymnal, front section)**

**Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20**

The gospel lesson for this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

**And they said,**

**"Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,  
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,  
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

**Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.**

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Open Your Ears (refrain)**

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!**

**God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)**

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!**

**God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

**SERMON**

**Reverend Caro Hall**

## SERMON HYMN

## O Savior, Precious Savior #820 (red hymnal, rear section)

O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, all other names above:  
we worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;  
we praise you and confess you, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously has wrought,  
yourself the revelation of love beyond our thought:  
we worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;  
we praise you and confess you, our gracious Lord and King.

In you all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;  
the glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;  
we praise you and confess you, our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above,  
in endless adoration and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless you where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess you, our Savior and our King.

## 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.*

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. We pray especially for...

- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – recovery from open-heart surgery and now at Bayside
- Mark Shuck – Gail B.'s brother – home from the hospital, recovering from motorcycle accident
- Pastor David Ryal – recovering from heart surgery and being monitored for other conditions
- Christian – Heidi Carney's son – dealing with multiple ailments
- Dick Williams – receiving treatment for lumbar spinal stenosis
- Pastor Brian – in gratitude for healing
- Maddison Schwenoha – friend of Sophia Lorenzo – recovering at home from multiple injuries - car accident
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello's sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Jim Luke and family – in the death of his wife, Linda
- Joyce Bauer – being monitored for condition
- Wes, brother of John Cribb – facing the choice between kidney dialysis and kidney transplant
- Byron Nelson - friend of Jacoby's - Cancer
- Mike Johnson - lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – dealing with illness
- Heidi Carney – Puzzling spots in her lungs
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – preparing to move to assisted living
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Aaron Brochtrup - for perseverance and patience while he works to recover from his injuries
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – learning to live with condition
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- waiting for MRI results regarding 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 in Turkey suffering from the earthquake, and the IMPACT Missionaries
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Jeff McKee and Jim Luke who celebrate their birthdays this week, and for Jack & Jean Senter and Herb & Patti Harsch who celebrate their wedding anniversary

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. 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.**

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed, especially Linda Luke. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. 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 SONG**

**Ray Makeever**

**What have we to offer? What have we to share?  
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.  
God will not falter; so let us dare  
lay it at the altar there.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to bring?  
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;  
dreams of what we're after, promises of when.  
Lay it at the altar then.**

**What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;  
truth that must be spoken, justice somehow.  
Lay it at the altar now.**

## **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 (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 our 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.**

## **CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL**

**Ray Makeever**

**Christ have mercy on us all.  
Keep us steadfast e'er we fall.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

**God, be with us at the feast.  
Grant us wisdom, give us peace.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe again.  
Light the darkness, be our friend.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

**Bake a great loaf; give it time;  
choose the best grapes from the vine.  
Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.**

## **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.**

## **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**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!**

**Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;**

**let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.**

**Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;**

**suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;**

**let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!**

**Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!**

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**John Cribb**

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Thank you to:

- **Rev. Caro Hall** for preaching
- **Jean Senter** for assisting
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **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 not meet tonight. The next discussion group will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The lessons to be discussed will be Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; and Matthew 16:21-28.
- The **Bible Study** will continue on hiatus this week and will resume on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- Don't forget to sign up for the **Fall Clean-up Day** on September 16, starting at 12:00 with a pizza lunch!
- Plan to stay after worship today for the **monthly brunch** sponsored by members of the church council!
- 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)**