



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA  
Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

**April 7, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter**



**PRELUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/He Has Made Me Glad*

**Ann Lucas**

Carol Tornquist

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING**

**Give Me Jesus #770  
(verses 1-3, 5)**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

**REFRAIN**

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day...give me Jesus.

**REFRAIN**

Oh, when I come to die....give me Jesus.

**REFRAIN**

And when I want to sing...give me Jesus.

**REFRAIN**

**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.**

**COME AND GATHER**

*Beneath the Tree of Life liturgy*

**REFRAIN**

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.  
Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

*[Verses to be sung by the cantor.]*

**KYRIE**

*Beneath the Tree of Life liturgy*

*[Verses to be sung by cantor.]*

**REFRAIN**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy, mercy on us all.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Let us pray together...**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,  
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,  
but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them,  
for as many as owned lands or houses sold them  
and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

**They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 133 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

**For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.**

### Second Reading: I John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning,

**what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we have looked at and touched with our hands,  
concerning the word of life—**

this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it,  
and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father  
and was revealed to us—

we declare to you what we have seen and heard  
so that you also may have fellowship with us;

and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

**We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,  
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness,  
we lie and do not do what is true;

but if we walk in the light as God is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus God's Son cleanses us from all sin.

**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, the one who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
**and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

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

## **CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Beneath the Tree of Life liturgy*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
For you have the words, you have the words, the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### **Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,  
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
"Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

**Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**

Jesus said to them again,

"Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;

if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.

**So the other disciples told him,**

**"We have seen the Lord."**

But he said to them,

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,  
and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,  
I will not believe.”

**A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.**

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

“Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas,

“Put your finger here and see my hands.  
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.  
Do not doubt but believe.”

Thomas answered him,

“My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him,

“Have you believed because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

**Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not written in this book.**

**But these are written so that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that through believing you may have life in his name.**

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Dr. Clay Schmit**

**SERMON HYMN**

**Agnus Dei**

Michael W. Smith

**Alleluia, Alleluia,  
for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia...**

**Holy, holy, are You Lord God, Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy, holy, are You Lord God, Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen.**

***(repeat)***

**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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain, especially,

- Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retina
- Danielle Shields – 43-year-old mom of 4 kids with breast cancer that has spread to her bones.
- Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
- Kathie Sperow – dealing with a new condition
- Jean Senter – recovering from knee problems
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha's cousin – heart problems
- Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney's son – for peace and comfort
- Katie Edson and family – death of their mother, Mercedes
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello's sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer

- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – Thankful for a successful eye surgery
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of gun violence
- Victims of collapsed bridge in Maryland
- For Bob Clemensson and Dan Sperow who celebrate their birthdays this week, and for Randy & Carol Schuldt who celebrate their wedding anniversary

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

No matter how much we cry out, O God, you listen. We pray now out loud and in our hearts for others we have not named who are also in need of our prayers, especially,

*[You may name names at this time.]*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you *especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel.* Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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.... **Risen One,**  
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**  
**May the gifts that we offer here**  
**be signs of your abiding love.**  
**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**  
**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**

*Beneath the Tree of Life liturgy*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, 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**

*Beneath the Tree of Life liturgy*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

#### **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**

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*

**Ann Lucas**

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### **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:  
**Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
AMEN.**

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #392 (red hymnal, rear section)  
(verses 1-3, 5)**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne.**

**Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:**

**“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;**

**Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.**

**Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;**

**Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.**

**Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;**

**Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:**

**“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

***Rejoice, the Lord is King***

**Ann Lucas**

Dan Forrest

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Thank you to:

- **Cindy Haener**, for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Janet Lorenzo, David Ogren** 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.
- **A whole crowd** for decorating our sanctuary so nicely, and all of you who blessed the congregation with your attendance and leadership during Holy Week and Easter Sunday!
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.
- **The Worship Planning Team**, for doing what their name says!

Events this week:

- We are beginning to learn a new liturgy today and through the Easter Season called ***Beneath the Tree of Life***, written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl, who also wrote *Now the Feast and Celebration*. It is tuneful and meaningful, and should not take long to learn!
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will start again tonight, 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom, to view and talk about Season 4, Episode 1. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group and he will send you an invitation!
- Pastor Brian's **study on the book *The Great Angel*** by Margaret Barker, will continue on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 to 9:55 am on Zoom. Please indicate to him if you wish to join in.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 to 11:00 am. Contact Pastor Brian with your interest for a Zoom invite.
- **The Regular Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. The topic will be *Revelation's Vision of New Creation*.
- **The Worship Planning Committee** will meet on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)