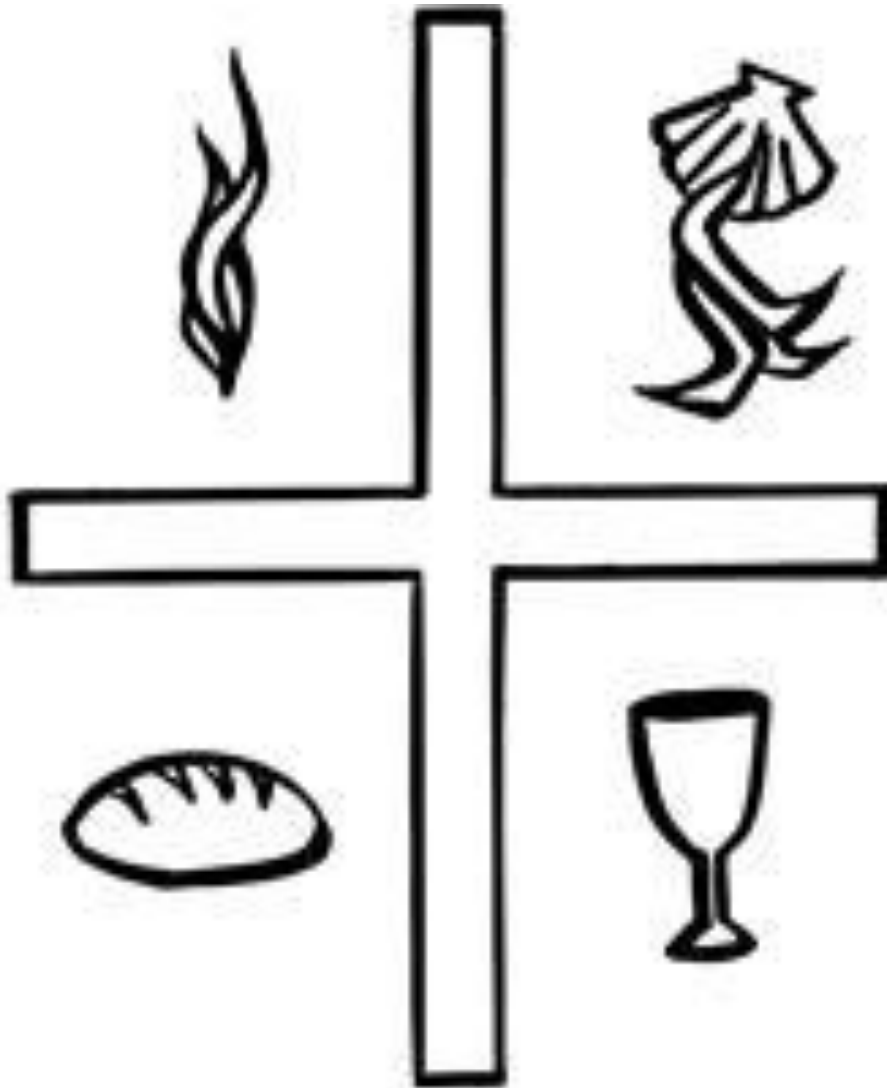


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Mothers' Day



PRELUDE**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**

**I Love to Tell the Story #661
 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
 of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
 it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

REFRAIN

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
 to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
 what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
 I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
 the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
 REFRAIN**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
 seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
 I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
 REFRAIN**

COME AND GATHER

*Tree of Life liturgy
 Haugen/Briehl*

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

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... **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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: Acts 10:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers
 (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons)
 and said,
 "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled,

which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas,
 who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—
 for he was numbered among us
 and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

So one of the men who have accompanied us
 during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
 beginning from the baptism of John
 until the day when he was taken up from us
 one of these must become a witness with us
 to his resurrection.”

**So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus,
 and Matthias.**

Then they prayed and said,

“Lord, you know everyone’s heart.

**Show us which one of these two you have chosen
 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship
 from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”**

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias;
 and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
 with leaves that do not wither;
 everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For God knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: I John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater;
 for this is the testimony of God, who has testified to the Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar

by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning the Son.

And this is the testimony:

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in the Son. ¹

Whoever has the Son has life;

whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,
so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:]

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.

They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,

and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;

and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf;

I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me,

because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine;

and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me.

I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,

so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you,

and I speak these things in the world

so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word,

and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world,

just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world,

but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world,

just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

**SERMON HYMN I Want Jesus to Walk With Me #325
(red hymnal, rear section)**

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

And when I'm resting, watch over me; and when I'm resting, watch over me; when I lay down my head on my pillow; Lord, please Jesus, watch over me.

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of climate change. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction, especially,

Aparicio family – death of cousin Albert,

Karin Wilcox, recovering from cancer and facing further treatments (Pastor Brian's aunt)

Tim Gough - Aaron Brochtrup's father-in-law, recovering from a head-on vehicle crash

Don Baccus – Mass on lung (Janet Lorenzo's brother-in-law)

Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retina

Sean Cannoles -- health issues (Nikki Rocha's cousin)

Charleigh- breast cancer (relative of Nikki Rocha)

Eileen Bless- terminal cancer (Andy Jacoby's aunt)

Sally (in her 80's)- recovering from broken hip and arm

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

Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation

Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer

Christian, Heidi Carney's son – for peace and comfort

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

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

An end to the war in Ukraine

Peace and safety for the peoples of Israel and Palestine

Victims of gun violence

For David Ogren, Stacey Lange, Becky Mendoza and Ella Ogren who celebrate their birthdays this week

Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You show us how to pray. We lift up out loud and in our hearts these ones whom we have not named yet, who are also in need of our prayers, especially,

[You may name names at this time.]

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. 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

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

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

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 Blessed Be the Tie that Binds #656
(red hymnal, rear section)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Thank you to:

- **Jean Senter**, for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
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- **Nikki Rocha**, for teaching Sunday School today
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** 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, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.
- **The Worship Planning Team**, for doing what their name says!

Events this week:

- We are continuing to learn a new liturgy today and through the Easter Season called *Tree of Life*, written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl. In due time, we will change to another liturgy.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will be on hiatus until the next episodes are available online.
- **Our Conference of Congregations** will meet in assembly on Tuesday, May 14th, starting at 6:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Santa Maria. Rides are available for anyone who would like to attend.
- The **Coffee Club** will meet on Friday, May 17th, starting at 9:00 am at the Buttercup Café on Morro Bay Blvd.
- The **Confirmation Class** will meet on Monday, May 20th, starting at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The topic will be Reformation history of the Christian church.
- Pastor Brian's **study on the book *The Great Angel*** by Margaret Barker is postponed until Tuesday May 28th.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom Tuesday, April May 14th at 10:00 on Zoom.
- Next Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**, when we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. New decorations will go up! And please remember, if you can, to **wear something red!**
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
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