

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Our mission is to know, accept, and live the love of God, and share it with others.

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you!

PRELUDE

“All Are Welcome” by Marty Haugen, Arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*)

“Gather Us In”



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness van - ished a -
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old— who yearn for your
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the bread of new
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, light years a -



way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the
face, we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the
birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be
way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing; now is the king - dom, and



light of this day. Gath - er us in— the lost and for -
whole hu - man race. Gath - er us in— the rich and the
salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of com -
now is the Gath Gath - er - us in and hold us for -



sak - en, gath - er us in— the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
haugh - ty, gath - er us in— the proud and the strong; give us a heart so
pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and
ev - er; gath - er us in and make us your own; gath - er us in, all



we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
meek and so low - ly, give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING (*We greet one another as God's people in the presence of the triune God*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*We sing praise to God for all that God has done through Jesus*)

“Come All You People”

Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er, Come all you peo - ple,
come and praise your Mak - er, Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er,
Come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Ahom Ahom Ahom Ahom Ahom Ahom Ahom

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*We come together to offer prayer in community*)

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in you Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*(We acclaim the living Word, Jesus)*

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON (*God’s word is proclaimed for our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.*)

“Tell me a Story”

HYMN (*stand*)

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*we pray for the church, the world and all those in need*)

The assembly is invited into prayer: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. (*A brief silence*)

After each petition, 'God of grace' ... "hear our prayer." Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you: through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

PEACE (*We receive and extend Christ's Peace to one another*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING PRAYER (*We give our gifts in response to all that God has given us.*)

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*We give thanks for the whole creation, especially for this meal.*)

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 God thanks and praise.**

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (*The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise*)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*sit*)

In Christ's presence there is a fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Gift of Finest Wheat*

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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TABLE BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*We ask God to send us in witness to the world.*)

God of the abundant table,

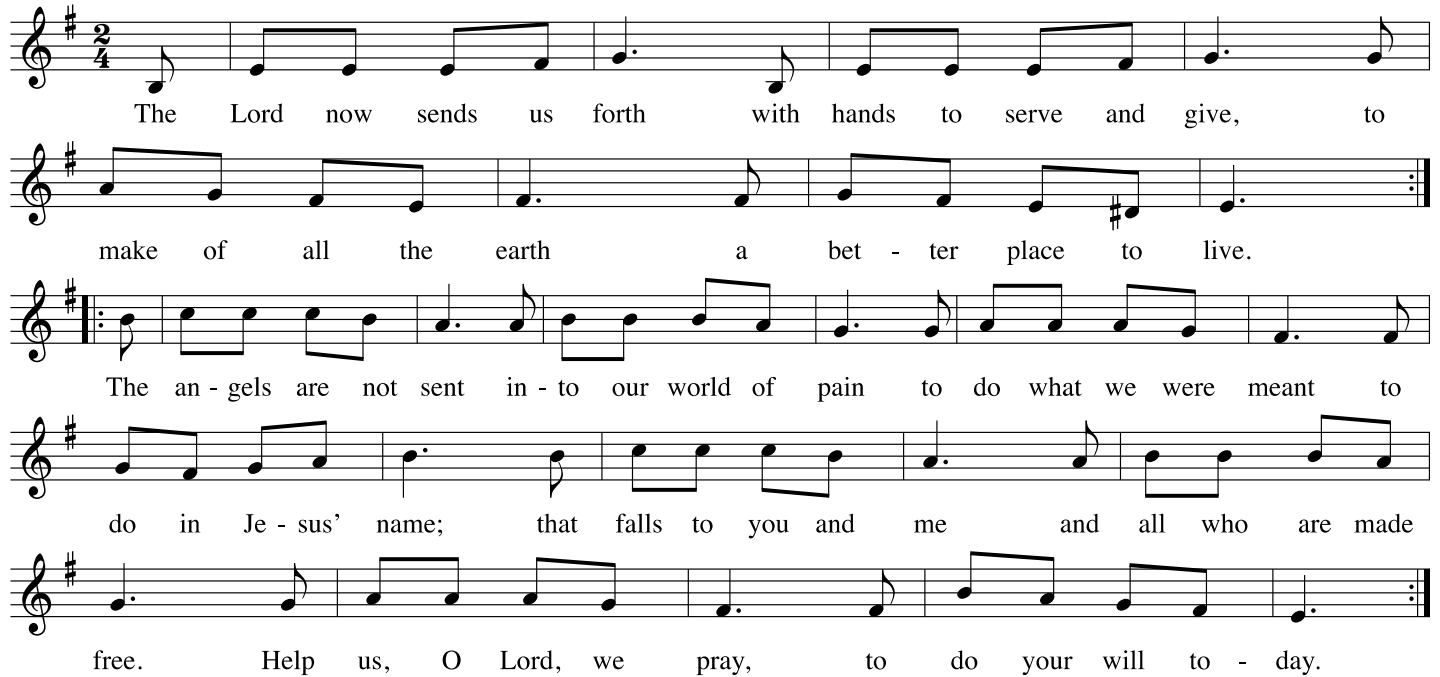
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING (With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's bod in the world)

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to do what we were meant to
do in Je - sus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made
free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

DISMISSAL (We are sent to participate in God's mission in the world)

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19 by Benedetto Marcello, Arr. Lani Smith

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Lector: Anne Voth

Musician: Doris Payne

Altar flowers were donated last week in honor of Dean & Yvonne McCoy's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

All are welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)

Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers: Cliff Adcock, Susan Agonia, Owen Frantz, Peter Jorgensen, Linda Kent, David Klinger, Phyllis Knaus, Victoria Kautz, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, the Wilson Family, and Linda Yadeo. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Cathy Parisi, Janice Phillips, Carol Schwartz and Martha Stover. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the people and refugees of Ukraine.

Thank you for your Financial Support!

Just a reminder that the ministries of San Marcos Lutheran have continued through all the transitions of the last few years. We are grateful for all that you have done, and all that you have given. As we reinvigorate our ministries of worship, faith formation, evangelism, and social action, and as we prepare for a new chapter of ministry with a new pastor, it is vitally important that we remain financially healthy.

Please prayerfully consider what you can offer to the work of this congregation, as we seek to serve God's mission. Thank you for being a part of this community of faith!

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Lutheran Men's Lunch Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 12th. at 12pm. at PEGAH's Kitchen at 955 S. Santa Fe, in Vista. It will be an order from the menu, have lunch and fellowship. Hope to see you all there. Any questions contact Bill Hanson.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is TODAY!!!

We will have worship at 10am, followed by a potluck at 11am and our service projects.

There will be activities for all ages. We hope to see you there!

Next Sunday, September 18th- Homecoming Sunday- Experience our new worship services, enjoy fellowship and faith formation:

9am- Informal worship with kid's time, nursery available.

10am- Community Time

11am- Liturgical Service