

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022 11:00 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

“Here I Am, Lord” by Dan Schutte, Arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING

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

WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence for reflection

God of mercy and forgiveness,

We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

Your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*)

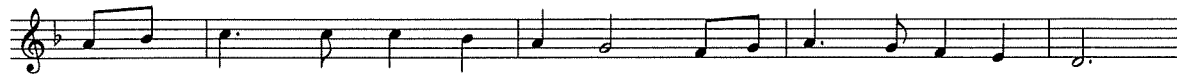
“All Are Welcome”



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true.
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and wheat:
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard,



a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
Where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new
a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet.
to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace;
Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space;
Here the out - cast and the straa - ger bear the im - age of God's face;
Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.



here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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,
Ahom Ahom Ahom

come and praise your Mak - er, Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er,
Ahom Ahom Ahom

Come now and wor - ship the Lord. Last time
Ahom Ahom Ahom

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

Let us pray....

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

REFRAIN



Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor, the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(We acclaim the living Word, Jesus)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (*God's word is proclaimed for out time and place to awaken and nourish faith.*)
"God is Good"

HYMN (*stand*) "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that
3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to your con - trol; shame our wan - ton,
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore; let the gift of



Chur - ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: Grant us wis - dom,
self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

CREED (*we confess our faith together with the whole church*)

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 the 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 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Oh, Praise the Lord. My Soul" by Paul Bouman

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*)

Christ invites you to the table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Here is Bread”

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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.**

SENDING

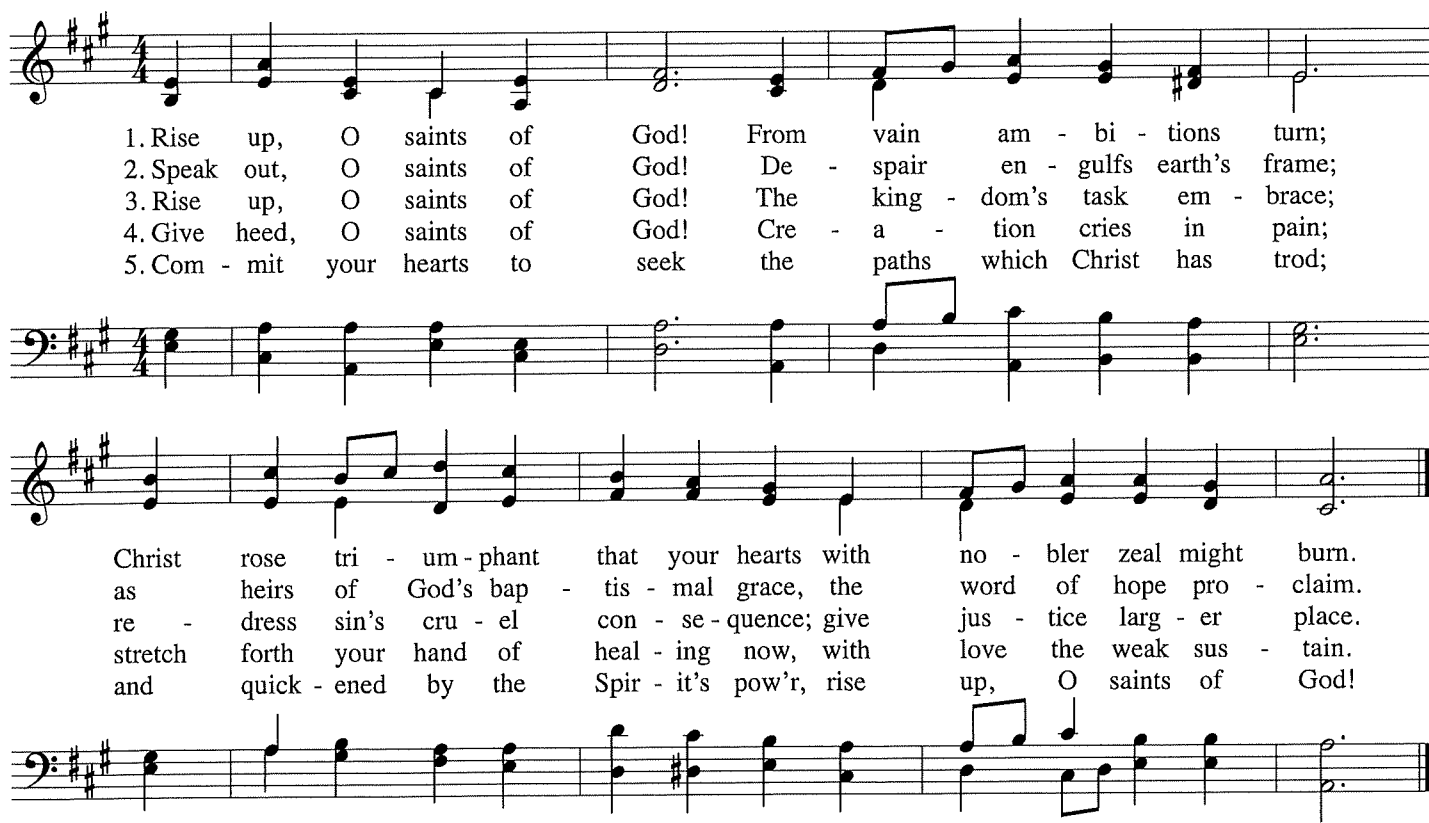
GOD BLESSES US AND SEND US OUT IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

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

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”



1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2. Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 3. Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4. Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5. Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - ble zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

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Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Pastor Dell Olson

Musicians: Doris Payne and Max Chodos

Ushers: Marilyn Monell and Jack Anderson

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, Kevin Bauder, Owen Frantz, Peter Jorgensen, Linda Kent, David Klinger, Phyllis Knaus, Victoria Kautz, Rene, 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!

(Offerings are accepted through your own bank’s electronic banking, through our web page, by mail (SMLC 3419 Grand Ave, San Marcos, CA 92708) or by putting your offering in the offering plate on Sunday morning)

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SUGGESTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY We’d love to have donations of cleaning supplies of any kind - dish soap, cleanser, sponges, and all-purpose cleaners. These items are not available through Brother Benno’s or the San Diego Food Bank where we pick up food twice a month. Jill Adachi and Doris Payne invite you to stop by All Saints Church in Vista (651 Eucalyptus Avenue) on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month any time between 10:30am-1pm. We always appreciate help at 10:30 to move tables, put out signs, and get set up...or greet clients as they arrive. If you’d like to bring bread or produce at that time, that would be a wonderful donation. Special thanks to Donna Huber, Ann Holmberg, Adam Holmberg, and Hector Gonzalez for all their help. **Thank you all** for supporting this important ministry. We served 164 people in August.

The **Blessing Bag Assembly Event** will start during the Bible study after the early service on Sept 25th and will continue after the 2nd service. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.