

# SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022 9:00 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

GATHERING SONG

“Shout to the Lord”



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.




All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.




My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;




let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.




Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



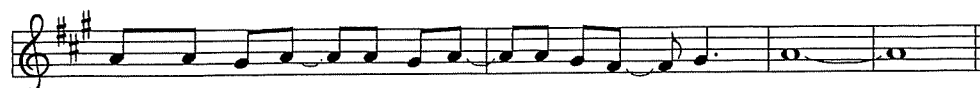
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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

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.*

KID'S TIME

SONG

## Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: "Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood. When my heart is hard, break the stone a-way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil."

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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.

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.**

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 our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.*)  
"God is Good"

**SONG**

YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
And I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again. (Repeat)

Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
And it's my joy to honor You. (Repeat)

In all I do, I honor You.  
You are my King, You Are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my King, should die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do, I honor You.

## BAPTISM SONG

## "Borning Cry"



1. "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3. "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4. "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** (*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.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**GATHERING AT THE TABLE****COMMUNION SONG**

"Taste and See"

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### 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.**

## SENDING *GOD BLESSES US AND SEND US OUT IN MISSION TO THE WORLD*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

### 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 SONG

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

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### 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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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Presider: Pastor Rich Ajer

Assisting Minister: Beth Sullivan

Lector: Karla Strazicich-Cain

Musicians: Doris Payne & Beth Sullivan

Ushers: Rob & Lisa O'Carroll

*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, Doug Faulkner, 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!**

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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.

**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.