

# **SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 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                                      Arioso from Church Cantata #156                                      by J.S. Bach

## **GATHERING**

### **WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME**

### **CONFESSION AND 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*)

“What Is This Place”

1. What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
2. Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
3. And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for light, an  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders sent from the past are  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each oth - er's

o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives when  
all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak a -  
bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive what

we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

**GREETING**

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**

**“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.  
Ahom Ahom Ahom

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray....

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.



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Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

the LORD | loves the righteous.

The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

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## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th Chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

“Insiders and Outsiders”

## Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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## CREED Apostles 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 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

*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

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

“The Canticle of the Turning” arr. by Rory Cooney

## MEAL

### OFFERING PRAYER

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

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

## 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

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread fo hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3. Send us now with faith and cou - rage to the hun - gry, lost, be - reed.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - if - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive.



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

## 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

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

### BLESSING

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

## “Canticle of the Turning”

**Verses**



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast:

And my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.  
 God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound,

So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

**Refrain**

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.  
 Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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Ushers: Donna Huber and Tom Andreas

*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, Kevin Bauder, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Cassi Kidd, David Klingler, Phyllis Knaus, Victoria Kautz, Ray & Judith Moore, 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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**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** is Today. Come join us in Luther Hall after the service.

**INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND TOM NAGLER AS BISHOP OF THE PACIFICA SYNOD** - Would you like to attend the installation of our new Bishop? Jack Anderson has offered to drive a group to the Installation on October 16th at 4pm at St. James Episcopal Cathedral in San Diego. If you're interested, please contact Jack Anderson or Doris Payne for details. This is an opportunity to see an historic event within our ELCA. There will be a procession of Bishops and clergy, Celebration of Communion, and wonderful hymn singing. Hope you'll put this on your calendars.