

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 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

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*)

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing, to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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

“This Is the Feast”

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia.



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



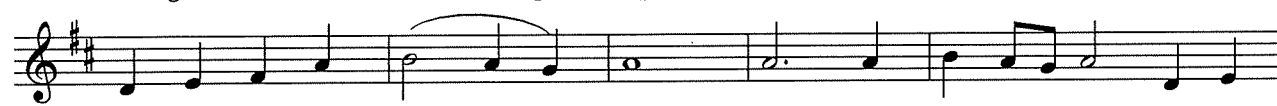
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



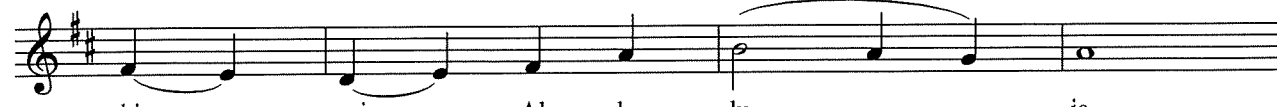
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

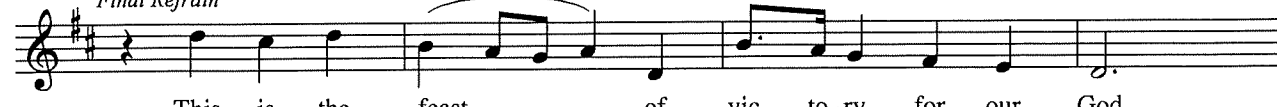


4. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun



his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen

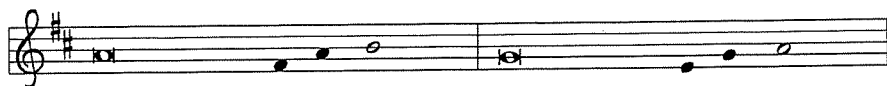
WORD

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM 95



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Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
“Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.
There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.’
Indeed I swore | in my anger,
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’”

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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

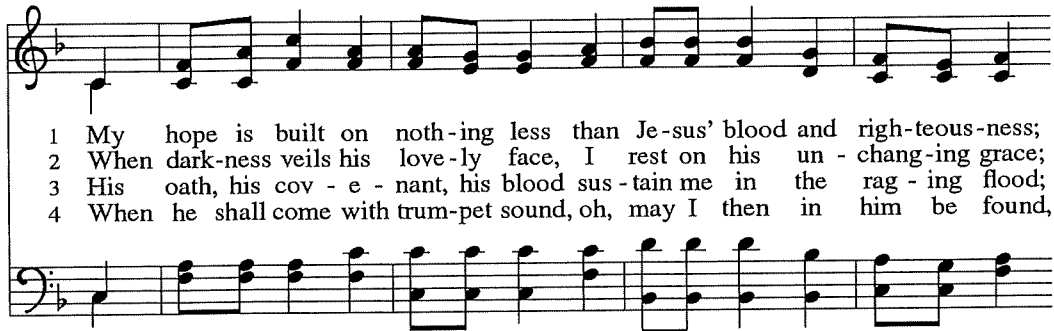
The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Praise to you, O Christ.

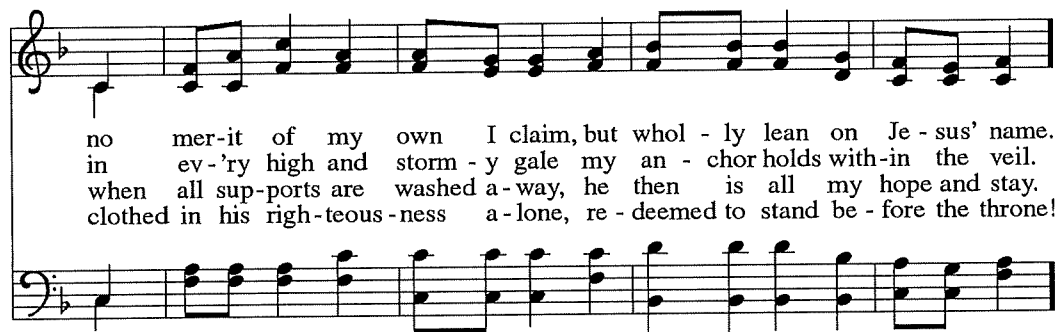
SERMON

“Doubt/Faith”

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

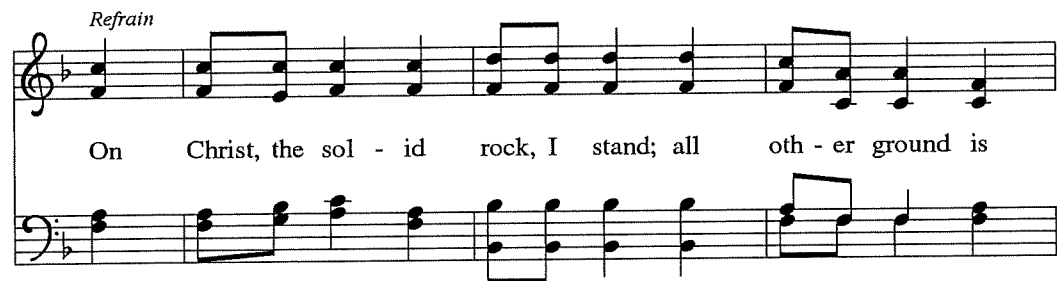


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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

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.**

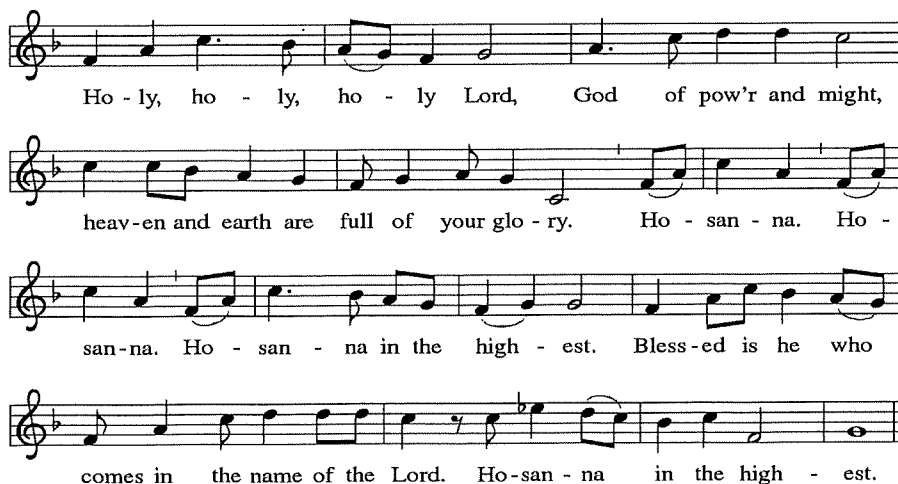
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

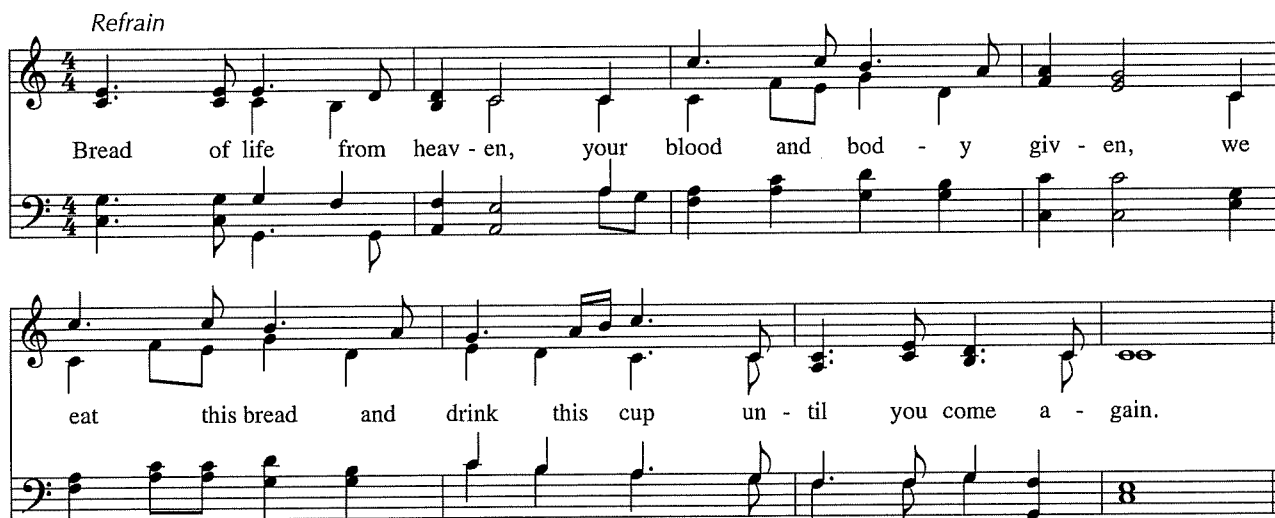
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

Refrain



Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

Verses



1. Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.
2. Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your hearts on the food that en - dures.
3. Love as the One who, in love for you, gave him - self for the life of the world.
4. Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home in the life - giv - ing Word.
5. Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;

Eat, all of you, and be sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
Come, learn the true and the liv - ing Way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
Come to the One who is food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
trust his re - turn and, with ev - 'ry breath, praise the One in whom you are re - born.

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

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad -
ness. Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Verses

1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in
wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
faith, free of doubt, to pro - claim the joy - ful Gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Bread of Life from Heaven" Text: Based on John 6; adapt. by Susan R. Briehl, b.1952; Spanish by Jaime Cortez, b.1963 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, 9 9 9 9 with refrain; Argentine melody; adapt. and verses by Marty Haugen, b.1950 © 2001, GIA Publications, Inc
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Grace Holtz

Musicians: Esther Daniels and Max Chodos

Ushers: Eleanor Adcock 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, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Cassi Kidd, David & Nancy Klinger, Gwen, Phyllis Knaus, Victoria Kautz, Ray & Judith Moore, Rene, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Cathy Parisi, Janice Phillips, and Carol Schwartz. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the people and refugees of Ukraine and Russia, and those affected by the Hurricane in Florida and beyond.

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.

INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND DAVID 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.