

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 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 praise and prayer,
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of change and doubt,

may we find in ful - ler meas - ure what it is in Christ we share:
 here are ta - ble, font and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
 keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out:

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's 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!

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.

To Refrain

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

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

To Refrain

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.

To Refrain

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....

O Lord, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

HYMN (stand)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. *(A brief silence)*

After each petition, 'Hear us, O God' ... "Your mercy is great." With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Arnold B. Sherman

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.**

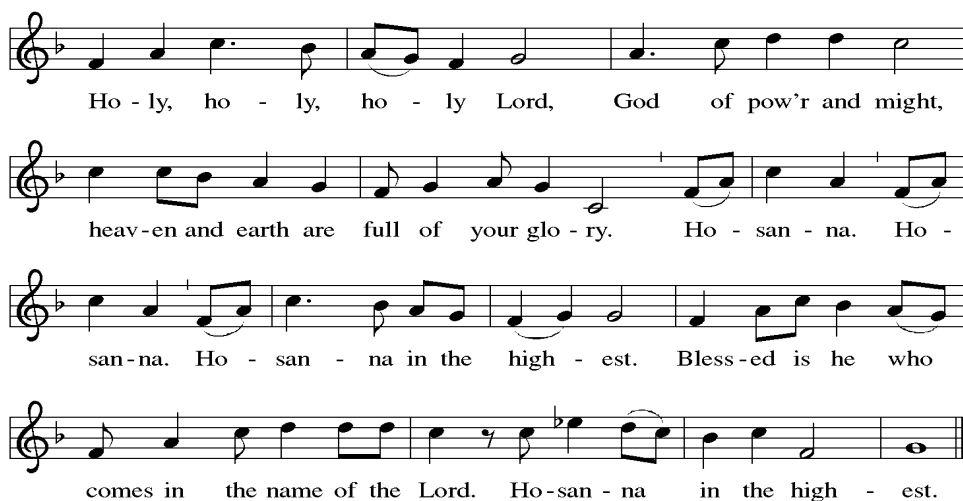
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Now We Join in Celebration

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

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

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”



1. If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2. What gain in there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3. The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be - side you
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's keep - ing,
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un - fold - ing,
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de - serv - ing,



when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in God's un -
in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who took for
what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has cho - sen
you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our con - fi -



chang - ing love; buid on the rock that will not move.
you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
us by grace, know ver - y well the fears we face.
dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Pr. Dell Olson

Musicians: Kim Froke and Max Chodos

Ushers: Dan Weis and Jack Anderson

Altar Flowers this week were donated by Beth Sullivan and Jay Goldstein in honor of Beth's Mom, Shirlee Lohuis's 93rd Birthday! Happy Birthday Shirlee!

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, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Cassi Kidd, Gwen, Victoria Kautz, Ray & Judith Moore, Rene, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover. Please keep Nancy Klinger and family in prayer as they mourn the passing of David Klinger this past week. 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!

(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)

WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR OFFERINGS through Pay Pal or major credit and debit cards. Donations can be made by using the "Donate" tab found on San Marcos Lutheran's web page. Download a QR reader to use this code to contribute from your phone.



SUGGESTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY Thank you to those who answered the call for cleaning supplies! We continue to welcome 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. **Thank you all** for supporting this important ministry.

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 TODAY at 4pm at St. Paul's 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.

Upcoming Musical Events at SMLC-

Sunday, October 23- 2pm- Palomar Choir and Chamber Singers

Saturday, October 29- 2pm- Genesis Opera Theatre Present "Opera Classics" Gala

ADULT FORUM- Today, Oct. 16th- Pastor Casey Kloehn Dunsworth is passionate about advocacy and serves as the Pacifica Synod clergy representative on the Lutheran Office of Public Policy Council for the state of California. She will lead a conversation around the work that LOPP-CA is engaged with in Sacramento and how members at SMLC can get involved locally and at the capitol. She will also introduce LOPP's recommendations for the statewide ballot measures for the upcoming election on November 8, 2022. She can answer questions about the how-to's of legislative advocacy, or the gospel's call to engage in social action, or how to find out more about the ELCA's Social Statements and Messages that undergird the policy council's priorities—or any other questions you may have.

Making Sack Lunches for the Needy - COME ALL, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, October 23 between Services. Interfaith is in urgent need of sack lunches as they give out 300+ a day. Isaiah 58:7 says to share your food with the hungry. God blesses us so we can help serve others. We will need donations of loaves of bread and "Cutie" tangerines or oranges. SEE YOU THERE!