

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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

GATHERING

WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME

GATHERING SONG

“Step By Step”

Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise you
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And I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you and grant us all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

KID'S TIME

SONG

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a simple melody with lyrics underneath. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 14:7-10; 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

SERMON

"Grace for ALL"

SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
 In the midst of the darkness, shining;
 Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
 so our faces display your likeness,
 ever changing from glory to glory,
 mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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.**

MEAL

COMMUNION SONG

Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR *Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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GATHERING AT THE ALTAR

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

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 SONG

“Will You Come and Follow Me”



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
4. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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Ushers: Fran Iverson and Vicky Asmussen

Altar Flowers this week were donated by the Mossuto and Merrihew family in memory of Joan's sister, Anita Holstein.

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, Gwen, Cassi Kidd, Victoria Kautz, Rene, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover. Please keep Nancy Klinger and family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of David Klinger. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Cathy Parisi, Janice Phillips, 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 for Florida and those affected by the hurricane.

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 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.

Making Sack Lunches for the Needy - COME ALL, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, TODAY, 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**

Upcoming Musical Events at SMLC-

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

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

FAITH FORMATION TEAM -Please consider helping this team with ideas for planning activities for ALL AGES to strengthen opportunities for learning, faith development and community building. We would like to be able to co-ordinate plans by meeting as a group for planning, setting dates and get to know each other. Please call Aimee in the church office or Sharon Phelps if you have questions or would be able to share your ideas to help our church grow. Thank you!