

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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!

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*)

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the
might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:
show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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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....

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

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.

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 18th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Grace for All”

HYMN (stand)

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”



1. There’s a wide - ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness - of the sea;
2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4. ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy for the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per room of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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

Palomar Chamber Singers, Conducted by John K Russell

Iam Sol Recedit Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) Shaina May, oboe Ariel Sanchez, piano

I'm Building Me A Home Traditional Spiritual Arr. Anthony Trecek-King (b. 1975)

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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment is primarily chordal, supporting the vocal melody.

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Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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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

Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

✠ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Doris Payne

Musicians: Eunice Hansen, Palomar Chamber Singers, Conductor John K Russell

Ushers: Eleanor Adcock and Donna Huber

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, 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)

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ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY Although not confirmed, we are on the list to receive turkeys for Thanksgiving. In November, it would be nice to receive donations of all the items that go along with a festive meal – canned yams, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, etc. We will be distributing food on November 19th and 26th, our usual 3rd and 4th Saturdays. We invite you to stop by All Saints Church in Vista (651 Eucalyptus Avenue) between 10:30am-1pm. If you'd like to bring bread or fresh produce at that time, that would be appreciated. *Thank you* for your ongoing support of this important ministry. If you have questions, please contact Jill Adachi or Doris Payne.

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!