

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Reformation Sunday
October 30, 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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

Hymnal #857

Lord I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 image shows a musical score for the song 'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.' The second staff continues with 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.' The third and fourth staves are split into two lines: '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.' The fifth staff concludes with 'Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.'

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

SERMON

“Saying Yes!”

SONG

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1: When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
Still You’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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Verse 2: I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.
You’re the light unto my path.

RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION**(SEE INSERT)**

SONG

“Borning Cry”



1. “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
 2. “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3. “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de - mons dwell.”
 I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
 I’ll be there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.”



4. “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un - fold.”

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

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”



1. We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace. To
2. We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased from
3. We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease, and



hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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

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.



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

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Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Diana Arney

Musicians: Karla Strazicich-Cain and Maggie Riley Hagan

Ushers: Don and Diana Arney

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, Randy Sensmeier, 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!

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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.

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!