

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday
October 30, 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*)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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,

To Refrain

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

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

To Refrain

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

To Refrain

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....

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.

WORD

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.

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 John the 8th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Saying Yes!"

HYMN (stand)

"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."

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

"A Grateful Heart" by David Gambrell

Choir

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.**

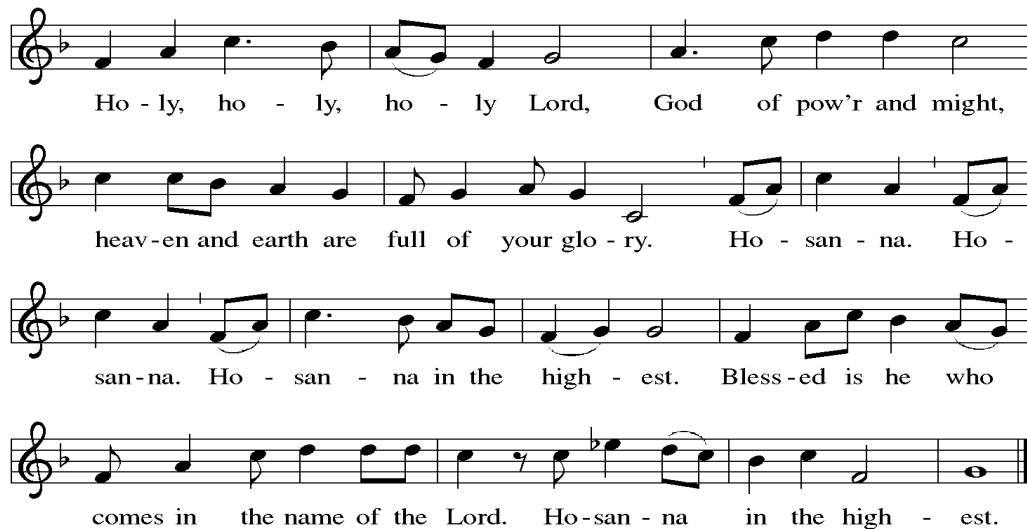
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

The musical notation for the Refrain is in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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.

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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.**

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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: Karen Johns

Musicians: Eunice Hanson and Max Chodos

Ushers: Marilyn Monell and Donna Huber

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, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover. Please keep Nancy Klinger and family in prayer as they mourn the passing of David Klinger. 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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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.

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!