

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 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

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, 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. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes on each staff.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SERMON

"Good News in the Midst of Bad"

SONG

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

- 1) I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.
- 2) The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.
- 3) Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.
- 4) Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The assembly is invited into prayer: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

(A brief silence)

After each petition, 'Lord, in your mercy' ... "receive our prayer." Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; 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

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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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

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” S. Sundar Singh, 1889-1929 pub. 2015

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Rob O’Carroll

Musicians: Maggie Riley Hagan and Beth Sullivan

Ushers: Rob and Lisa O’Carroll

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, Mark McGregor, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover.

Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, 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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BIBLES & BAGELS, A Women’s Bible study, continues to meet face-to-face in Luther Hall on November 19th from 10 to 11:30am with a special look at Thanksgiving blessings! All women are welcome!

BLESSING BAGS- We will be making blessing bags during community time, between services on Sunday, Nov. 20th. See Jack Anderson for any questions.

ADULT FORUM- meets every Sunday at 10am in Luther Hall. Hope to see you there! Schedule of events for the next few weeks:

Sun, November 13 Focusing On the Gospel Today led by retired pastors Del and Fran Olson
Sun, November 20 Doing For Others: Blessing Bags and LIRS Cards with the Social Action Committee
Sun, November 27 Celebrate Advent with Deacon Margy Part 1
Sun, December 4 Celebrate Advent with Deacon Margy Part 2
Sun, December 11 Advent Devotion, Sing-along with Hand Chimes, and Sharing of Childhood Christmas treats led by Karin Kupka
Sun, December 18 Scripture and Song: Handel's Messiah led by retired Pastor Dave Kupka
Sun, December 25 Christmas Day (no Adult Forum)
Sun, January 1 New Year's Day (no Adult Forum)

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.

