

# **SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 13, 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 redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

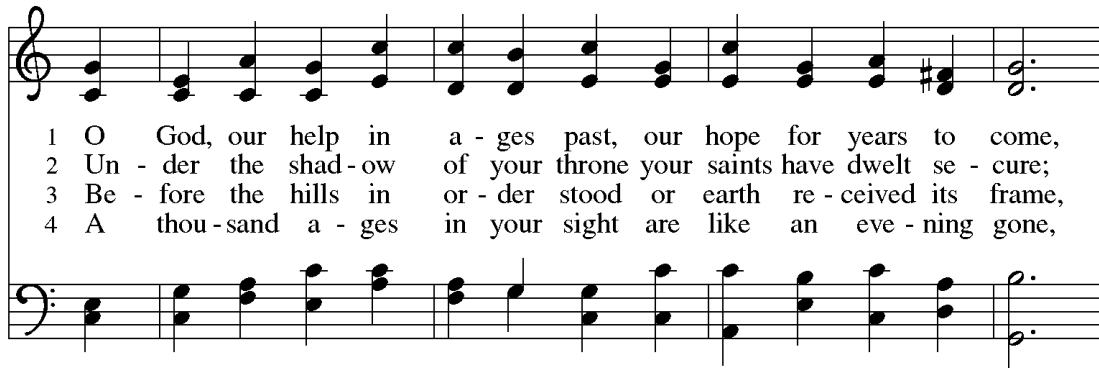
Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out and restores us to life through death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

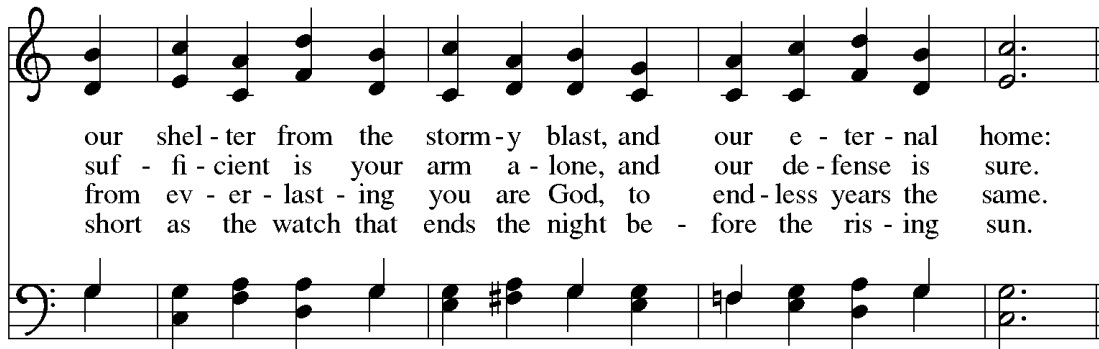
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*)

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

### 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. *To Refrain*



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



hon - or bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *To Refrain*



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. *To Refrain*



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....

**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**

**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.

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 21st Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

"Good News in the Midst of Bad"

**HYMN (stand)**

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

1. If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2. What gain in there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3. The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be - side you  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's keep - ing,  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un - fold - ing,  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de - serv - ing,

when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in God's un -  
 in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who took for  
 what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has cho - sen  
 you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our con - fi -

chang - ing love; buid on the rock that will not move.  
 you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 us by grace, know ver - y well the fears we face.  
 dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## 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:* 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*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## MEAL

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

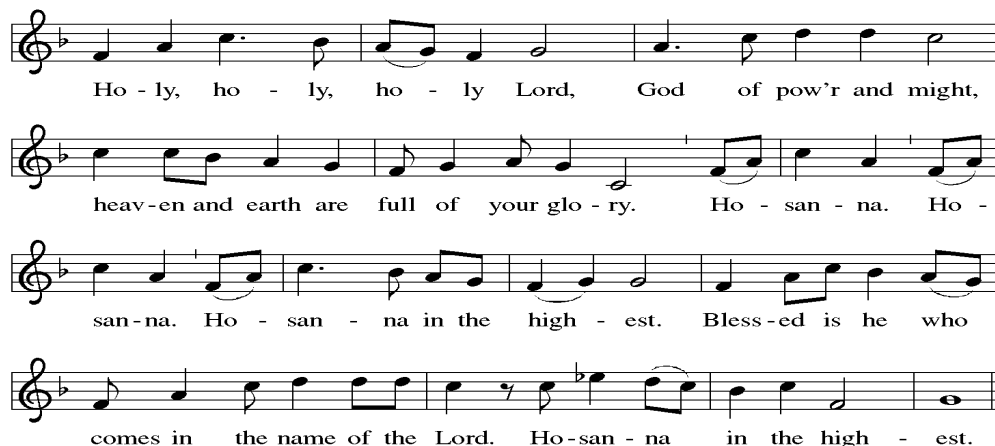
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 spreads a table before you.

Gather here with all the saints.

### COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*(After you have received communion, you are welcome to light a candle and name the saints in your life, who have gone before.)*

### COMMUNION HYMN

#### “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”



1. By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2. In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread fo hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3. Send us now with faith and cou - rage to the hun - gry, lost, be - read.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - if - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive.



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

### 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

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

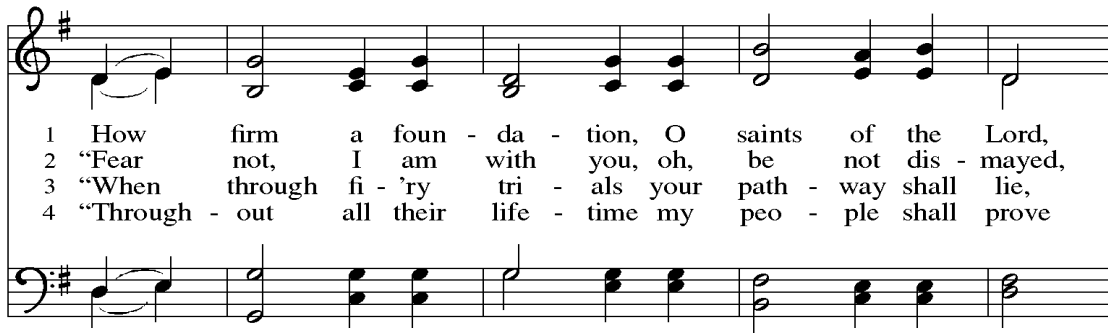
### SENDING

## 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.**

## SENDING HYMN

### How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing to the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. Composite Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT; Georg Neumark, 1621–1681  
"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" Text: Susan R. Briehl, b.1952 Music: CAMROSÉ, Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 2002, GIA Publications, Inc.  
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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Pastor Fran Olson

Musicians: Eunice Hanson and Max Chodos

*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, Mark McGregor, Rene, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, 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)

**WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR OFFERINGS** through Pay Pal or major credit and debit cards. Donations can be made by using the "Donate" tab found on San Marcos Lutheran's web page. Download a QR reader to use this code to contribute from your phone.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BIBLES & BAGELS**, A Women's Bible study, continues to meet face-to-face in Luther Hall on November 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 20<sup>th</sup>. 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)