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Christ the King

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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

“We Gather Together” arr. Joel Raney

GATHERING

WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME

GATHERING SONG

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 line is 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.' The second line is 'Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.' The third line is 'When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,'. The fourth line is 'warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.' The fifth line is 'Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.'

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

SERMON

"Shepherd and King"

SONG

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"



1. Have no fear lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle flock, for the
2. Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle flock, for the
3. Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a - bove, for he
4. Thank - ful hearts raise to God; ythank - ful hearts raise to God, for he



Fa - ther has cho - sen to give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 Fa - ther will keep you in his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 stoops down to heal you, up - lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 stays close be - side you, in all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain




You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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GATHERING AT THE TABLE

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.**

SENDING SONG

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Refrain *Leader*

All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call-ing, through the Word in - vit-ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy

Leader *All*

1. Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news
2. Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3. Help us to be faith-ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led in by your Word.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Karin Kupka

Musicians: Doris Payne and Beth Sullivan

Ushers: Hector Gonzalez and Sharon Scott-Gonzalez

Altar Flowers this week are donated by Beda and Jerry Farrell in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.
Happy Anniversary!

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: Jerry Farrell, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Gwen, Cassi Kidd, Victoria Kautz, Rene, Mark McGregor, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover.

We pray for Eleanor Adcock and family at the recent passing of Cliff Adcock.

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.

Our sympathy to the Adcock family at the recent passing of Cliff Adcock on November 14th. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection.

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.



TODAY WE ARE LAUNCHING “HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS,” a Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services project. There are two parts to this project. During our 10am community time today, we will make holiday cards as our way of sharing hope and encouragement to those in refugee detention. Supplies and suggested messages will be provided. If you have extra holiday cards at home, please pick up a suggested message to add, and bring them in next Sunday. No envelopes are needed. They will then be delivered to LIRS for distribution.

The second part of our “Hope for the Holidays” project is to collect financial donations to be sent to LIRS to provide Christmas gifts for children in the refugee detention centers. Checks should be made payable to San Marcos Lutheran Church with a note in the memo line, *LIRS Hope for the Holidays*. Donations will be accepted through December 18th. This is one more way to celebrate together what it means to be a community of faith and followers of Jesus.

BLESSING BAGS- We will be making blessing bags during community time, between services TODAY!

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 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 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
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.

THRIVENT FUNDS- We are requesting Thrivent funds to make some necessary purchases. Please reach out to Aimee in the office if you have funds that need to be used by the end of the year. Thank you!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETINGS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, December 3rd at 3:00pm Luther Hall --- Meet & Greet with recommended Pastoral Candidate

Sunday, December 4th at 10:00am in Luther Hall-- Special Congregational Meeting – Pastoral recommendation of call committee

- Vote to extend call to Pastoral Candidate
- Vote to approve compensation package

Sunday, December 4th at 10:30am in Luther Hall--Congregational Meeting to nominate and elect new Congregational Council members