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Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 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!

PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter

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*)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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, 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

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.**

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 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."

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

SERMON

"Shepherd and King"

HYMN (stand)

O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879
Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ALVAR ROY AND TOM ANDREAS

SEE INSERT

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

“A Child Will Lead the Way” by Lynn Shaw Bailey

Choir

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

Hymnal #838

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing to the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“We Gather Together” arr. Joel Raney

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, st. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4; Music: DIADEMATA; George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

“Jesus Shall Reign” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1747, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Pastor Dell Olson

Musicians: Doris Payne and Max Chodos

Ushers: Diana and Don Arney

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: Eleanor Adcock, Jerry Farrell, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Cassi Kidd, Gwen, Victoria Kautz, Ray & Judith Moore, Mark McGregor, Rene, 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, 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.

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.



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

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.

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.

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 27 Celebrate Advent with Deacon Margy Part 1
- Sun, December 4 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
- 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)

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