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The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Welcome to worship!

Throughout the service, you will be invited to sit, stand, or kneel as you are able and as you feel comfortable. Offering plates will not be passed during the service; if you are moved to give a monetary gift this morning, you may place it in the silver offering plate at the back of the center aisle, or you can hand it to an usher. Details about giving electronically are included toward the end of this bulletin.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, for it is Christ who does the inviting. An usher will let you know when it is your row's turn to come forward. Bread, gluten-free wafers, red wine, and white juice are all available. Please tell the pastor you need a gluten-free wafer when it is your turn.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM- *The congregation is invited to stand, sit, or kneel, as able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living
water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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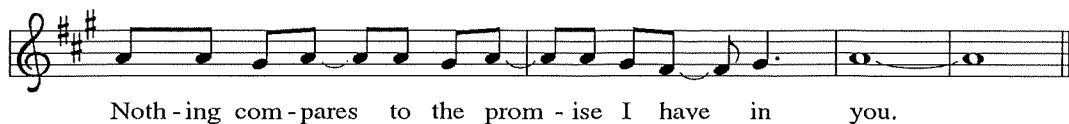
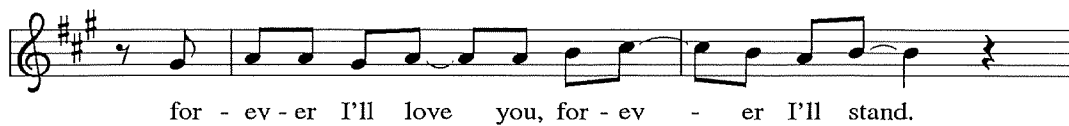
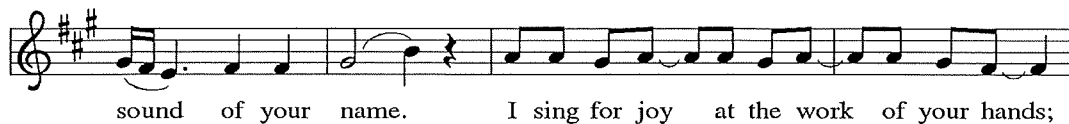
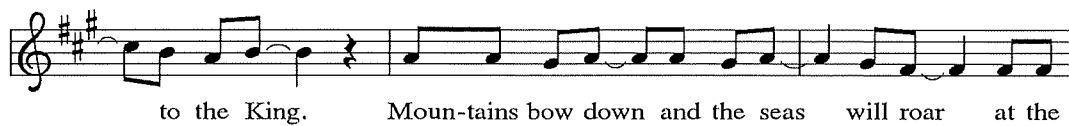
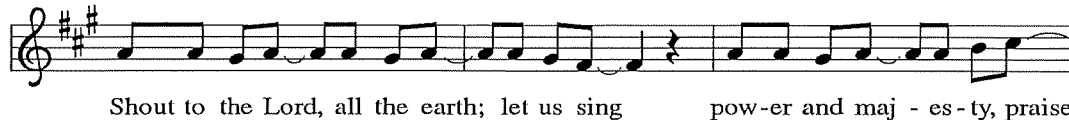
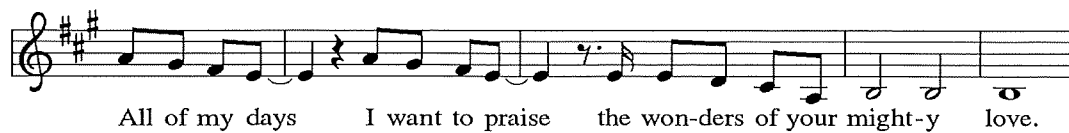
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG- *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Hymn #821

Shout to the Lord



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WORD -*The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY- *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

Hymn #522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *(A brief silence)*

*After each petition, "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with the words "peace be with you" or "God's peace" and a sign of peace—a wave, a handshake, a peace sign, etc.

MEAL

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

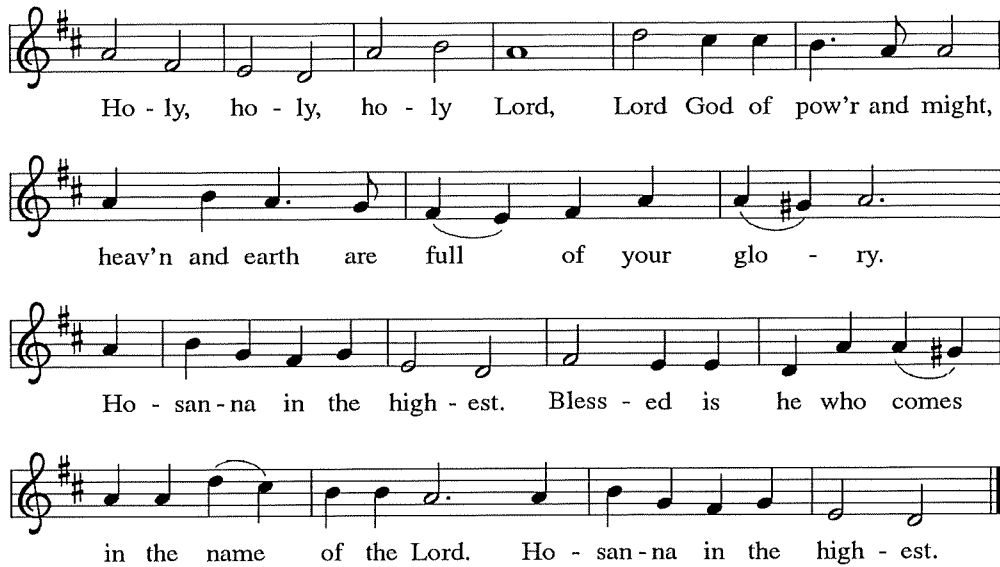
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
 In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this
 for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe
 new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
 we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

As the deer

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords above the staff are: D, A/C#, Bm, Bm/A, G, Asus, A, D.

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords above the staff are: A/C#, Bm, D/A, D/F#, Em7, A7sus, A7, D.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords above the staff are: Bm, Bm/A, G, D/F#, G, Bm/F#, Em, F#sus, F#.

You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords above the staff are: D, A/C#, Bm, D/A, D/F#, Em7, A7sus, A7, D.

you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope \dagger bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG- *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

We bow down

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 6/8. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "You are Lord of crea - tion and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be - fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be. We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be."

C G/C C
You are Lord of crea - tion and Lord of my life,

G/C C
Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be -

G/B Am F⁶ G C
fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be.

F⁶ C/E G G/B C
We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow

F⁶ C/E G G/B C F⁶ C/E
down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we

G Am Dm⁷ G C
wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.

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Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

We invite you to remain seated quietly for the postlude. If you exit during the postlude, please refrain from conversation until you are outside of the sanctuary. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Luther Hall immediately following the service.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Rev. Solomon Hailu

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey, Max Chodos and Beth Sullivan

Lector: Grace Holtz

Ushers: Jack Anderson and Kelly Black

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)

Are you new to San Marcos Lutheran Church? Pastor Casey would love the opportunity to get to know you, and has put together a short, confidential, online form. Your smartphone's QR reader can take you to it using this code.

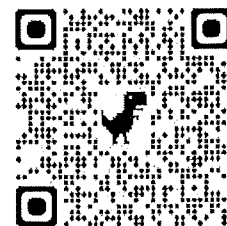
If technology isn't your cup of tea (or if it just isn't working for you today) there are cream-colored cards in the pew in front of you, which you can fill out and put in the silver offering plates, hand to an usher, or hand to Pastor Casey after the service. We're glad you're here!



Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers: Eleanor Adcock, the Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Susan Guenzel, Donna Huber, Mike Hudlow, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson. Alvar Roy, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Megan Toler, Nick Torres. 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 and ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

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- Place a check or cash in the silver offering plates at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays;
- Mail a check to the church office (3419 Grand Ave. San Marcos, CA 92078);
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- Make a one-time or recurring donation with your credit or debit card or bank account through Vanco, our online giving portal. Visit sanmarcoslutheran.org/donate to get started.

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THANK YOU! to Rev. Solomon Hailu for serving us in worship today, in Pr. Casey's absence!

ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY Thank you for regularly bringing food to the shopping cart. We are happy to receive any shelf-stable items. In April we'd like to suggest donations of cereal and crackers. If you are interested in volunteering on an occasional Saturday, please contact Jill Adachi or Doris Payne. Our volunteer times are the 3rd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm. Our food pantry is located at All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of Civic Center Drive and Eucalyptus Avenue in Vista.

Blessing Bag Assembly TODAY

After worship TODAY, join the Social Action Committee to assemble blessing bags for our neighbors in need. Contact Br. Jack Anderson with any questions about how you can help.

Outdoor Office Hours with Pastor Casey on April 18

Pastor Casey's outdoor office hours this month are at Ryan Bros Coffee (133 N Twin Oaks Valley Road) from 10am-12pm on Thursday, April 18th. Drop in for as much or as little of the time as your schedule allows. All are welcome to gather for a cup of coffee and conversation at this dog-friendly local business. See you there!

Celebrate Earth Day at SMLC on Sunday April 21st!

Martin Luther said, "God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you. Do you think God is just sleeping on a pillow in heaven?" Earthkeeping is a term used by many people of faith to describe the nature of our responsibility to care for creation. It comes from our wonder, awe, and gratitude for God's wisdom, creativity, and blessings that fill the natural world. Curious to learn how YOU can be an earthkeeper? Please join Karin Kupka during the Community Time after worship to learn more. She will bring scripture and inspiration, ideas and samples of how each of us can do something small to make a big difference for our Mother Earth.