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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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.*

Look, here is water!

What is to prevent us from giving thanks for baptism?

Here is water. Rushing water. Surging water.

Pounding, crashing surf of water.

Foaming waters to wash us clean, to scrub away the guilt, the burden that clings,
to wipe away the grime of archived fear.

Blessed be water.

We give you thanks, Creator God, for sea and ocean, tides and waves.

Here is water.

Tumbling water. Streaming water.

Free-flowing- shower-of-grace water.

Bubbling fount to soothe our hearts, balm for the scars of angry division,
salve for the wounds of ignorant pride.

Blessed be water.

We give you thanks, creative Word, for rain and snow, storm and mist.

Here is water.

Clear water. Cool water.

Quench-the-thirst-of-our-soul water.

Still waters to restore our spirits, source of hope, refreshment for the journey toward the fold,
sparkling with the promise of new life.

Blessed be water.

We give you thanks, creating Spirit, for steam and pool, spring and lake.

Here is water,
Through which God created and continues to create.
In the beginning, weaving with the Breath of life every living being;
throughout history, a gateway of divine deliverance; in every moment,
remembering the mystery of life, bonding all creation as one.
We give you thanks, blessed Creator, for the gift of life,
for this water without which life would cease, for the gift of baptism,
through which these waters birth us again into your promise of newness, wholeness, and oneness.

Blessed be Creator God, creative ✝ Word, creating Spirit.

Blessed be each soul here and not here,
one people, one with all that is.

Blessed be this water that births us,
renews us and welcomes us home.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ,

Good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Leader All



1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader



Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All



in the glo - ry of your Son.
may our lives your love con - fess.
in your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

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Music: SING OUT, Marty Haugen

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WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -
D.C.



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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

Whatever we ask, in accordance with your will, we receive and our cup overflows.
Confident in divine abundance, and humbly eager to turn from covetous greed,
we return what we have received for the Shepherd’s work,
that green pastures and safe folds will welcome any who live in fear;
that peaceful waters will sustain hurting hearts; that a voice of welcome will be heard at each gate;
that a feast will be prepared for all who hunger and thirst; and all may safely graze.
In the name of the One who is our comfort. **Amen.**

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

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

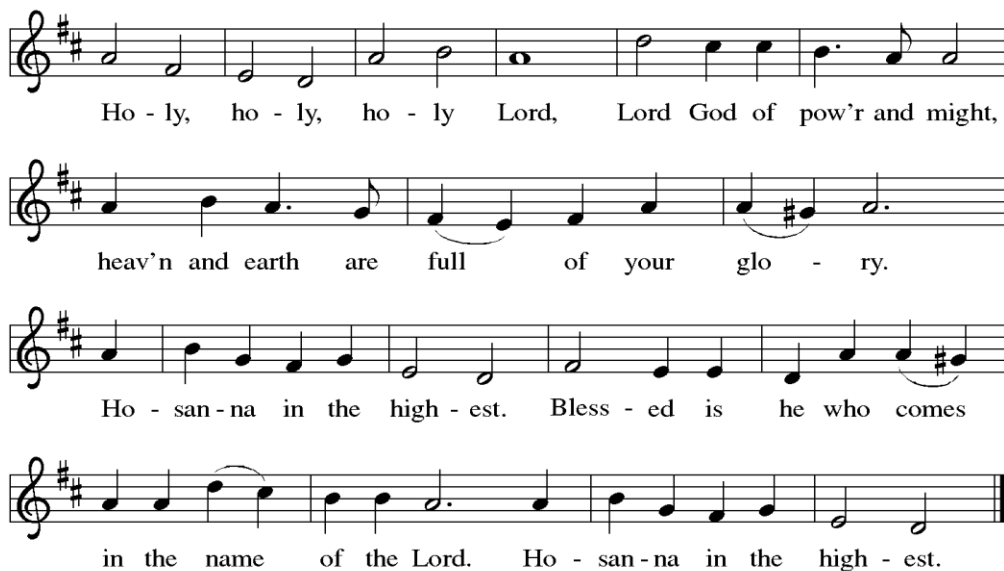
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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 treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff.

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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

Little children, sheep of the Good Shepherd:
As we journey toward the fold, we travel through the valley of shadow,
Growing in grace, becoming a blessing.
Baptismal wells restore our souls, a rich feast is spread by divine abundance,
and divisions end as our cup overflows.

Amen.

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

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Hymnal # 543



1. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing; you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Journey gently on this planet's green pasture.

Thanks be to God.

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

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Lector: Karen Johns

Ushers: Liz Starr and Sharon McEwan

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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You can contribute in any of the following ways:

- 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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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.

Celebrate Earth Day at SMLC TODAY!

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 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.

Calling all polyglots—Pentecost is May 19!

Can you read aloud in a language other than English? For our worship service on Sunday, May 19, in honor of the multilingual miracle of the Holy Spirit, we will read parts of Acts 2:1-21 in as many languages as possible. Let Pastor Casey know which language it is you can read (confidently!) in front of the congregation, and she'll divvy up the parts. Thanks! Gracias! Danke!