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**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 2, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS- *The congregation is invited to stand, sit, or kneel, as able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Hymnal #532

## Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness van - ished a -  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old— who yearn for your  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the bread of new  
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, light years a -



way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the  
face, we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the  
birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be  
way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing; now is the king - dom, and



light of this day. Gath - er us in— the lost and for -  
whole hu - man race. Gath - er us in— the rich and the  
salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of com -  
now is the day. Gath - er us in and hold us for -



sak - en, gath - er us in— the blind and the lame; call to us now, and  
haugh - ty, gath - er us in— the proud and the strong; give us a heart so  
pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and  
ev - er; gath - er us in and make us your own; gath - er us in, all



we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
meek and so low - ly, give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**WORD** -*The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

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 Mark, the 2nd chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

SERMON

## Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909  
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly is invited into prayer:*

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*(A brief silence)*

*After each petition, "Merciful God, receive our prayer."*

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **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

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

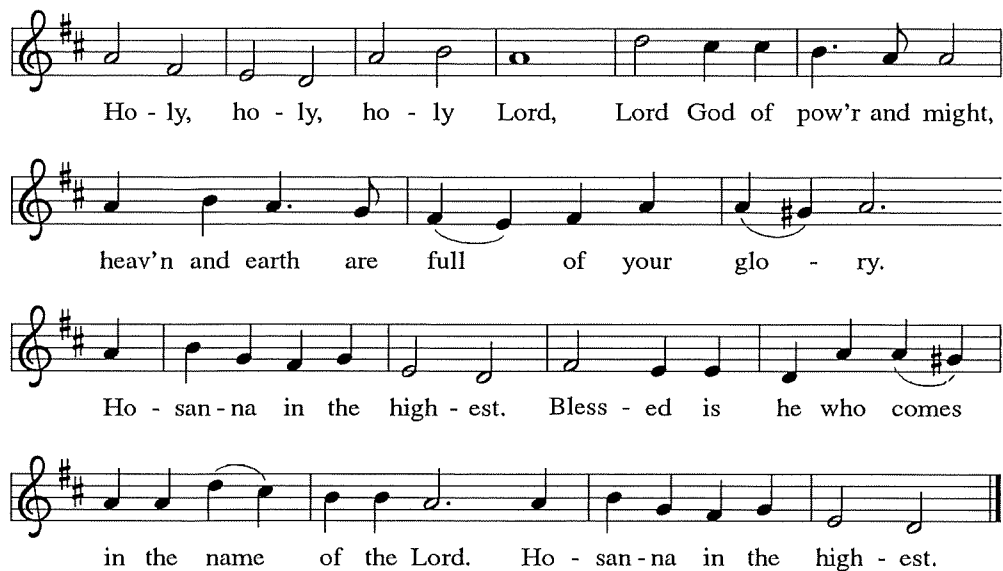
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Eternal God,  
in the abundance of your love  
you have caused all things to be;  
from dust and spirit, you have woven our humanity;  
in all our wanderings, you never cease to call us to fullness of life.  
You gave us Jesus, son of Mary,  
the bread of life, broken for the world;  
he fed us and feasted with us;  
he healed us and suffered for us;  
his dying and rising have set us free  
from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.  
Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called,  
with all who hunger for your kingdom  
and will not rest until all your children are fed,  
with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages,  
we take up the song of your praise:



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**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon these gifts,  
 that these fragile, earthly things  
 may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ;  
 who, on the night that he was betrayed,  
 gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.  
 Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:  
 "This is my body, which is given for you.  
 Do this to remember me."  
 In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:  
 "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
 Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."  
 As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste  
 beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, in our eating and drinking  
 we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;  
 we proclaim him as creation's host,  
 transforming poverty into plenty  
 in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope  
 that one day death and greed will be no more  
 and people without number  
 will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 by whom and with whom and in whom  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
 all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Church Publishing (New York, NY: 2009).*

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal #614

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;

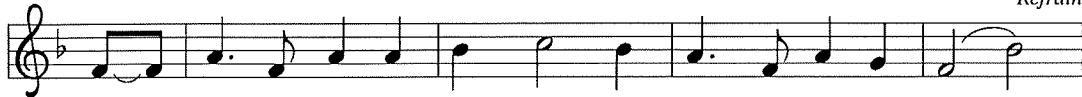


there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. Amen.



# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

Hymnal #409

## Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal - le -  
no more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King. 1,2,3

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - 4

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**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

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey and Beth Sullivan

Lector: Doris Payne

Ushers: Hector Gonzalez and Sharon Scott-Gonzalez

*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!



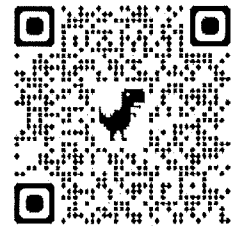
**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:** The Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jean Cavolt, Jim Cavolt, Susan Guenzel, Donna Huber, Mike Hudlow, Karen Johns, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Alvar Roy, Marie Schilke, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Beth Sullivan, 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.

We send our sympathy to Alvar Roy and his family, at the passing of his uncle David, this past week. May light perpetual shine upon him!

Thank you for supporting the ministry of San Marcos Lutheran Church! **Your generosity enables us to do God's work in our community.** Your contributions to our general fund support our budgeted expenses—we cannot do it without your support!

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);
- Set up a recurring donation through your bank;
- 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](http://sanmarcoslutheran.org/donate) to get started.



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### Game Night

Join game loving friends of all ages for gatherings once a month in Luther Hall. The first will be Friday from 3pm- 6pm on June 7th. We're playing around (no pun intended) with the hours so come when you can. Bring a game along and your own snacks and we'll see how it plays out!! Any questions, please contact Marilyn Monell or Donna Huber.

### **Light Up With Pride on June 13th**

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month! Celebrate with people of faith throughout North County at this year's Light Up With Pride event hosted by the Oceanside Sanctuary (204 S. Freeman St). On Thursday, June 13th, the doors will open at 6:30pm for interactive art displays, tabling by community organizations, and light refreshments. The program will begin at 7pm, featuring music, readings, and storytelling. All are welcome to experience Stories of Defiant Joy.

### **Summer Socials**

As we transition into the summer, we hope to find several opportunities to gather purely for the joy of it. A barbecue, a walk on the beach, a trip to the movies, a game night, a meet-up for ice cream—it's up to you. Is there a Summer Social you want to see happen? Do you want to host it or organize it? Do you want to help others organize events? Talk to Pastor Casey about how to make fun stuff happen.

### **Help plan for the 4th of July!**

We are still needing some volunteers to help with the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. If you're willing and able to wrangle things like food, marketing, safety/parking, set-up/clean-up, etc., we want you on our team! Call the office 760-727-1509 or email [office@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:office@sanmarcoslutheran.org) to let Aimee know you're interested and in what area you would like to help. **We are now asking for donations of water, individual soft drinks and individual snacks. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Items can be dropped off in the office or left in the narthex.**

### **Seeking a photographer!**

Does someone in your household own a non-phone camera and know how to use it? We are looking for someone to take professional photographs of our campus and community for use on our website and social media. Email [pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org) or call the office 760-727-1509 to discuss the project with Pastor Casey.