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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sing a new song

Refrain
G D B⁷ Em Am⁷

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

D G D

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

B⁷ Em Am⁷ D G *Fine*

un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

G D⁷/A Am⁷/G D/F# Em

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry

Am⁷/C D⁷/A D/F# G D⁷/A

fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on
 now has come. The Lord has turned your
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

Am⁷/G D C Am⁷ Dsus D *Refrain*

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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WORD - *The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:24-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

SERMON

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

Hymnal #453

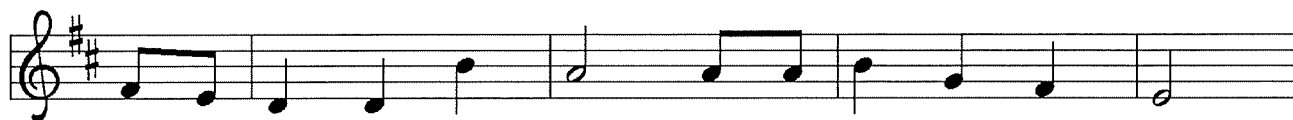
Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence)*

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

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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.

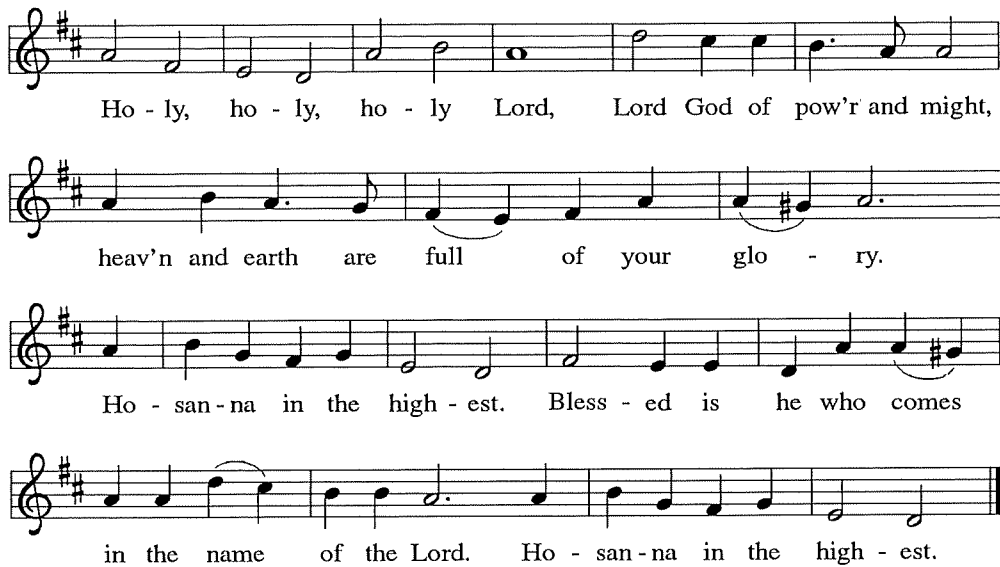
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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Jesus Loves Me!

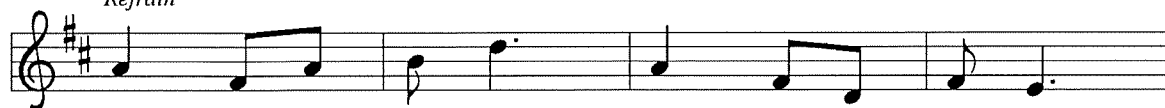


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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.*

There is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my king for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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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: Grace Holtz

Ushers: Kelly Black and Lizz Starr

Today's flowers are presented by Grace and Gene Holtz in thanksgiving to God for 64 years of wedded bliss.

Happy Anniversary Gene & Grace!

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.



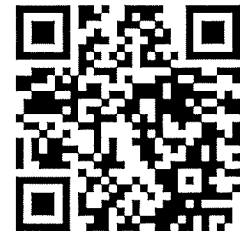
If technology isn't your cup of tea (or if it just isn't working for you today) there are cream-colored cards in the pew in front of you, which you can fill out and put in the silver offering plates, hand to an usher, or hand to Pastor Casey after the service. We're glad you're here!

Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers: The Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Alvar Roy, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Megan Toler, Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen. 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.

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 Tithe.ly, our online giving portal. Visit sanmarcoslutheran.org/give to get started.



Your smartphone's QR reader can take you there by scanning this code. *San Marcos Lutheran Church is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your gift may be tax-deductible.*

Our new website and giving platform is live! When you visit sanmarcoslutheran.org next, you'll notice that it looks a little different. (Thanks to council member Devin Hogan for the beautiful photography of our campus!) These changes are part of an administrative streamlining that Pastor Casey has been working on for several months, and will make it easier for visitors to find the information about us they need. If your financial support for the congregation is made online, you'll need to migrate your PayPal or Vanco transactions over to Tithe.ly, our new giving platform. Information about making that change was in the July newsletter and will be in the August newsletter as well, but you can contact Pastor Casey if you have any questions about getting set up.

Outdoor Office Hours with Pastor Casey on Thursday, August 15th- Change in location!

Pastor Casey's outdoor office hours will be in the afternoon for the summer! Meet up any time between 4pm and 6pm at the Craft Coast Beer & Tacos, (1325 Grand Ave, San Marcos) Hope to see you there!

Blessing Bag Assembly on Aug 18th during Community Time

On August 18th, join the Social Action Committee to assemble blessing bags for our neighbors in need. The plan is to make 100 bags, so we need all hands on deck! Contact Br. Jack Anderson with any questions about how you can help.

Summer Social - Pool Party!

Rob and Lisa O'Carroll will host a pool party for the SMLC community at their home on Sunday, August 18 from 1pm-5pm. They have hired a lifeguard, so everyone can use the water slide safely. Your RSVP is helpful (but not required) to the church office. All are welcome, so bring your family and a friend!

Saturdays of Sisterhood begin September 7

For Women. By Women. About Women. Please join Kärin Kupka on the first Saturday of the month in Luther Hall from 10-11:30 AM for Bible study, self reflection, and finding community amongst the women of the Bible and those of SMLC! Coffee and tea will be served. No need to RSVP. Questions? Email Kärin at karinkupka533@hotmail.com or call 760-415-2525.

A/V Volunteers Needed

Our brand new video and sound system in the sanctuary will be installed later this month! It will be simple to operate and reliable to use. Pastor Casey needs volunteers who are willing to learn how to operate the microphones and cameras, monitor the livestream, and other specific audio/visual tasks as part of a volunteer team on Sunday mornings. There will be a training on Friday, August 23 (in the evening, exact time TBD) and on Sunday morning, August 25 (at 8:30am before worship). Please contact the church office if you are willing and able to serve God and SMLC in this way. The more people help out, the easier it will be, and the less frequently each volunteer will need to serve.

SMLC Children's Center has openings for the Fall. The school year starts August 12th. Call or email the Center Director, Ann Leong for more information. 760-727-0326 or preschool@sanmarcoslutheran.org

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS (GWOH) SUNDAY throughout the ELCA is September 8th, and we're looking forward to a great time together! We have a handful of projects planned, including:

- assembling hygiene kits for Interfaith Community Services
- crafting birthday cards + assembling kids' Birthday Party kits for the Hawthorne shelter
- making sack lunches for Interfaith Community Services

We need your help to make these things happen! Donation lists for each project are available in the narthex. Please bring all donations by Sunday September 1st, so the Social Action Committee has time to acquire the remaining items.

On GWOH Sunday we will have a shortened worship service (still at 10am) then start our respective projects in Luther Hall. When our work is done, we'll sit down together for a POTLUCK LUNCH.

Questions about GWOH? See any member of the Social Action Committee, or contact the church office.

Turk Center for Recovery -Two volunteers are needed to serve food at the Turk Center for Recovery, formerly Haven House, on Sunday, Sept 15th from 4:00-5:15 pm. If you can volunteer, please contact Beth Sullivan at beth@pa3.com or call her at 847-254-0212.