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**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 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

‘Ave Maria Stella’ arranged by Franz Liszt

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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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WORD - *The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.
She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town,
“You who are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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 6:51-58

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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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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

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:



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

Here is bread

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

F/A Am G/B C G/B Am E⁷

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

F/A C/G G ¹ C Fm/C ^{2,3} C Gm⁷ Bb/C

Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

Fm⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fm⁷ F#dim⁷

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,

Em⁷ A⁷aug Dm⁷ G⁷ C

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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Alleluia

G C Am⁷ D C/G G

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;
 3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;
 4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;

G C Am⁷ D C/G G

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia.
 he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.
 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

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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.


Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona


Refrain— sung twice each time




Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

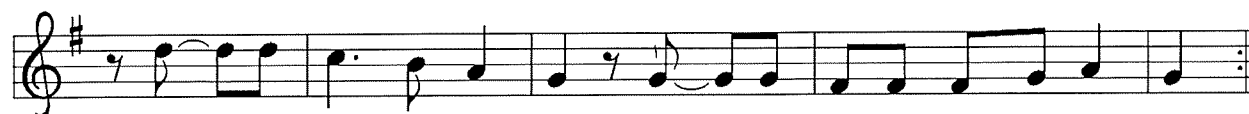


ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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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

'Deep River' by Hugh Livingston Jr.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey and Beth Sullivan

Lector: Diana Arney

Ushers: Diana and Don Arney

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!



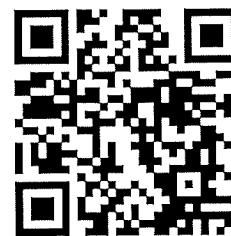
Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers: The Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Alvar Roy, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Megan Toler, Nick 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](https://www.tithe.ly), our online giving portal. Visit [sanmarcoslutheran.org/give](https://www.sanmarcoslutheran.org/give) to get started.

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Turk Center for Recovery -Two volunteers are needed to serve food at the Turk Center for Recovery, formerly Haven House, on Sunday, 9/15 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.

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.

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.

Summer Social - Pool Party!

Rob and Lisa O'Carroll will host a pool party for the SMLC community at their home TODAY from 1pm-5pm. They have hired a lifeguard, so everyone can use the water slide safely. 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.

ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY Summertime food items would be especially welcome: boxes of instant pasta salads, tuna, mayonnaise, lemonade mix. We never know what will be available from Brother Benno's and the Food Bank, but pasta of any kind, rice, dried beans, cereal, boxed milk are always welcome. We will be distributing at All Saints Episcopal Church in Vista - on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month. If you'd like to help some time when we're there (10:30-12:30), please contact Doris Payne, 760-653-3026 or dorispayne3247@gmail.com. It works best with six volunteers, so we like having a rotation list. Thanks for your ongoing support of this vital ministry.