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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 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

O God our strength, **without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

WORD -*The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

“So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

“But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia



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

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The holy gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?”

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

"You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

SERMON

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

Hymnal #512

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.

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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.

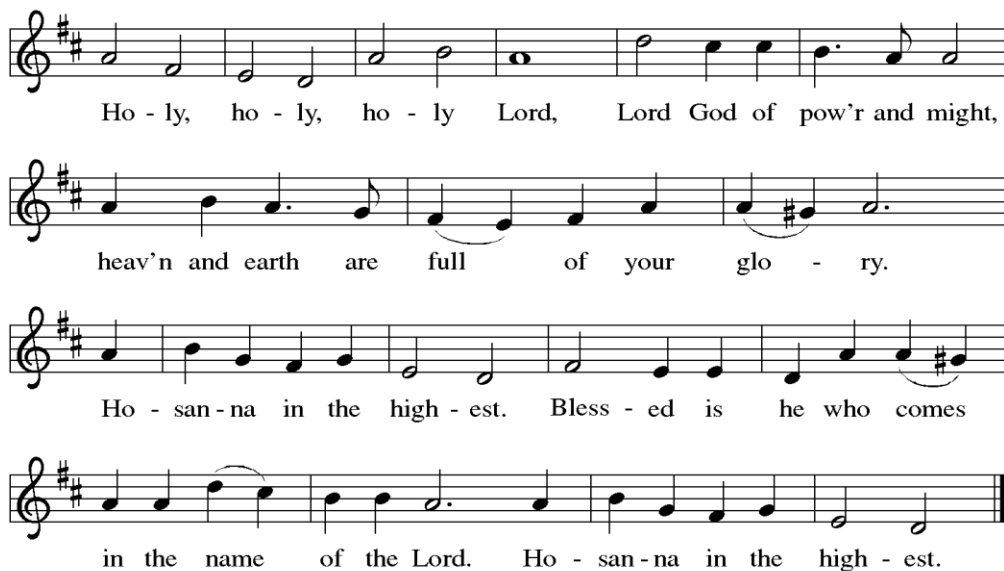
Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called,

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

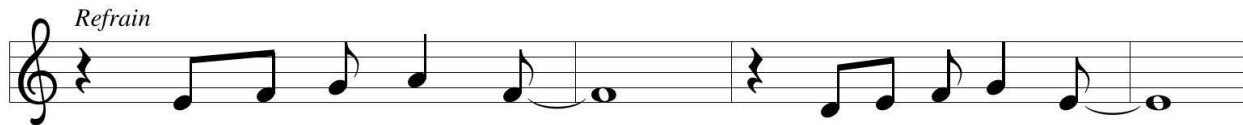
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

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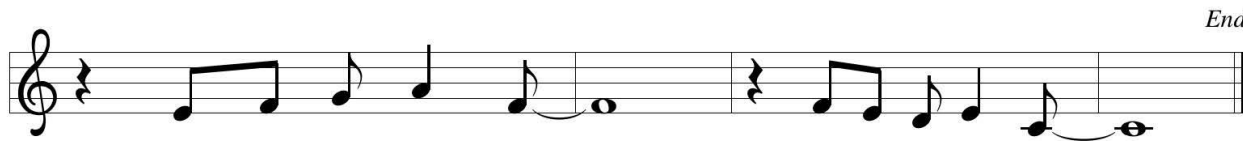
COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymnal # 801, #744

Change My Heart, O God



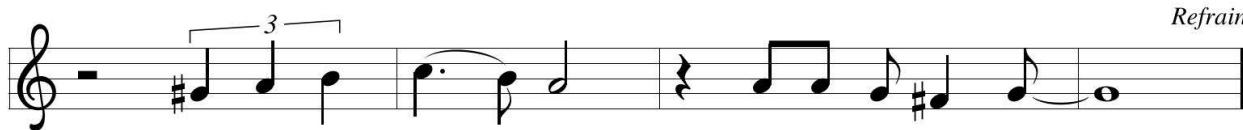
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

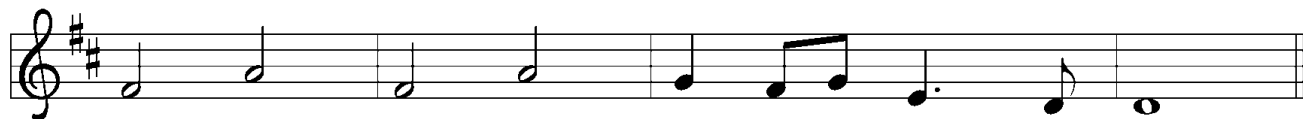
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Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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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.

Take My Life, That I May Be *Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas | *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

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: Marilyn Monell and Liz Starr

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, Bill Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Rich Preuss, Alvar Roy, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Louise Testerman, 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.



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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.

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.

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
- kids will make cards for Palomar hospital patients

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**.

Donna Huber and Jan Parthemer will be coordinating the Potluck. Everyone can bring a dish to share.

Beverages, plates, napkins and utensils will be provided. Jan & Donna will be in the kitchen prior to the 10am service to take food items and put things in the refrigerator and set up the tables for the potluck.

Any questions please contact Jan Parthemer at janp@cox.net or 619-992-5465.

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