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**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 29, 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**

“Pasacalle sobre ‘El Cant dels Ocells’ (‘The Songs of Birds’)”

**WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**  
**MOMENT FOR MISSION- ANN LEONG**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**

**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we, encouraged by the example of your servant Francis, may persevere in the course that is set before us and, at the last, share in your eternal joy with all the saints in light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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**WORD** -*The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Job 39:1-18

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer?  
Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth,  
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring and are delivered of their young?  
Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open; they go forth and do not return to them.  
“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the  
steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place?  
It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver.  
It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.  
“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib?  
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you?  
Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it?  
Do you have faith in it that it will return and bring your grain to your threshing floor?  
“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage.  
For it leaves its eggs to the earth and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush  
them and that a wild animal may trample them.  
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no  
fear; because God has made it forget wisdom and given it no share in understanding.  
When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

## Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the  
Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful.

Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God’s name;  
bless the Lord, and forget not God’s benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,  
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8; para. by Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

SERMON

## 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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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly is invited into prayer:*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence)*

*After each petition, "Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**"*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.

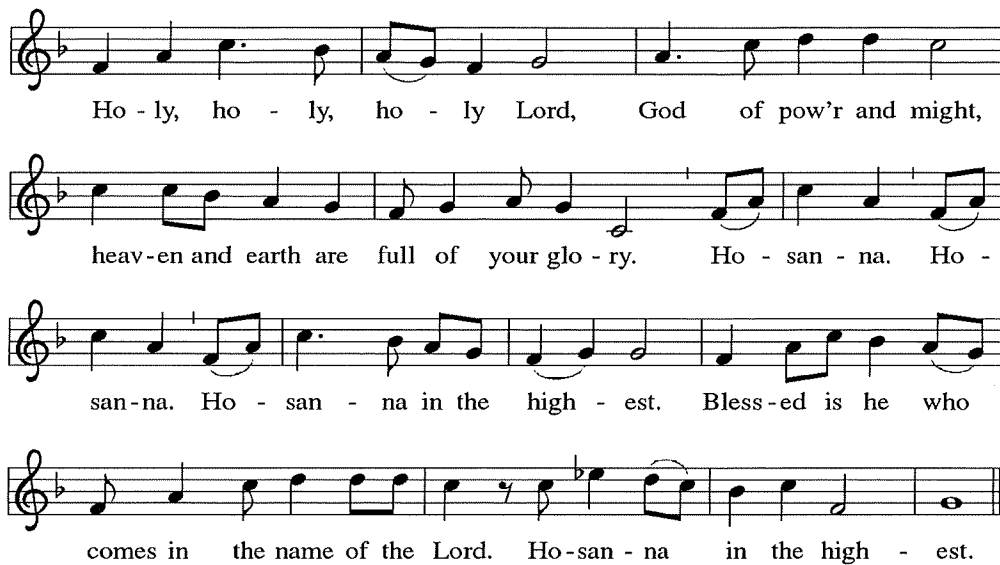
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together



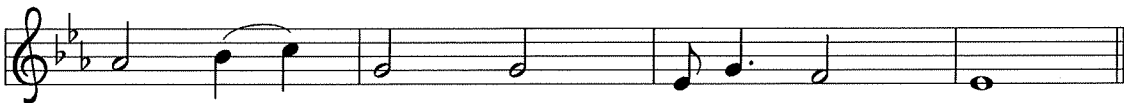
1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual



# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## *Prayer of St. Francis*



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



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

*Last time to coda* ⊕



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



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O 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 - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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 Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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

‘Let Us Break Bread Together’ arranged by Malcom Kogut

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey and Max Chodos

Lector: Rob O’Carroll

*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!

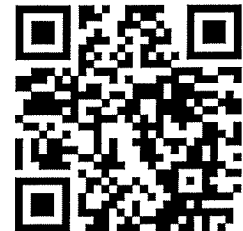


**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:** The Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Bill Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Marilyn Monell, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Louise Testerman, Elijah 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://Tithe.ly), our online giving portal. Visit [sanmarcoslutheran.org/give](https://sanmarcoslutheran.org/give) to get started.



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### **Blessing of the Animals —TODAY at 12:30pm**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and whose feast day is October 4th, it is time for the annual Blessing of the Animals! After church, head home to collect your (friendly, safe around other animals and people) pets and come back at 12:30 to have them blessed by Pastor Casey. All furry, scaly, winged, and otherwise beloved critters are welcome, as are stuffed animals or photographs, especially of your dearly departed pets. *The blessing will take place outdoors, and animals may not join you in the sanctuary during our regularly-scheduled worship service.*

### **Saturdays of Sisterhood - October 5**

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](mailto:karinkupka533@hotmail.com) or call 760-415-2525.

### **Voting Faithfully with LOPP-CA — Zoom Webinars October 9th and 10th**

Join Lutherans throughout California for conversations about the statewide ballot measures we'll be voting on in November. The Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California has prepared a Ballot Measure Voter Guide, and will be hosting two opportunities on Zoom for information and discussion. Pastor Casey and Bishop Dave Nagler of the Pacifica Synod will host a Lunch & Learn conversation on Wednesday, October 9th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Registration information is available in the Pacifica Synod e-newsletter, or by emailing [terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org](mailto:terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org). Regina Q. Banks, LOPP-CA Director, will host an event with the Sierra Pacific Synod Hunger Network on Thursday, October 10th from 7pm-9:30pm. Registration information is available at [spselca.org/events](http://spselca.org/events). Regina's will be recorded and posted, if neither time is convenient for you but you are interested in the information. Contact Pastor Casey with questions about either date.

### **Sidewalk Sale for Scholarships– Saturday, October 12, 7am-11am**

Grand Re-Opening of the Children's Care Closet. The Cares Closet will be open to the community. Come check out all the new and gently used items we have. Children's clothing, shoes, books, toys, games, costumes, Women's clothing and accessories, household and kitchen items too!

We will also be selling baked goods. Any donations of baked goods are welcomed.

Contact Ann Leong if you have other donations or questions at [preschool@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:preschool@sanmarcoslutheran.org)

### **Palomar Choirs Concert at SMLC – Saturday, October 12, 2pm**

Please join us as we welcome the Palomar Choirs (Chamber Singers and Chorale) to the beautiful acoustics of our sanctuary for this opening program of their 2024-25 season. The program will showcase choral settings of gospel music, spirituals, and familiar folk and hymn tunes including arrangements by M. Roger Holland, Rollo Dilworth, Moses Hogan, and Jennifer Lucy Cook. Tickets can be purchased on the Palomar Performing Arts website, or at the door. The Chamber Singers will also join us for worship the following morning, October 13, to offer special music!

### **New Member Welcome - Sunday, October 27**

If you are interested in becoming a member of SMLC (or learning what that means) contact Pastor Casey! We will welcome new members during the worship service on Sunday, October 27. All are welcome!

### **Committee Members Needed**

September and October are the times the Council starts planning for next year. We are currently in need of people to serve on the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee. These are both short-term commitments with very few meetings and time requirements. Both committees are important with impact on our Council and how our church will operate in 2025.

If you are interested please talk to Dan Norris or Pastor Casey (you can also express interest via email: [council@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:council@sanmarcoslutheran.org), or [pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org)).

### **TIME TO DINE!**

Get to know people who come to San Marcos Lutheran church by signing up to be part of a dining group. Groups of six people can meet for lunch or dinner at people's homes (potluck), a restaurant or a picnic, up to the group to decide. Suggest meeting three or four times (or continuing the friendships for longer). Sign-ups will be the first couple weeks in October. If you miss sign ups at church or have questions contact Donna Huber 760-521-1917.