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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6, 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. 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, 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

Sovereign God, **you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

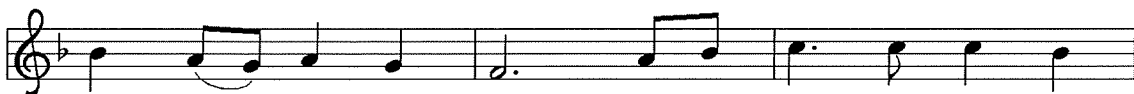
### All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen  
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**WORD** -The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING

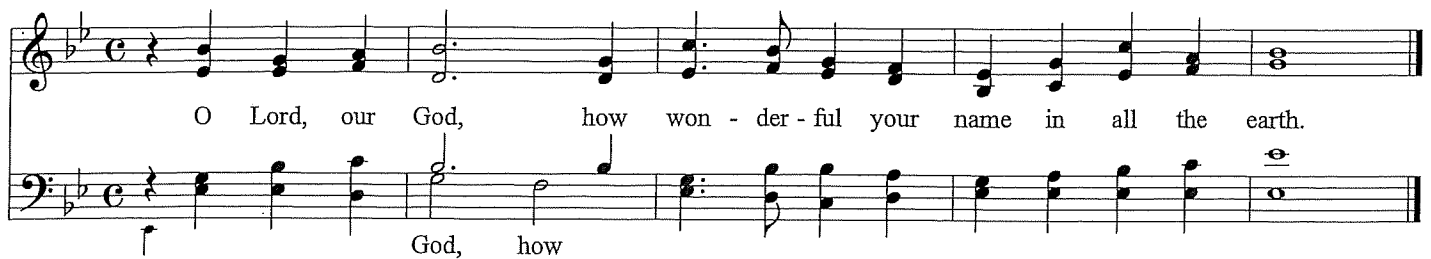
Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then the accuser answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to the accuser, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So the accuser went out from the presence of the LORD and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

PSALM 8



O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.  
God, how

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
The moon and the stars which you arranged,  
What is man that you should keep him in mind,  
The son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels,  
With glory and honor you crowned him,  
Gave him power over the works of your hands;  
Yet put all things under his feet,

All of them, sheep and oxen,  
Yes, even the cattle of the fields,  
Birds of the air, and fish of the sea  
That make their way through the waters.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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 Mark, the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Some, testing him, asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

### 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

"Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. by Dan Forest

Choir

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.

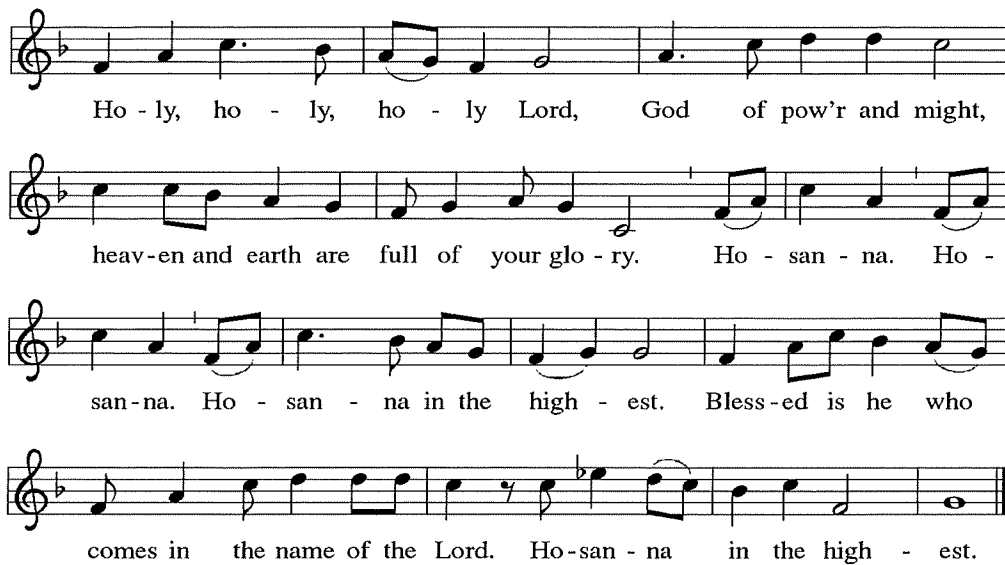
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

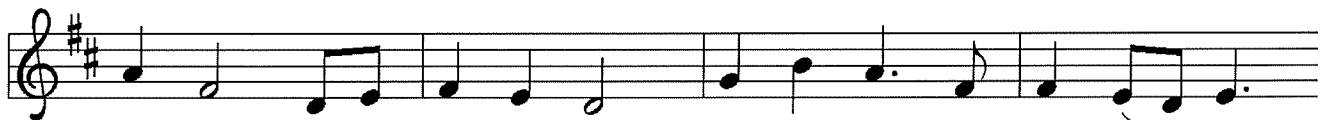
Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymnal #479

## 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.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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## As the deer

D      A/C#      Bm      Bm/A      G      Asus A      D

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.

A/C#      Bm      D/A      D/F#      Em<sup>7</sup>      A<sup>7</sup>sus A<sup>7</sup>      D

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm      Bm/A      G      D/F#      G      Bm/F#      Em      F#sus F#

You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;

D      A/C#      Bm      D/A      D/F#      Em<sup>7</sup>      A<sup>7</sup>sus A<sup>7</sup>      D

you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

### 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.**

## Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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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

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Shane Freiberg

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey, Max Chodos & Beth Sullivan

Lector: Doris Payne

Ushers: Hector Gonzalez and Sharon Scott-Gonzalez

Thank you for Pr. Shane Freiberg for leading us in worship today!

*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!



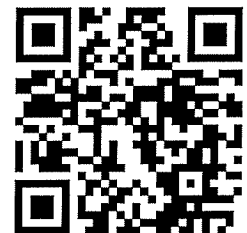
**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:** The Arney family and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Bill Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Marilyn Monell, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, 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.

Our sympathy and prayers to Marilyn Smith and family at the recent passing of Roy Smith. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection.

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](http://sanmarcoslutheran.org/give) to get started.



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### Community Time Today

Today's faith formation class will discuss what it takes to be a vowed Franciscan in the Order of Lutheran Franciscans and why you would want to be a member. Who was St Francis of Assisi? What are the daily disciplines of its members, and what is the central ethos of all the different groups that call themselves Franciscans? Lead by Brother Jack Anderson.

### **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!

### **Lutheran Disaster Relief Donations needed for those affected in the southeast with hurricane recovery!**

Those wishing to donate can write a check to the church with a memo about hurricane relief, or they can donate directly online to LDR:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response>

### **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.