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Reformation Sunday
October 27, 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 'All the Ends of the Earth' arranged by Malcolm Kogut

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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right,

Act for what is just and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,

in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

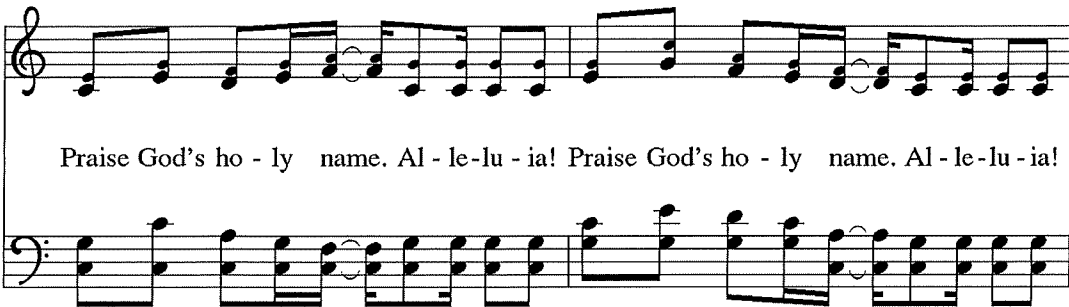
Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD -The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 46

The wa-ters of the riv - er glad-den the cit - y of God, the ho - ly dwell - ing of the Most High.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics underneath. It features several triplet markings. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time, with a melody that mirrors the vocal line. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time, providing harmonic support with chords and bass lines.

God is our refuge and strength,
An ever-present help in times of distress:
So we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
Though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
The holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.
God is within, it cannot be shaken,
God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
The awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

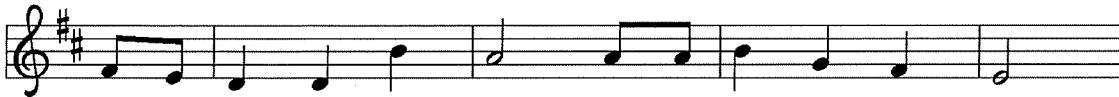
Baptized and Set Free



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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PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

(A brief silence)

*After each petition, "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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

"God is Our Refuge" by Allen Pote

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:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools. We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Paul.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ who saves us from sin and from evil, who on the night before he died, took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

And so we remember your Word and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom. Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; and renew the world with your mercy, your healing, your justice and your peace. We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

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

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear
as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path,
You're a light unto my path.

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant

Father, I adore you

The musical notation is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: F, Gm, C, F, Gm, C, F, Gm, C, F. The lyrics are: 1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - fore you; how I love you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

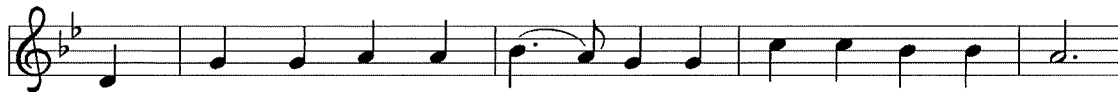
BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG- *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

Hymnal #713

O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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

‘A Mighty Fortress (Ein Feste Burg)’ by Johann Christoph Bach

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey, Beth Sullivan & Max Chodos

Lector: Diana Arney

Ushers: Diana Arney and Tom Andreas

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: Don Arney and daughter, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Vern Soderstrom, Marilyn Smith, Dawn Steele, Carol Swartz, 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 the Hudlow family at the recent passing of Mike's mom, Lois Hudlow. 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 to get started.



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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, or pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org).

All Saints' Sunday is November 3rd

In honor of All Saints' Day, please bring a memento of your loved ones who have died to place at the altar. These can be photographs, a small object that belonged to them, or something that represents them or a memory you shared. You can bring it forward before the service begins, or Pastor Casey will remind you during the sharing of prayer requests and thanksgivings.

Vigil on the Eve of the National Election, Monday, November 4th, 4pm-8pm

Drop in for a peaceful and reflecting evening of prayer, music, and contemplation. Enjoy inspiring slides, a prayer booklet, candle lighting, and expression through writing. All are welcome at San Marcos Lutheran Church to pray, reflect, and seek peace.

Audio & Visual Volunteers Needed

Help enhance our Sunday Worship experience! Our Communications Coordinator, Adriana Alfaro, is seeking volunteers to assist with Audio and Visual equipment. No experience necessary - training provided! Contact us to learn more and sign up! email: comms@sanmarcoslutheran.org

ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY We have approximately ten more individuals (representing about 25 additional family members) coming each week that we are open (3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month) over just a few months ago. They are so thankful for this assistance. In November we'd like to ask for donations of cereal, crackers, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise. If you'd like to volunteer on November 16th or 23rd, please contact Doris Payne (dorispayne3247@gmail.com or Cell #559-299-0146) or Jill Adachi (jesadachi@yahoo.com or 831-566-4687). Thank you for your ongoing support of this wonderful ministry.

Volunteers Needed to Serve Food

We are currently seeking people to help serve food and coordinate an activity after serving a meal to residents of Interfaith, at the Turk Center on Sunday, Nov. 17th and on Sunday, Dec. 15th from 4-6:30 pm. The Turk Center provides temporary housing for unhoused individuals recuperating from an illness. The focus of serving meals has changed and volunteers now not only serve food but also coordinate a game or craft after the meal. If you are interested in volunteering for 11/17 or 12/15 please email Beth Sullivan at beth@pa3.com or call her at 847-254-0212. Volunteers are also welcomed to serve the 3rd Sunday of any month in the future.

Saturdays of Sisterhood- November 2nd, 10-11:30am

For Women. By Women. About Women. Bible study, self reflection, and finding community amongst the women of the Bible and those of SMLC! Please join Karin Kupka on November 2nd from 10-11:30am in Luther Hall. Coffee and tea will be served. No need to RSVP. Questions? Email Karin @karinkupka533@hotmail.com or call 760-415-2525.

Women's Retreat 2025

SMLC has a history of sponsoring women's retreats at a Lutheran Retreat Center called Luther Glen, which includes fellowships, arts and crafts, study of scripture, and time for contemplation and reflection. The tentative time frame for offering this retreat is during Lent of 2025. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact either Beth Sullivan, at beth@pa3.com or email the church office. The committee would like to choose a date and begin planning within the next two week.