

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday November 3, 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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For All the Saints



WORD -The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.

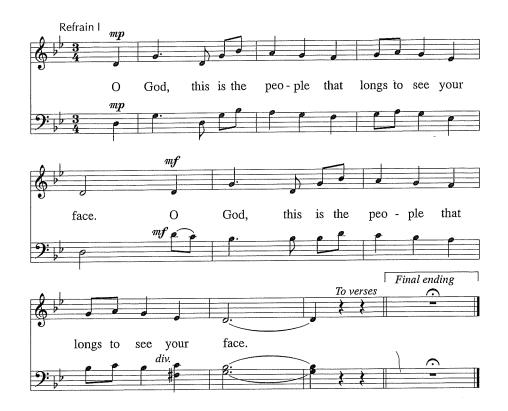
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.



All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it. You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend your mountain. God? Or who may stand in this holy place? Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of the earth.

They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them. Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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



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

GOSPEL John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all creation. (A brief silence)

After each petition, "Merciful God, receive our prayer."

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

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.

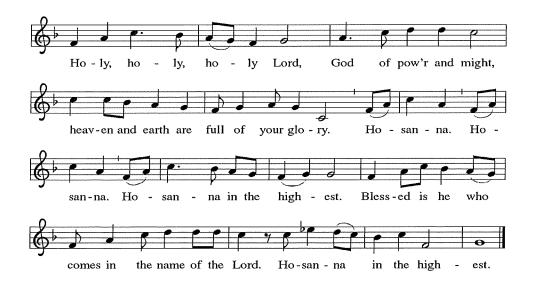
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

We thank you for calling us to an adventure of faith.

You made us in your image to respond to your grace; your story came alive with the children of Israel, of Leah and Rachel, of Zilpah and Bilhah, and a promise was born: that one day, no face would be forgotten, no body enslaved, no spirit broken, but all would join the covenant of life.

You sent your Son in solidarity with us, healing our sickness and confronting our demons; he bore the cross and rose again to disclose our true humanity. Therefore with all your unlikely saints, with the church of many times and languages, with those who have known you under different names, we sing the glorious liberty of all the children of God:



EUCHARISTIC 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.

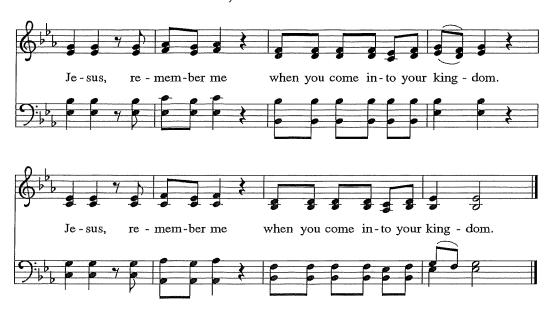
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

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Jesus, Remember Me



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Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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

Hymnal #439





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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in 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: Jack Anderson and Marilyn Monell

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 <u>sanmarcoslutheran.org/give</u> to get started.

Your smartphone's QR reader can take you there by scanning this code. San Marcos Lutheran Church is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your gift may be tax-deductible.

Faith Formation class- Community time- Today

Have you ever wondered why the parament colors change from one season to the next or, what is the lectionary? Today, after the service in faith formation, we will discuss the Church year calendar and the cycle of Gospel readings. Hosted by Brother Jack Anderson.

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).

Vigil on the Eve of the National Election, Tomorrow, 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.

Hope for the Holidays project planned for community time on Nov 17th.

We will be making holiday cards for Hope for the Holidays, a Global Refuge (formerly LIRS) sponsored ministry. You can create original, festive greeting cards with the supplies provided or use premade cards to write messages of hope and welcome to our new American families. Sample greetings will be offered in English and Spanish for inspiration. Come, enjoy your coffee and conversation with friends while you share encouraging messages of peace and hope with our new neighbors.

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.

Women's Retreat 2025

SMLC has a history of sponsoring women's retreats at a Lutheran Retreat Center called <u>Luther Glen.</u> 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.