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Christ the King
November 24, 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 Creatures of Our God and King" Arr. John Purifoy

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 and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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WORD - *The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

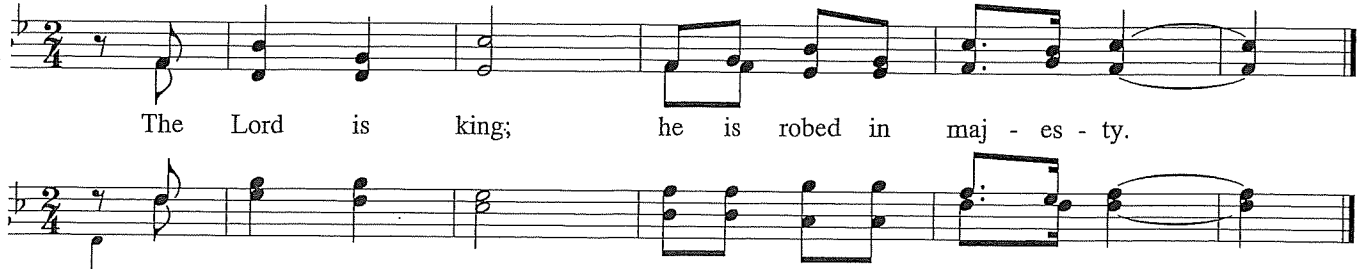
A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

PSALM 93



The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.
The Lord has robed himself with might;
He has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved,
Your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and free us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

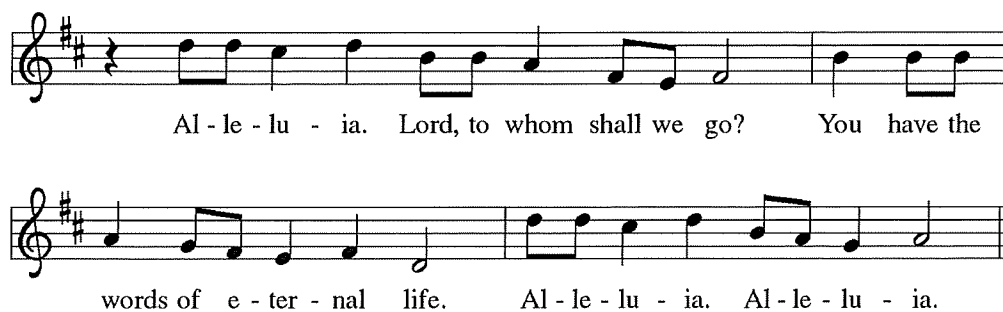
So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



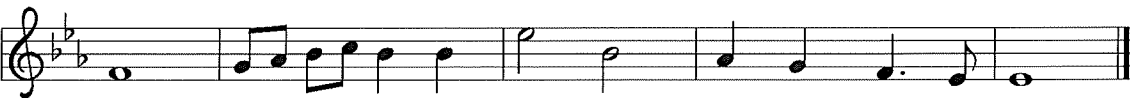
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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

“ Oh, Praise the Lord, My Soul” by Paul Bouman

Choir

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, hidden God, for you refuse to make yourself an idol, defying our desire to worship what is dead.

You gave your people Israel your name of burning freedom, your law of liberation; within their story Jesus was born, the bearer of your lordship revealed in servanthood, a kingdom of subversion.

He was enthroned on the cross and raised to life still wounded; he ascended to the place of power to show that love was strongest; before him, all earthly rule is a shadow and a passing breath.

Therefore, with all who stood in wonder at his parting
and those who waited for the coming Spirit, with all who suffer under tyrants' rule
and all who feel the fury of the mob, we join the song of worship to the God of all authority:



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

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

DISTRIBUTION

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



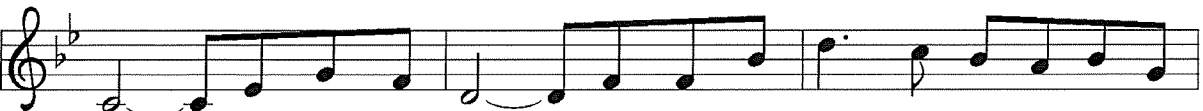
all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 #881

“Let All Things Now Living”

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to God the cre -
 2. God rules all the forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and sun in its

a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and
 or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the mount - ains, the riv - ers and

stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing; with glad ad - o -

fire shin - ing forth in the night, till shad - ows have van - ished and
 ra - tion a song let us raise till all things now liv - ing u -

dark - ness is ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” By John Darwell, Arr. Edward Broughton

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Doris Payne and Max Chodos

Lector: Rob O'Carroll

Ushers: Jack Anderson and Tom Andreas

Altar flowers were donated this week in honor of Beda and Jerry Farrell's 65th Wedding Anniversary.
Happy Anniversary!

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!

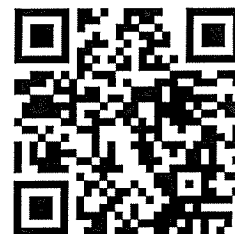


Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers: Don Arney, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Vern Soderstrom, Marilyn Smith, Dawn Steele, Louise Testerman, 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, our online giving portal. Visit sanmarcoslutheran.org/give 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.*

SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

We are excited to be sponsoring two families this year through Interfaith's Annual Program: one is a grandmother with two granddaughters, and the other is a couple with a son and daughter. Please select an ornament with a wish list item from the tree in the narthex...and an instruction sheet. Gifts are due back at church on Sunday, December 1st. Thank you for your part in making a wonderful Christmas for these two families.

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.

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

Want to help decorate the Christmas Tree? Today after the service, we will be assembling and decorating the Christmas Tree. Helpers to decorate are greatly needed. All are welcome!

Commitment Sunday is December 1st

As our stewardship season begins, please prayerfully review the time and talents inventory and commitment cards as you prepare for 2025. We ask that you return one inventory per person and one commitment card per household. During worship on December 1st, we will bless these gifts and pray for our budget committee members as they begin their service. If you would like these documents mailed or emailed to you, please contact Aimee 760-727-1509 or office@sanmarcoslutheran.org to make that request. Thank you for your generosity!

Community Time on December 1st

Intergenerational Advent Adventure with Karin Kupka- Join in on the fun including singing Christmas carols while ringing hand chimes as well as craft activities to prepare for the season of Advent. The fun is geared for all ages and multiple generations. No need to RSVP. Please bring a favorite Christmas treat to share. Questions? Contact Karin Kupka

Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 1st at 3pm at SMLC

The Music Men Chorus with Special guests the Pacific Belles will bless us with a special holiday concert on Sunday, Dec 1st at 3pm. A \$10 donation is suggested.