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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 9, 2025

*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 'Here I Am, Lord', by Dan Schutte arr. by Malcom 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, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults**

**and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy God, **the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe.**

**Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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**WORD** -*The congregation may be seated.*

FIRST READING

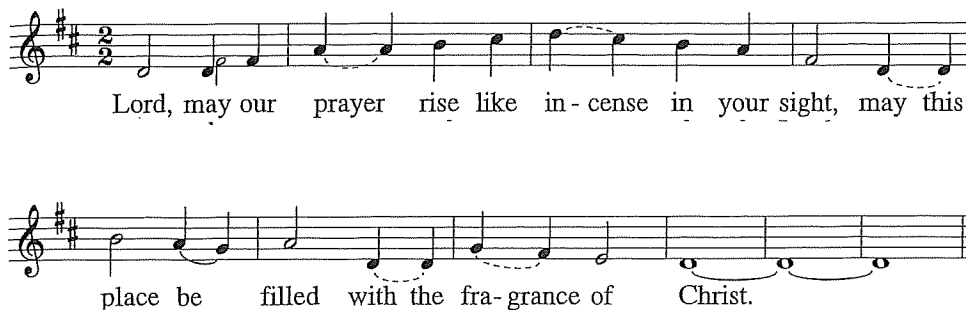
Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

PSALM 138



I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart  
You have heard the words of my mouth,  
In the presence of the angels i will bless you,  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I will thank you, Lord for your faithfulness and love,  
Beyond all my hopes and my dreams.  
On the day that i called you answered,  
You gave life to the strength of my soul.

All who live on earth shall give you thanks  
When they hear the words of your voice.  
And all will sing of your ways:  
"How great is the glory of God!"

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

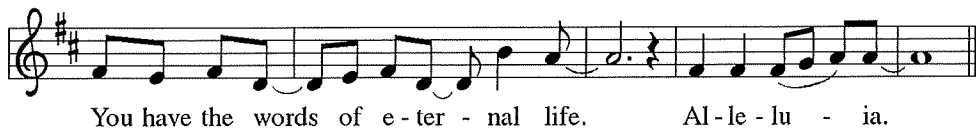
Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder

than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

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 Luke, the 5th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

SERMON

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

1. You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing nei - ther the wise nor the  
 2. You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther trea - sure nor wea - pons for  
 3. You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing love for the rest of the  
 4. You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the long - ing of souls that are

wealth y, but on - ly ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 con - quest, just these my fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 wea - ry— a love that's will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 yearn - ing; O lov - ing Friend, you, have come to call me.

Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,  
 you've called out my name on the sand I have a - ban - doned my  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly is invited into prayer:*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(A brief silence)*

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

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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

"If You Love Me" - Joel Ranney

Choir

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always

**Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

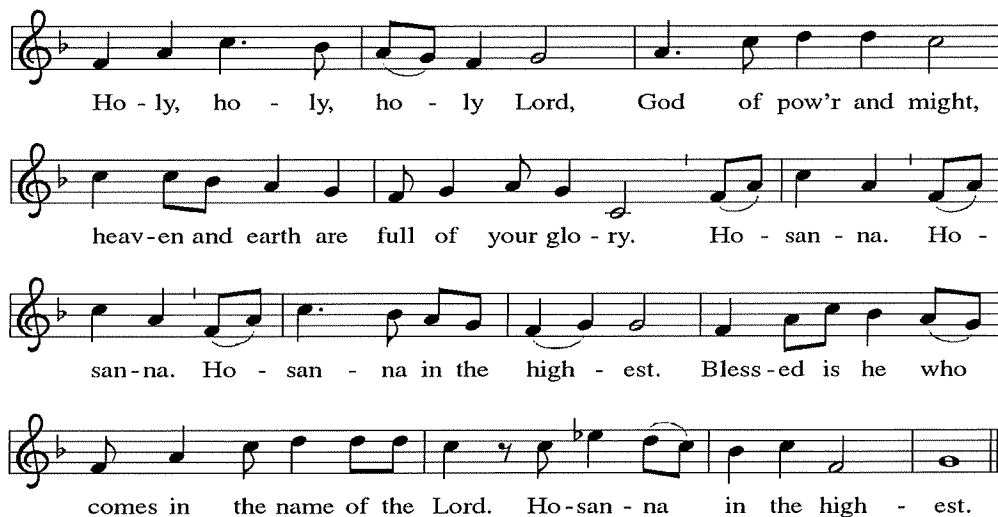
Lift up your hearts.

**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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

#### DISTRIBUTION

## Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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# Seek Ye First

Optional descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em<sup>7</sup> A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. Karen Lafferty  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

## Take My Life, That I May Be

### Refrain

Take my life that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

### Verses

1. Take my hands and let them move at the  
2. Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a  
3. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways,  
4. Take my will and make it thine; it shall

im - pulse, of thy love; take my feet and let  
mite would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect  
on - ly for my King; take my lips and let  
be no long - er mine; take my heart, it is

*to Refrain*

them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**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

### 'Down to the River to Pray'

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey and Max Chodos

Lector: Karen Johns

Ushers: Jack Anderson and Louise Testerman

*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!

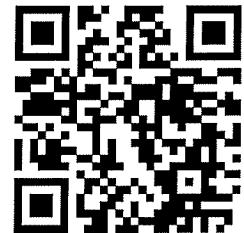


***Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:*** Susan Agonia, Dawn, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Steve Choi, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Vern Soderstrom, Marilynne Smith, Dawn Steele, Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen. Let us pray for our homebound members: 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 Tithely, our online giving portal. Visit [sanmarcoslutheran.org/give](http://sanmarcoslutheran.org/give) to get started.



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### **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](mailto:comms@sanmarcoslutheran.org)

### **Registration is Open for the Women's Retreat!**

We are heading up to Luther Glen Farm & Retreat Center February 28-March 2 for a Women's Retreat. Our theme this year is *Restore* and we'll be wondering about how God works to restore our spirits, bodies, communities, and the earth. The registration form is available on the SMLC website, can be emailed to you, or you can fill one out on paper; get more info in the narthex on your way out. Today, there will be a table at coffee hour for FAQ with retreat committee members and previous retreat-goers. Contact Pastor Casey with any questions about registration or the cost, as assistance is available.

## ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY

For February, we would love if you would continue to donate jelly or jam as well as spaghetti sauce. We continue to serve approximately 35 households, approximately 100 family members. Most have housing but are struggling financially. This mutual ministry with All Saints Episcopal is a blessing to many people. Thank you for continuing to be a part of this program.

**Did you forget something?** The budget committee met to work on numbers for 2025 and noticed that far fewer folks turned in their pledge commitments than in 2024. It's okay if you forgot! You didn't miss your chance. If you would like to submit a pledge now, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, or you can contact Cristen at [bookkeeper@sanmarcoslutheran.org](mailto:bookkeeper@sanmarcoslutheran.org) about your plans. The budget committee uses pledge numbers as one of the factors in setting our budget for the new year, and a gap in the data means they have less information to work with. Help them out! Contact council president Dan Norris with any questions.

<b>Pledge Update:</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	156,296	204,742	48,446
<b>Pledges received:</b>	40	56	16

## **Bearing a Gospel Witness at the Border — February 12, 9:30am-2:30pm**

The Pacifica Synod Day of Theological Reflection is an opportunity for all of us (not just pastors!) to learn about the realities of life at the border between the US and Mexico. The presenters include Pastor Maria Santa Cruz, Assistant to the Bishop for Latiné Ministries; Pastor Manuel Retamoza of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Diego; and John Fanestil, Executive Director of the Friends of International Friendship Park. Bishop Dave explained that "this will be a time for opening the scriptures, speaking plainly about our call, and praying for God's guidance." Register by February 9 at [pacificasynod.org](http://pacificasynod.org) — if the \$20 fee is prohibitive, please let Pastor Casey know, as financial assistance is available.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting Part 2**

We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting Part 2 on Sunday, Feb. 23rd in Luther Hall immediately after worship (Approx. 11:15 am) to vote on (hopefully) 2 items of business: 1) approve the 2025 SMLC Budget, and 2) to elect a Treasurer. If a Treasurer cannot be identified, we will not elect one. Part 2 is the longer portion of our Annual Meeting where we review 2024 and set plans for 2025. Please plan to attend.

**Pastor Casey's Book Club is back!** For Lent, we're moving away from scarcity with Robin Wall Kimmerer's 2024 book *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*. We'll discuss the book in two parts, on March 23 and on April 6, both at Community Time after worship. It's a very short book (105 small pages, under 2 hours on audio) so consider sharing a copy with a friend between now and then! Questions? Contact Pastor Casey.