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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

'Reflection on "Wondrous Love"' by Fred B. Binckes

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. **Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Leader

All

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry of your Son.
may our lives your love con - fess.
in your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who
loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!
Dance to the life a - round you!

Text: Marty Haugen
Music: SING OUT, Marty Haugen

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WORD

FIRST LESSON

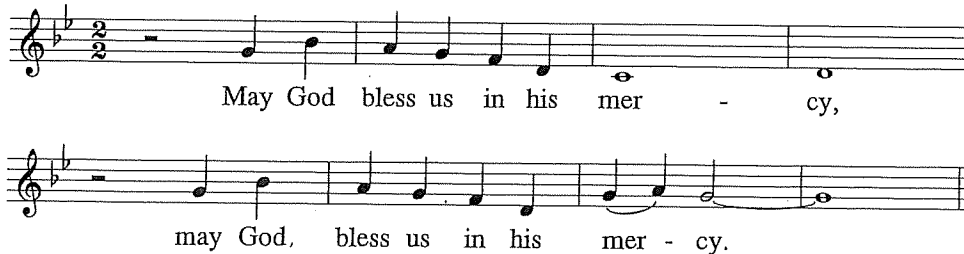
Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed^[b] there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

PSALM 67: May God Bless Us in His Mercy

Refrain I



Refrain II



Verses

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

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SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON (*sit*)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,
Last time to coda

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so
much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be
un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
D.C. (stanza 4) al coda
loved as to love with all my soul.

Coda
ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Text: Sebastian Temple

Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*you may be seated*)

The assembly is invited into prayer:

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence*)

*After each petition, "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of peace

MEAL

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If You Love Me" Joel Raney

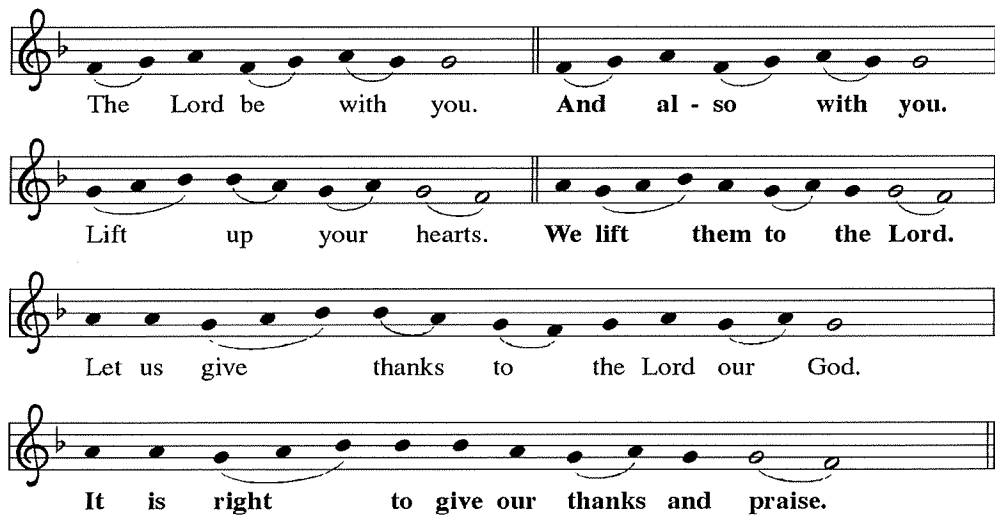
Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

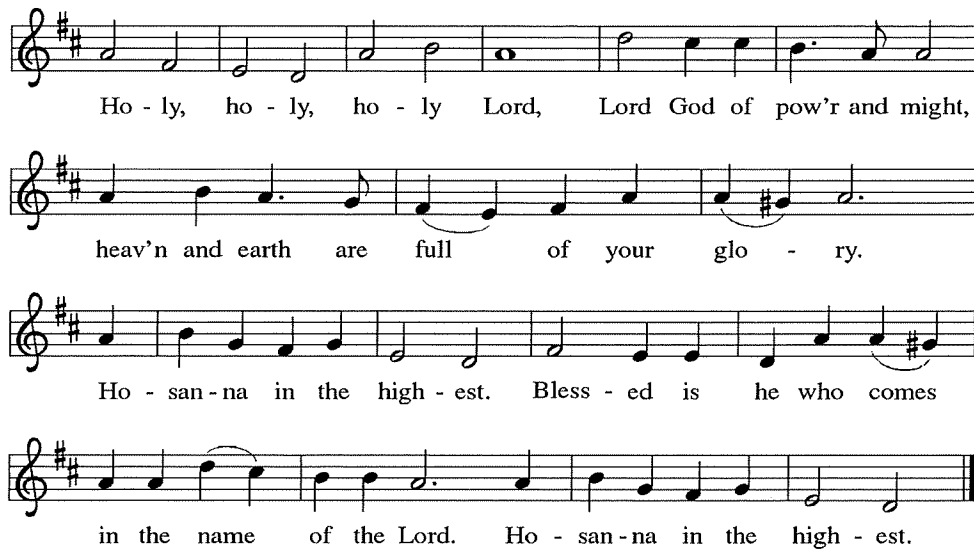
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 for
 the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless
 this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new
 life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we
 praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

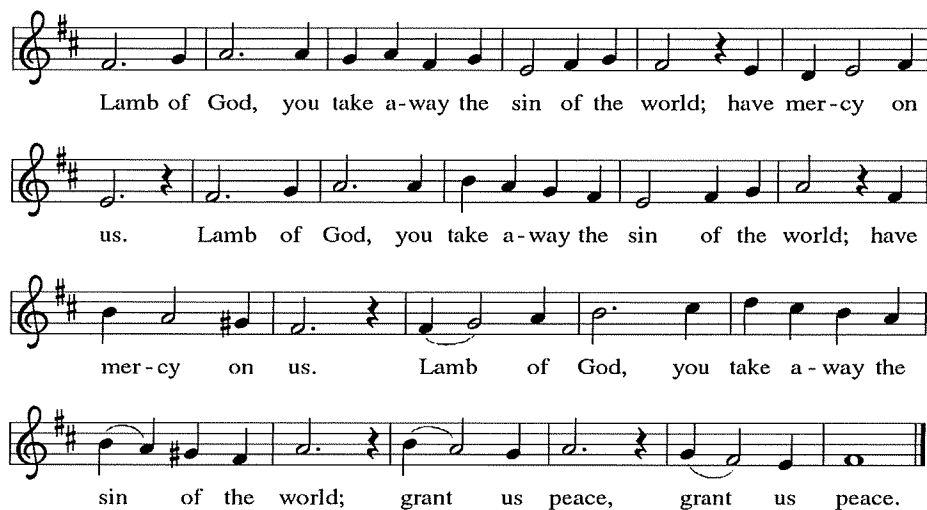
LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

DISTRIBUTION

What Wondrous Love Is This



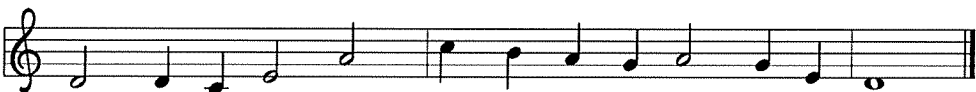
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Holy, Holy, Holy
Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te_a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Bow Down

C G/C C

You are Lord of cre - a - tion and Lord of my life,

G/C C

Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be -

G/B Am F⁶ G C

fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be.

F⁶ C/E G G/B C

We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow

F⁶ C/E G G/B C F⁶ C/E

down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we

G Am Dm⁷ G C

wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

POSTLUDE

‘Make Me A Channel of Your Peace’, arr. by Mark Hayes

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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: Eleanor Adcock and Vicki Petsche

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, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Crystal, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Larry, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Jake & Sarah Simpson, Vern Soderstrom, Marilynne Smith, Dawn Steele, Stephanie, Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen. Let us pray for our homebound members: 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 to get started.



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Pacifica AMMPARO Requests Supplies

Migrants are still coming, but are taking much more dangerous routes.

Pacifica AMMPARO, in partnership with "We All We Got" San Diego, will help meet their needs.

We would like to make financial and in-kind contributions through the month of May.

The needs now include:

Medical supplies such as:

- gauze
- antibacterial cream
- anti-itch cream
- large Band-Aids
- ready to use ice packs
- electrolyte packs

Quick and easy food and water such as:

- standard bottles of water
- protein bars
- other non-perishable, easy to open items

Financial contributions can be made online through <https://www.weallwegotsd.com/donate>

Drop off items here at SMLC. Contact Anne Voth with any questions!

HELP NEEDED!!!! Help plan for the 4th of July!

In order to host our friends and neighbors for a fun, festive, and safe 4th of July, we need to start planning now.

As many know this event requires "all hands on deck!" We need volunteers to help make this successful!

If you're willing and able to wrangle things like food, games, marketing, safety, set-up/clean-up, etc., we want you on our team! Call the office 760-727-1509 or email office@sanmarcoslutheran.org to let Aimee know you're interested.

Turk Center Volunteers Needed

San Marcos Lutheran Church has been a long-time supporter of Interfaith. The Turk Center, a part of Interfaith, is a recuperative short-term housing location for unhoused individuals who have been hospitalized and need time to recuperate. Our church, along with many other organizations, helps the Turk Center residents by helping serve meals on the **third Sunday of the month between 4:15-6:30 pm**. We need four volunteers each time to help serve the food and to organize a craft, board game, or a craft after dinner. Children are welcome who are middle school age and older. We are currently looking for volunteers for the **months of June-December, 2025**. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Beth Sullivan, at beth@pa3.com, or call Beth at 847-254-0212. We look forward to resuming this valuable service for residents of the Turk Center.

Saturdays of Sisterhood: A Monthly Study for Women About Women of the Bible.

Next session: Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10-11:30 in Luther Hall

This month we will continue to get to know Ruth. Expect lively discussion, laughter, bible exploring, sharing of each other's thoughts, offering of prayers, and mutual support to occur. Coffee and tea will also be served.

Questions? Contact Karin Kupka at 760-415-2525 or karinkupka533@hotmail.com. No need to RSVP. Just come! (Note we will not be meeting in July but resume on Saturday, August 2nd at 10 AM.)

Calling all polyglots—Pentecost is June 8!

Can you read aloud in a language other than English? For our worship service on Sunday, June 8, in honor of the multilingual miracle of the Holy Spirit, we will read parts of Acts 2:1-21 in as many languages as possible. Let Pastor Casey know which language it is you can read (confidently!) in front of the congregation, and she'll divvy up the parts. Thanks! Gracias! Danke!