

Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



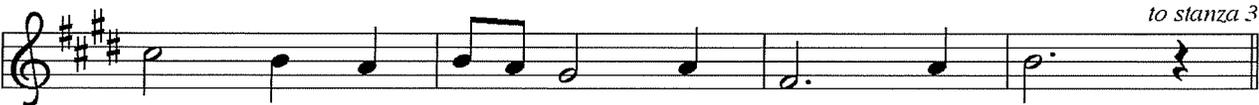
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
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Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

SERMON (*sit*)

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

1. Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2. Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3. As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood. As
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love, we'll

Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*you may be seated*)

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. (*A brief silence*)

After each petition, “God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

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

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).

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

DISTRIBUTION

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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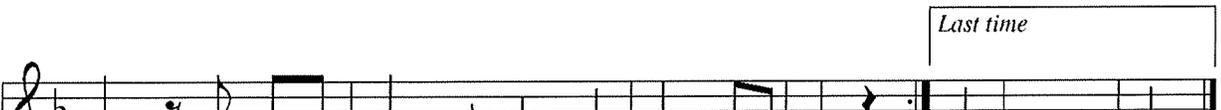
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
 Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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Father, I Adore You

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: F (first measure), Gm (second measure), C (third measure), F (fourth measure), Gm (fifth measure), and F (sixth measure). A first ending bracket labeled '1*' spans the first four measures, and a second ending bracket labeled '2' spans the last two measures. The lyrics are: '1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - fore you; how I love you.' The second staff continues the melody with chords C, F, Gm, C, and F. The lyrics 'fore you; how I love you.' are placed below the notes.

**may be sung in canon*

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TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

I've Got Peace like a River



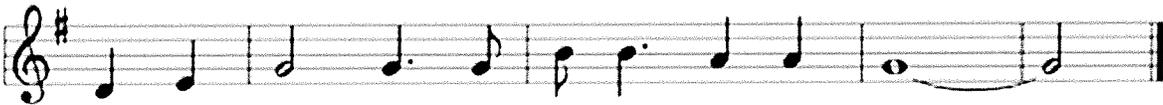
1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul;
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul.
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

Text: traditional

Music: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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.

POSTLUDE

'Fairest Lord Jesus', arranged by David Berry

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b.1931 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS; Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community Text and Music © Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth
Assisting Minister: Anne Voth
Musicians: Justin Hershey, Beth Sullivan and Max Chodos
Lector: Doris Payne
Ushers: Jack Anderson and Eleanor Adcock

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, Celia Genishi, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda 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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All Saints Food Pantry

The Food Bank has not had tuna lately, so donations of canned tuna or chicken would be especially appreciated. Thank you for continuing to remember those in need when you shop. We have new people all the time, and they are so happy when they leave with several bags of food. The "regulars" also always express their gratitude for what is provided. Several come early and offer to help with setup. Do feel free to visit any 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month or call Doris Payne or Jill Adachi to volunteer.

HELP NEEDED!!!! Help plan for the 4th of July! We still need Volunteers!

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.

We are now asking for donations of water, individual soft drinks, individual snacks and glow sticks. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Items can be dropped off in the office or left in the narthex.

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 September - 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.

Navigating the Financial Impact of Losing a Spouse or Partner

Join us on Sunday July 6th, 11:15am, for a special seminar offering guidance and support for those facing the financial challenges that come with the loss of a spouse or partner. This informative session will cover practical steps for managing finances, understanding benefits, and planning for the future, and all in an understanding and casual environment. Whether you are recently bereaved or it's been a while, or you are supporting someone in this situation, we welcome you to attend this complimentary seminar. Contact Rob O'Carroll (760-410-8500) if you have any questions.

Saturdays of Sisterhood not meeting in July

There will be NO Saturdays of Sisterhood in July due to the holiday, but will resume meeting at our regular day and time to wrap up our discussion on Ruth on Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 10-11:30 AM in Luther Hall.