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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 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

'In the Cross of Christ I Glory' by Jason W. Krug

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.**

Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

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

WORD**FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

PSALM 95 : ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain II



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done won-der-ful
deeds. Sing to the Lord a new song, for
God has done won-der-ful deeds.

Verses

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all,
remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

Text: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; David Haas, Marty Haugen
Music: David Haas, Marty Haugen; refrain II, III adapt. by Diana Kodner
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SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1 :12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

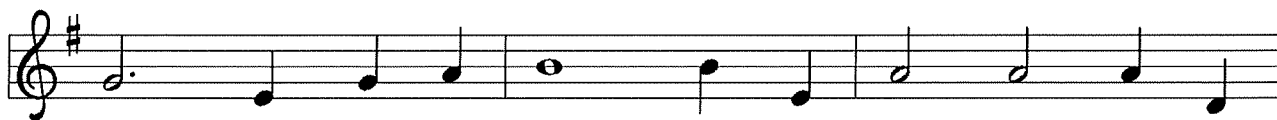
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON (*sit*)

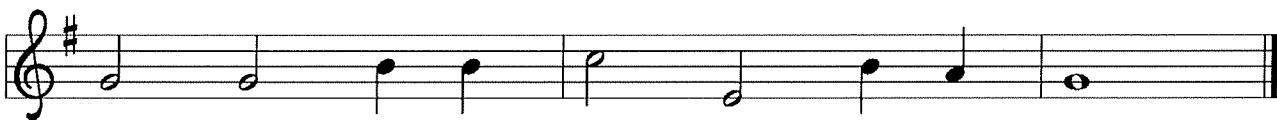
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*you may be seated*)

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence)

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

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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

"Sing a New Song to the Lord" - Dudley-Smith/ Music

Choir

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

DISTRIBUTION

Here Is Bread

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

F/A Am G/B C G/B Am E⁷

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

F/A C/G G 1 C Fm/C 2,3 C Gm⁷ Bb/C

Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain Fm⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fm⁷ F#dim⁷

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,

Em⁷ A⁷aug Dm⁷ G⁷ C

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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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

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hymnal #549

Send Me, Jesus

Thuma mina, Nkosi yam



1	Thu - ma mi - na,	thu - ma mi - na,	thu - ma mi - na,	Nko - si yam.
2	Ndi - ya vu - ma,	ndi - ya vu - ma,	ndi - ya vu - ma,	Nko - si yam.
1	Send me, Je - sus;	send me, Je - sus;	send me, Je - sus;	send me, Lord.
2	I am will-ing;	I am will-ing;	I am will-ing,	will - ing, Lord.

Text: South African

Music: THUMA MINA, NKOSI YAM, South African

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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

'Just As I Am' by Robert Wetzler

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey and Max Chodos

Lector: Rob O'Carroll

Ushers: Diana and Don Arney

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!

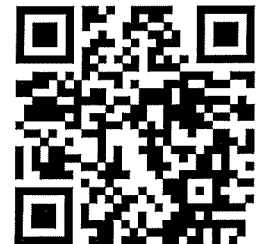


Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers Susan Agonia, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Crystal, Celia Genishi, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Joy Kirkland, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Larry, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Jake & Sarah Simpson, 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, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Presiding Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry. We send our prayers and condolences to the Soderstrom family at the passing of Vern Soderstrom. May light perpetual shine upon them.

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.



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.*

All Saints Food Pantry

Thanks for responding with donations of tuna. We seldom get at the Food Bank and can always use: tuna, canned chicken, mayonnaise, catsup, mustard, jam. If you'd like to help on any the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30-noon, we'd love to have you. Speak to Doris Payne if you'd like more info.

SDG&E Bill Fundraiser

Thanks to those who have already donated and contributed to our fundraiser to raise funds to pay for the large SDG&E bill due to the AC unit failure. The goal is \$5000. Please use the QR code or provide a check to San Marcos Lutheran Church, with memo of "SDGE" or "electric bill". Please note that any additional funds raised beyond that needed for the electric bill will be placed into the general SMLC account.

Join Us for A Matter of Balance Class Series!

Take control of your fear of falling and stay active with this 8-session program designed to help older adults reduce fall risk and improve balance. Please register soon for the Matter of Balance class, which starts on September 30th. Matter of Balance is an evidence-based fall prevention class which includes age appropriate exercise for older adults, education about fall prevention, and home safety tips. A minimum of 8 participants are needed to run this class and the registration deadline is Thursday, September 26th. Registration forms are located in the narthex and/or by emailing Beth Sullivan at drbesullivan@gmail.com or calling her at 847-254-0212.

Committee Sunday - September 21st

Curious about how ministry is organized at SMLC? There's a committee for that. After worship on Sunday 9/21, head into Luther Hall for a cup of coffee and to chat with members of our current ministry committees about what they're up to. You are not obligated to join a committee, but you might find that you are interested in one or more. From Budget to Worship, there's something for everyone. Check out the introduction to our committees in the September newsletter! Contact Pastor Casey with any questions.

New Member Welcome - Sunday, October 26

If you are interested in becoming a member of SMLC (or learning what that means) contact Pastor Casey! We will welcome new members during the worship service on Sunday, October 26. New members will also be invited to meet one another and to get the scoop on all things SMLC that you may be wondering about. All are welcome!