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International Day of Peace  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 21, 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

### 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

God among us, **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

# Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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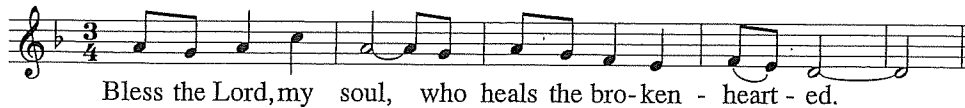
### FIRST LESSON

#### Isaiah 2:2-5

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### PSALM 147: Bless the Lord, My Soul

#### Refrain



#### Verses

1. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, chant praises to your God.  
The strength of God is your fortress sure, and blessed are your children.
2. All praise to you, O gracious God, your goodness fills the earth.  
You raise anew Jerusalem, and gather all your lost ones.
3. You heal the hurt and broken heart, you bind up ev'ry wound,  
you number all the stars of night and call each one by name.
4. The peace of God shall be your hope, God's finest wheat, your food,  
the word of God fills all the earth, as rapid as the whirlwind.

Text: Psalm 147:12-13, 1-2, 3-4, 14-15; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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### SECOND LESSON

#### Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON (*sit*)

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

### *Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

### 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

"Peace" - Patricia Mock

Choir

### OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

# 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.



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



loved as to love with all my soul.

*D.C. (stanza 4) al 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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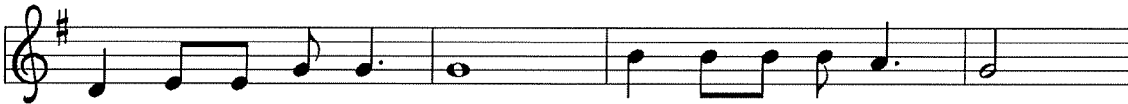
## This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

### 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

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, abiding in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of God, the almighty ✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be among you and remain with you, today and always.

**Amen.**

## In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

### 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

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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: Liz Starr 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!

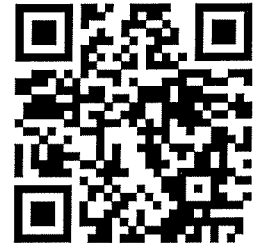


**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers** Susan Agonia, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Crystal, Celia Genishi, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Joy Kirkland, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Larry, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Jean Russell, 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.

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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### **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 donated and contributed to our fundraiser to raise funds to pay for the large SDG&E bill due to the AC unit failure. We had an amazing response!

### **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](mailto:drbesullivan@gmail.com) or calling her at 847-254-0212.

**Committee Sunday – Today!**

Curious about how ministry is organized at SMLC? There's a committee for that. After worship today, 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 obliged 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.

**Pr. Casey's Outdoor Office Hours- Thursday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm**

Meet up any time between 4pm and 6pm at Draft Republic (255 Redel Rd, San Marcos) for a beverage and conversation—a full bar and menu are served. Kids and dogs are welcome, and there are all sorts of games and fun. See you there!

**Palomar Chamber Singers will join us during worship on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.****Palomar Chamber Singers Concert- October 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm. at SMLC**

This program centers around five choral art songs by acclaimed composer Harry T. Burleigh. Known primarily for his incredible settings of spirituals, these songs are truly works of vocal art, representing music that many audiences are less familiar with. The concert will also feature compositions inspired by art songs, including music by Susan Labarr, Jennifer Lucy Cook, and Eric Whitacre, among others.

**Saturdays of Sisterhood- Oct. 4**

Saturdays of Sisterhood meets on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 AM in Luther Hall. This is a bible study for women, led by women, about women. No need to RSVP, a spot is waiting for you, come and find out! Questions? Contact Karin Kupka at 760-415-2525 or [karinkupka533@hotmail.com](mailto:karinkupka533@hotmail.com).

**Cares Closet Open & Bake Sale- Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Cares closet will be open from 10am-12pm offering children's clothes, books, toys, Halloween costumes and bake sale items. Contact Ann Leong if you would like to contribute some baked good items for the sale.

**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!