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Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 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

‘Gather Us In’, arranged by Malcolm Kogut

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Tricia Taylor-Oliveira, Stewardship Committee

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**We have gathered together to celebrate and sing.**

Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.

**Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh.**

Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.

**Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.**

Let everything that breathes praise God!

**Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!**

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## WORD

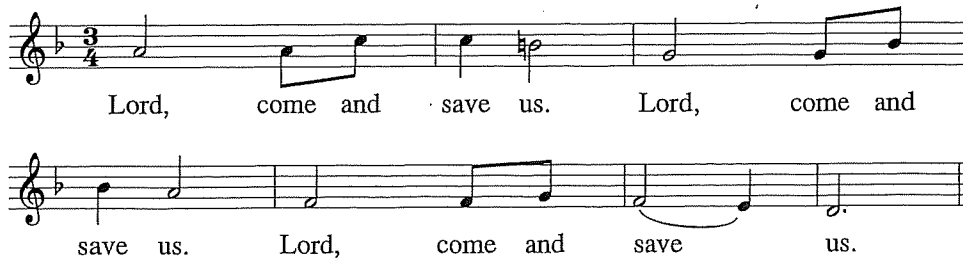
### FIRST LESSON

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

### PSALM 146: Lord, Come and Save Us

#### Refrain



#### Verses

1. For all my life I will sing to you, O ever faithful God.  
You fill the heavens with wondrous lights, the earth sings out your glory.
2. Put not your trust in those who rule, the mighty of this earth.  
Their breath shall fail, their power die, their plans shall fade and vanish.
3. You give your sight to all the blind, you raise up those bent low.  
Your heart is near to the broken ones, you welcome in the stranger.
4. Happy those who keep faith with you, securing justice for the oppressed,  
who give your food to each hungry heart, your freedom to each captive.
5. The weak and poor you sustain in love,  
the wicked ones you bring to destruction;  
for ever more shall your reign endure, to ev'ry generation.

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### SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hymnal #172

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th Chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON (*sit*)

## Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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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

Palomar Chamber Singers

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

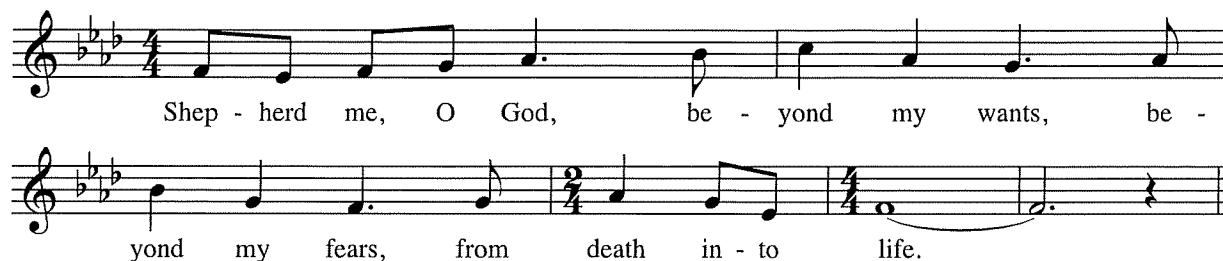
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

#### DISTRIBUTION

# Shepherd Me, O God

## Refrain



## Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

# As the Grains of Wheat

## Refrain



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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

Friends, we've made a joyful noise – but don't let it end here! Go now in peace, to love and to serve, to sing and to celebrate, joining in the chorus of creation with generosity and joy. In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

## SENDING HYMN

## Canticle of the Turning

Hymnal #723

**Verses**



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast:



And my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.  
God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound,



So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

**Refrain**



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

## 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

‘Like A Shepherd’, arranged by Terry Osman

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey, Beth Sullivan, Palomar Chamber Singers

Lector: Beda Farrell

Ushers: Jack Anderson 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!

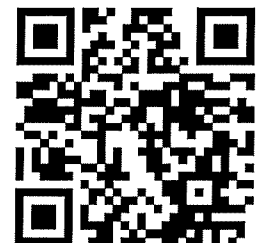


**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers** Susan Agonia, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Crystal, Celia Genishi, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Joy Kirkland, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Larry, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, 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);
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**All Saints Food Pantry**

Thanks for responding with donations of tuna. In October, we are requesting rice and salad dressings are always welcome. 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.

**A Matter of Balance Class- Canceled- due to low enrollment.****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!