



August 1, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

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## Welcome to Worship

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**We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation:** *In response to God's love we invite and welcome all, worship and celebrate, teach and learn, serve and share.* (Marin Lutheran Church Mission Statement)

**Visitors with us are most welcome!** Please fill out your name and contact information on the yellow welcome card in the hymnal rack in front of you, and let us know how we can serve you. We **welcome everyone** in the name of our risen Christ and we pray that during this time of worship, you will sense God's presence and hear God's message of healing love. **Children are welcome** and may join in children's time when a special message is presented. Let us worship together!

**During our service:**

- As we give praise to God you will use this bulletin to guide you through the service. Words of the hymns may be found either projected on the front wall, printed in the bulletin or in **WOV** (blue) hymnal. Hymn #s are found above the hymns.
- **The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated. All who are baptized and believe that Christ's sustaining and forgiving presence comes to us through this bread, wine and grape juice are invited to share in this meal. Children are welcome to commune or to come forward for a blessing.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available in a basket in the entrance foyer.
- **Child Care** – through age five – is available in the Child Care Center, just below the church each Sunday.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available. If you would like one please ask the usher.
- **Special Prayer Requests** If you have special prayer requests, please write them on the back side of the yellow welcome card found in a pocket folder in the hymnal rack in front of you. The ushers will collect them during the hymn following the sermon.

**If you are a first time worshipper**, Marin Lutheran Church information packets are available on a table in the entrance foyer.

**Christian Education:** Sunday School & Adult classes are held between services from September through May – KOTK at 9:45am & Adults at 10:15am.

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*The Rev. Thomas Gable, Pastor*  
*The Rev. Kathryn Gulbranson, Pastor*  
*David Shepard, Director of Music Ministries*  
*Marilyn Davis, Asst. to Director of MM*  
*Carol Sherley, Director of handbell choirs*

# 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2010 9:00 a.m. Service

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Andrew Chilson - guitarist

Please stand as you are able and face the processional cross.

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

### GATHERING SONGS

### Gather Us In

WOV # 709



1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings



brought here to you in the light of this day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the



blind and the lame: call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en.



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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### Blessed Assurance

WOV # 699



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## GREETING

P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:  
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We focus our attention on our relationship with God.*

A: Benevolent God,

C: **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

*We hear an ancient writer tell us about God active in this world: The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

<sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

<sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*We Are All Called to Be Saints*  
Joel Stahl

Lehr

### SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–11

*A contemporary of Jesus writes about how Jesus can affect us: Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

A: The Word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God**

*Stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:13–21**

*The Good News of how Jesus fits into our lives: In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's

life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
**C: Praise to you O Christ**

*Be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (Children are invited to come forward for a message.)  
*The Good News is shared with our children.*

*Refrain*  
 All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,  
 all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.  
 Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

**SERMON**

***True Riches***

**Sharon Guy**

*God's word is explained and applied to our daily lives.*

*Stand as you are able*

**HYMN**

***Here I Am, Lord***

**WOV (blue book) # 752**

*We sing our praise to God.*

(During this hymn, prayer requests will be collected and brought forward by the usher.)

Prayer request slips (yellow) can be found in a pocket folder in the back of the pew in front of you.)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sung prayer response follows, "O God, we bring our prayers to you."

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943  
Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema, b. 1943

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## MEAL

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### SHARING THE PEACE

*We greet each other with love and compassion.*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*Greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Be seated*

### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS

Our offerings are received

*We celebrate the gifts we have received. We acknowledge the ways we use our gifts.*

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY

### *As the Grains of Wheat*

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The musical score is for a single voice part in treble clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first line of music.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A:** God of mercy and grace,

**C:** the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*We prepare ourselves to receive the bread & wine of communion which we believe is the body & blood of Christ.*

**P:** The Lord be with you

**C:** And also with you

**P:** Lift up your hearts

**C:** We lift them to the Lord

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C:** It is right to give God thanks and praise

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless-ed are you com - ing near. Bless-ed are you com-ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent, Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text & Music: Per Harling, b. 1948  
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## LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*By eating the bread & drinking the wine we receive Christ into our lives to strengthen & nurture us spiritually.*

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Be seated*

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ comes to us through this bread and wine are invited to the communion table.*

*The bread and wine will be distributed continuously at the communion rail. Please come forward at the invitation of the usher. **White grape juice** is provided on each tray of glasses. You may take **red wine** or **white grape juice** from the **individual glasses** or drink from the **common cup**.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**MUSIC**

***Eat this Bread***

***WOV (blue book) # 709***

*Stand as you are able*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A:** God our creator,

**C: at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P: Way of Truth and Light, Bless us as one people drawn together by your love and forgiveness.

Way of Peace, Strengthen us to follow Christ into every walk of life.

Way of Hope, May we always live with your future promise today.

In the name of the Creator, + Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Please turn and face the cross as the cross bearer recesses to the back of the church. This symbolizes that we are following Christ into the world.*

### SENDING SONGS

*Soon and Very Soon*

*WOV (blue book) # 744*

Please join in with rhythm instruments.

### DISMISSAL

*We go out into our daily lives renewed, refreshed and restored for service in the world.*

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*Soon and Very Soon*

Crouch

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### Worship Assistants

Assisting Lay Minister  
Greeter  
Usher  
Lector  
Communion Assistants  
Sound  
Altar Guild  
Counter

Karen Anderson  
Sandy Seeger  
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Sandy Seeger  
Sandy Seeger & Jane McKenzie  
Dan Watrous  
Mette Wong  
Corneille Church

Flautist  
Guitarist  
Bassist

Marilyn Davis  
Andrew Chilson  
Rod Seeger



The Sanctuary flowers are given by Sharon Guy in memory of her mother's (Mary Guy) birthday and in celebration of the baptismal anniversaries of her grandchildren, Cole and Olivia Aney.



We wish to thank Jane McKenzie for hosting coffee hour this morning.

### This Week's Calendar

Sunday	Aug 1	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>A Time for Fellowship</b> <b>Worship Service</b>
		8:00pm	AA Meeting
Monday	Aug 2	<b>8:30a-12n</b> 9:30am 6:30pm 7:30pm	<b>VBS: BAOBAB BLAST</b> OA Meeting MA Meeting Men's Alanon
Tuesday	Aug 3	<b>8:30a-12n</b> 7:00pm	<b>VBS: BAOBAB BLAST</b> SLAA Meeting
Wednesday	Aug 4	<b>8:30a-12n</b> <b>12:15pm</b>	<b>VBS: BAOBAB BLAST</b> <b>Men's Lunch – Ray's Hot Pot Restaurant, 2100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Rafael</b>
Thursday	Aug 5	<b>8:30a-12n</b> 7:00pm	<b>VBS: BAOBAB BLAST</b> Bluegrass JAM
Friday	Aug 6	<b>8:30a-12n</b> 9:30am 8:30pm	<b>VBS: BAOBAB BLAST</b> OA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday	Aug 7	<b>9am-12n</b>	<b>Gardening at church</b>
Sunday	Aug 8	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Service – traditional service</b> <b>A Time for Fellowship</b> <b>Worship Service – Closing Celebration for VBS</b> <b>VBS Picnic</b>

### Announcements

+ **VBS: Baobab Blast** will be held each day this week from 8:30am to 12noon. Please keep all those involved in VBS in your prayers, both leaders and the children, as they learn about and share the love of God.

+ **The mission project for VBS this year is the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI).** The kids will learn about malaria, the toll it takes on the people of Africa and what can be done to combat the spread of this disease. (\$10 buys a mosquito net.) Their offerings during the week will go towards LMI. You are also invited to support this initiative. VBS offering envelopes will be available on the table in the narthex for your contributions.

+ **Next Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>,** our VBS Closing Celebration service will be held at 11:00 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. service will be our more traditional service (usually held at 11:00 a.m.).

+ **Summer Food Drive:** Today is the last day the food barrel will be in the narthex. There is still time to bring non-perishable food items for the Marin Community Food Bank. The need is always great but more so in the summer when children who receive hot meals as part of the school food programs are at home.

+ **Back to School:** We are collecting school supplies for both the **backpacks** that we will take to Ritter Center for children in our community, as well as for the **school bags** that the women are sewing for Lutheran World Relief. We need notebooks, pencils, rulers, scissors, erasers, crayons, etc. *Those who love to sew can help sew the school bags.* Please see Jane for the pattern. She may have some extra material as well.

The backpacks will be blessed during the VBS Closing Celebration Service next Sunday at 11:00am, and then taken to Ritter Center to be given to children that need them.

+ The **Mill Street Dinner** signup sheet is posted on the kiosk for our next scheduled day – Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

+ **KidzKlub – Swimming:** Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> we are going swimming with our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Meet at church at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kathryn and Carol Zlatunich will drive to McNear's Beach. We'll swim, have a picnic lunch, play some games and return to church by 2:30 p.m. Please let the church office know if your kids will be coming. Send a bag lunch with your kids and money for swimming and some snacks.

+ **Confirmation Potluck with Parents & Confirmands:** August 22nd from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Come and learn about the fall program/dates/activities with your child. Please let Pastor Kathryn or Bev know that you are coming and what you will bring for the potluck dinner.

+ The **2nd mile ministry for the month of August is the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Nevada.** To support this ministry, please write a check to MLC and note 2<sup>nd</sup> mile – Nevada in the memo line.

+ **July & August Office Schedule for Pastors Tom & Kathryn (revised):**

Pastor Tom – Mon, Tues & Wed 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor Kathryn – Tues, Wed & Thurs 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fridays – day off for both pastors

+ **Remember these People in Prayer:** Anker & Lee Andersen, Emmy Anderson, Joan Barry, Joe O'Neill, Sr., Mary Reynolds, Dorothy Walters, Karol Mercier (Pastor Kathryn's sister), Shirley & Dick Morrow (Susan's parents), Don Conrad (Michele Jacobs' father), Sebastian (Cathie Schinski's friend), and the Wick family – missionaries in Latin America

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### Worship Attendance

Last Sunday

9:00am – 56; 11:00am – 27

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