



Saints Alive—Living Generously

—1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (CEV)

October 9, 2011 – 11:00am

Welcome to Worship

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:

- Today we give praise to God using **ELW** (the red book). You will need this book and the bulletin to guide you through this service. You will find "page" numbers at the bottom of the page in the front of the book, & hymn, "#s" by the title line.
- **The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated. We believe that Christ's sustaining & forgiving presence are found in the elements of bread, wine & grape juice. Here at Marin Lutheran Church, all are welcome to come forward to receive this sacrament. 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 each Sunday in the lower level of this building, just below the church.
- **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.

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SAINTS ALIVE – LIVING GENEROUSLY

October 9, 2011

11:00 a.m. Service

To inspire us to become generous people we believe it's important to make connections between us and the fruits of our giving. We need to know how our gifts to Marin Lutheran change lives and bring joy as hurts are healed, the hungry are fed, and hope replaces despair. It is the goal of our stewardship emphasis that as we connect with ministries and inspirational stories of giving and stories of lives transformed, we will become more generous people who respond in gratitude for the immeasurable blessings God pours into our lives. This morning we will see how our gifts change lives through our Social Action ministries.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Schafe Können Sicher Weiden* J.S.Bach

Please **stand as you are able** and face the cross at the back of the church

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* **ELW (red book) # 582**
We celebrate our coming together as God's family.

GREETING

P: May the God of hope fill you with the fullness of peace, and the Lord of life be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria*

We give praise to God.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, sing - Glo - ri - a, sing to God on high.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, sing - peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1: Cantor/Choir

Lord God, who reigns above almighty God our Maker,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain: Congregation

Verse 2: Cantor/Choir

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Creator.
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the God of Love:
receive our prayer.

Refrain: Congregation

Verse 3: Cantor/Choir

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the Glory of God almighty. Amen.

f Refrain

Glo-ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, sing_

Glo-ri - a, sing to God on high. Glo-ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, sing_

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Sing_ peace to God's peo - ple on earth. ___

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We focus our attention on our relationship with God.

A: Lord of the feast,

C: you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHORAL OFFERING

Take Me to Higher Ground

Strommen

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A contemporary of Jesus writes about how Jesus can affect us: After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM *Shepherd Me O God* **ELW (red book) # 780**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

A contemporary of Jesus writes about how Jesus can affect us: Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Stand as you are able

G OSPEL VERSE

A: Alleluia, Alleluia

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

A: Lord to whom shall we go?

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia.

A: You have the words of eternal life.

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia,

rit.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Be seated

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Good News of how Jesus fits into our lives: Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

FAITH REFLECTION

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

Ross Johnson

Stand as you are able

HYMN

We sing our praise to God.

All Are Welcome

ELW (red book) # 641

(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.)

APOSTLES' CREED

P: There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. United in Christ, let us confess the faith we hold in common.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, unite the wills of your people. Empower us to be of the same mind in the Lord, so that through word and deed we might give faithful witness to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator of valleys and green pastures, of small towns and urban centers, give your care to this world. Inspire in us, your creatures, a love for all you have made, and grant us wisdom to care for it. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all people, establish your peace in the world. Give the leaders of the nations a desire for reconciliation and a yearning for justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Merciful God, lead all who are sick to the healing waters of your mercy. Bless the work of doctors, nurses, and caregivers, and through their efforts restore the sick to health (*especially . . .*) and those we name out loud or in the quiet of our hearts . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renew the lives of those celebrating baptismal anniversaries especially, Nik Gable, Bev Kamphoefner & Tom Schmidt. Continue to bless their lives and stir in their hearts passion for the ministry to which you have called them.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, by your power grant this congregation the faith to stand firm in Jesus Christ. Send your Spirit to this place, so that through all its ministries your wisdom and truth might be made known. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

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

Whatever I Have

Ken Medema

Hilary Thompson sings verses; **Congregation sings refrain**

Just suppose I find myself on a crowded city street,
begging for subsistence amid the sound of rushing feet.
Or suppose I find myself in a lonely prison cell.

Could I say from deep inside I am glad for all is well? **Refrain**

Just suppose I find myself in the lap of luxury,
in a mansion on a hill or a yacht upon the sea;
in the halls of greed and power where temptation grows each day.
Would my every step announce I could give it all away? **Refrain**

Just suppose I find myself far away from home and friends
in a desert with no path on a night that never ends.
Or suppose I find I'm caught by a greed that won't let go.
Could I raise my voice and say for all the world to know: **Refrain**

Refrain



What-ev-er I have, or have not; what-ev-er I



am or am not, I can make it through an - y - thing now



in the one who makes me who I am.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Good and gracious God,

C: your generous ways have given us life and life together. When our anxious distractions are calmed, we come again to an awe of your way of loving in the world. Through these offerings you have joined our momentary labors to your eternal witness. You have gathered our common gifts into your extraordinary loving. May we be alive to you, saints in your service through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Leader All Leader

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

All Leader

We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

f Refrain

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly.

Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

A: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: Refrain

A: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Heaven and earth, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: Refrain

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

All who 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**.

LAMB OF GOD

Leader

Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

mp Congregation

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

mf

world. Lamb of God you

take a - way the sin of the world. _____

f Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

mp world. _____ *mf* have mer - cy, have _ mer - cy,

mp Lamb of God _____ grant _____ us _____ peace. _____

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shall We Gather at the River* Lowry
 Flute solo – Andrei Gorchov

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 shepherd,
C: you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

We are blessed so that we might be a blessing every day of the week.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

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 HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* *ELW (red book) # 579*

DISMISSAL

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

A: Saints Alive! – in Christ, live and love and serve generously.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegretto

Dandrieu

Worship Assistants

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

Yvonne Weidmann
 Erna Randig
 Dave Richard
 Marie Conrad
 Erna Randig & Marie Conrad
 Kerry Hansen
 Bev Kamphoefner
 Kamphoefner



The Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Dave Gable by the members of Marin Lutheran Church.



We wish to thank Carol Zlatunich for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Sunday	Oct 16	9:00am	Worship Service – Healing Sunday
		10:00am	KOTK classes
		10:15am	Adult Education led by Pastor Kathryn
		11:00am	Worship Service – Healing Sunday
		5:00pm	Confirmation Class

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	Oct 9	9:00am	Worship Service
		10:00am	KOTK classes
		10:15am	Adult Education led by Pastor Kathryn
		11:00am	Worship Service
		8:00pm	AA Meeting
Monday	Oct 10		Pastor Tom office hours: 10:00am – 2:00pm
			Pastor Kathryn – day off
		9:30am	OA Meeting
		6:30pm	MA Meeting
		7:30pm	Men's Alanon
Tuesday	Oct 11		Pastor Tom at Asilomar Leaders' Conference through 10/13
		10a-5p	Marin Writers Group
		10:30am	Pastor Kathryn meets with David
		5:00pm	Social Action Ministry Team Meets
		7:00pm	Outreach Ministry Team Meets
		7:00pm	SLAA Meeting
Wednesday	Oct 12		Pastor Kathryn – day off
		12:15pm	Men's Lunch – Marin Brewery Co., Larkspur Landing
		7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Oct 13		Pastor Kathryn office hours: 10:00am – 2:00pm
		9:30am	Recovery International
		10:00am	Women's Circle Bible Study
Friday	Oct 14		Pastor Kathryn – study at home & visits
		9:30am	OA Meeting
		5:30pm	Alanon Meeting
		6:45pm	Youth Group Bowling at Country Club Bowl
		8:30pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	Oct 15		November Newsletter Items Due
		2:00pm	Finance Committee Meets

Announcements

+ **In Our Prayers:** Please remember our pastors, Tom & Kathryn and Hannah, Kristian & Nikolas and their extended family following the death of Pastor Tom's father, Dave Gable. Pastor Tom will be traveling to Indiana for the gravesite service with Dave's immediate family.

+ **Passing the Offering Plates:** Old habits die hard and we have slipped back into the routine of simply placing our offerings into the plates as the ushers hold the plates. We ask that you take the offering plate from the usher(s), and "pass" it to your neighbor. In the middle section of pews, you will be able to pass it to the usher in the opposite aisle. For those sitting in the side pews, you may need to pass it back to the usher or to pass it to the neighbor behind you. The Stewardship team recently read an article where an African congregation literally "danced" their offerings forward. We are not doing that, but we do ask that you become participants in the time of offering and "pass the plate" even if you do not have anything to drop into the plate.

+ Through the efforts of many, we delivered **74 Fabric Kits** to the LWR Ingathering in Antioch on Saturday. Thank you, thank you & thank you!

+ **Pictorial Directory:** We have less than two weeks to sign up for portrait sessions for the pictorial directories. Lifetouch will be here October – 20, 21 & 22 to take our pictures for our new directory. Our goal is to have 100% participation. You may do this by visiting our web site www.marinlutheran.org. On the home page is a link to Lifetouch's on line scheduling. **A sign-up sheet is also available this morning in the narthex where you can sign up for an appointment.**

+ We thank everyone for your participation at last week's **Time & Talent Fair**. Please remember that you do not need to wait for the next fair to volunteer to do something at church – you can let us know at any time if you are interested in helping in some way. We do want to announce the winner of the money jar guess – The coins in the jar totaled \$57.28. **Mike Stocker's** estimate of \$58.00 was the closest. He will be the recipient of a beautiful Christmas wreath this year. Congratulations Mike!

+ **Youth Group Bowling:** The Youth Group (grades 6-12) is going bowling this Friday, October 14th. We meet at Country Club Bowl, 88 Vivian Way in San Rafael at 6:45 p.m. Our youth are invited to bring a friend. We did need to reserve lanes and make a down payment, so we do need to know who will be coming. Please RSVP to the church office: marinlutheran@sbcglobal.net or 924-3782 by this Wednesday, October 12.

+ **Open House Sunday, October 16th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Join us for this open house at the Kamphoefner's, 32 Dunfries Terrace, San Rafael. We gather to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Dawn Brewster and Clint Bastin, but also to get together as a church family for fellowship. You do not need to know Dawn & Clint to come – you will certainly meet them and many more if you join us. If possible, RSVP to 457-2347 or bevkamp@aol.com. Otherwise, just come!

+ **San Francisco Night Ministry** announces their annual fall fund benefit: A Little Night Music / Fall Gala – Saturday, October 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Urban Life Center, 1101 O'Farrell at Franklin, San Francisco. Silent Auction & Hor d'oeuvres; Dinner, Music and Live Auction - \$75. Please make reservations by visiting www.sfnightministry.org/gala.

+ **Marin Interfaith Council** will be holding a monthly **contemplative service**. It will be held on the 4th Monday of each month at different venues in Marin. We are pleased to let you know that their first service will be held at Marin Lutheran, Monday, October 24th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come. For future service dates, locations and times, please visit the MIC website, www.marinifc.org.

+ **College Care Packages:** On November 4th our current high school youth will gather for dinner and to assemble care packages for the folks in our congregation that are in college. For the next three Sundays, October 16-30, we will be collecting items that will be packed in the care packages. Everyone is invited to bring some item(s) that college kids will love. Time to let your imaginations run wild – think silly, think healthy, think “home.” We have a dozen or so packages to put together but you do not need to bring enough items for all – we will mix-n-match.

+ **Middle School Retreat:** November 11-13 the Sierra Pacific Synod's Youth Committee is leading a retreat themed, www.thefaithbook.god, for 6th – 8th graders at Mt. Hermon in Scotts Valley. We have sent in our early bird registration, but there is still room. Let Pastor Kathryn know if your child would like to join the five that are going and we will happily add them to our group. Cost: \$155.

+ **2nd mile giving** for October is specified for California Lutheran University (CLU). To support this ministry, please make checks payable to MLC and note “2nd mile” or “CLU” in the memo line.

+ **Remember these People in Prayer:** Anker & Lee Andersen, Emmy Anderson, Clint Bell, Duff Hansen, Dorothy Walters, Jean Wallman, Shirley & Dick Morrow (Susan's parents), Don & Neva Conrad (Michele Jacobs' parents), Sebastian (Cathie Schinski's friend), Ilton da Costa, Jr., serving in Afghanistan.

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Worship Attendance

Last Sunday

9:00am – 72; 11:00am – 35

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