



# Saints Alive—Living Generously

—1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (CEV)

*October 9, 2011 – 9:00am*

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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:**

- 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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*The Rev. Thomas Gable, Pastor*  
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## SAINTS ALIVE – LIVING GENEROUSLY

October 9, 2011

9:00 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.*

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## GATHERING

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**PRELUDE** *Praise the Lord* Hayes

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

### WELCOME

**GATHERING SONG** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* **ELW (red book) # 574**  
*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.**

### 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

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## WORD

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### 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.

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For 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,

<sup>5</sup>the 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.

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>And 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.

<sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>It 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.

### 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.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, 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.

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

<sup>8</sup>Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep 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.*

### GOSPEL VERSE

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Verse. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and use a treble clef. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the notes. The first staff has a final note on a whole rest, and the second staff also has a final note on a whole rest. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Caribbean traditional  
 Music: HALLE, HALLE, Caribbean traditional

*Be seated*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again 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.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then 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.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

**FAITH REFLECTION**

**Ross Johnson**

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

*Stand as you are able*

**SONG**

*All Are Welcome*

*ELW (red book) # 641*

*We sing our praise to God.*

(During this song, 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.

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

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## MEAL

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### SHARING THE PEACE

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.*

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.**

### TABLE OF PLENTY

#### *Refrain*



Come to the feast\_ of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta -

ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide\_ for  
all that we need here at the ta - ble of plen -  
ty. \_\_\_\_\_

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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**

*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**.*

*Sunday School teachers, children and their families are invited to commune first. Then the **children and teachers** are excused to go down to the parish hall for the beginning of their class.*

### SUNG INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Refrain*

Come to the feast\_ of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta -  
ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide\_ for  
all that we need here at the ta - ble of plen -  
ty. \_\_\_\_\_

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### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

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

Lowry

*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.

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*SENDING*

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**BENEDICTION**

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

P: May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

And may God 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.*

**SONG**

*The Church Song*

*Refrain*

We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord;

we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.

(Cont'd)

1 The church is not a build - ing  
 2 You can go to wor - ship  
 3 The church is not a busi - ness,  
 4 The church, it is the peo - ple

where peo - ple go to pray;  
 but you can not go to church;  
 a com - mit - tee or a board;  
 liv - ing out their lives,

it's not made out of sticks and stones,  
 you can't find a build - ing that's a - live  
 it's not a cor - por - a - tion for  
 called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied *Refrain*

it's not made out of clay,  
 no mat - ter how you search.  
 the busi - ness of the Lord.  
 for the work of Je - sus Christ.

Text: Jay Beech  
 Music: THE CHURCH SONG, Jay Beech  
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**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*

*Let it Rise*

Davis

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Lay Minister	Sharon Guy	
Greeters	Margot & Ray Gergus	
Usher	Jon Rolien	
Acolyte	Elliot Shanks	
Reader	Ray Gergus	
Communion Assistant	Dawn Brewster	
Sound	John Bischoff	
Altar Guild	Bev Kamphoefner	
Counters	Dawn Brewster & Mette Wong	
Flautist	Marilyn Davis	
Guitarist	Andrew Chilson	
Percussionist	Anthony Sales	



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



We wish to thank Anke Pahmeyer for hosting coffee hour this morning.

## *This Week's Calendar*

Sunday	Oct 9	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b> 8:00pm	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>KOTK classes</b> <b>Adult Education led by Pastor Kathryn</b> <b>Worship Service</b> AA Meeting <b>Pastor Tom office hours: 10:00am – 2:00pm</b> Pastor Kathryn – day off OA Meeting MA Meeting Men's Alanon <b>Pastor Tom at Asilomar Leaders' Conference through 10/13</b> Marin Writers Group <b>Pastor Kathryn meets with David</b> <b>Social Action Ministry Team Meets</b> <b>Outreach Ministry Team Meets</b> SLAA Meeting Pastor Kathryn – day off
Monday	Oct 10	9:30am 6:30pm 7:30pm	<b>Men's Lunch – Marin Brewery Co., Larkspur Landing</b> <b>Choir Practice</b> <b>Pastor Kathryn office hours: 10:00am – 2:00pm</b> Recovery International <b>Women's Circle Bible Study</b> <b>Pastor Kathryn – study at home &amp; visits</b>
Tuesday	Oct 11	10a-5p <b>10:30am</b> <b>5:00pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b> 7:00pm	OA Meeting Alanon Meeting <b>Youth Group Bowling at Country Club Bowl</b> AA Meeting <b>November Newsletter Items Due</b> <b>Finance Committee Meets</b>
Wednesday	Oct 12	<b>12:15pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Service – Healing Sunday</b> <b>KOTK classes</b> <b>Adult Education led by Pastor Kathryn</b> <b>Worship Service – Healing Sunday</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>
Thursday	Oct 13	9:30am <b>10:00am</b>	
Friday	Oct 14	9:30am 5:30pm <b>6:45pm</b> 8:30pm	
Saturday	Oct 15	<b>2:00pm</b>	
Sunday	Oct 16	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	

## *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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:marinlutheran@sbcglobal.net) or 924-3782 by this Wednesday, October 12.

+ **Open House Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bevkamp@aol.com). Otherwise, just come!

+ **San Francisco Night Ministry** announces their annual fall fund benefit: A Little Night Music / Fall Gala – Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sfnightministry.org/gala).

+ **Marin Interfaith Council** will be holding a monthly **contemplative service**. It will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.marinifc.org).

+ **College Care Packages:** On November 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thefaithbook.god), for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

+ **2<sup>nd</sup> mile giving** for October is specified for California Lutheran University (CLU). To support this ministry, please make checks payable to MLC and note "2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## ***Marin Lutheran Church***

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### **Worship Attendance**

**Last Sunday**

**9:00am – 72; 11:00am – 35**

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