



September 18, 2011 – 9:00am

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 **WOV** (the blue 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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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. Service

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start.

GATHERING

PRELUDE On What Has Now Been Sown arr. Sowash

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

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

We celebrate our coming together as God's family

Join in with rhythm instruments



1 The trum-pets sound, the an-gels sing, the feast is
2 Ta-bles are la-den with good things; oh, taste the
3 The hun-gry heart he sat-is-fies, of-fers the



read-y to be-gin. The gates of heav'n are o-pen wide,
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di-vine;
poor his par-a-dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap-plaud

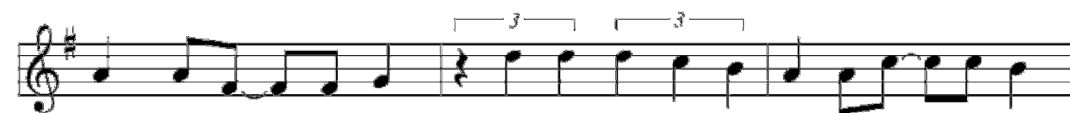


and Je-sus wel-comes you in-side.
he'll turn your wa-ter in-to wine.
the a-maz-ing good-ness of the Lord.

(Cont'd)



Sing with thank-ful-ness songs of pure de-light. Come and rev-el in



heav-en's love and light. Take your place at the ta-ble of the King.



The feast is read-y to be-gin, the feast is read-y to be-gin.

Text: Graham Kendrick
Music: THE FEAST IS READY. Graham Kendrick

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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: Almighty and eternal God,

C: you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION of Confirmation Bibles to 6th graders: Mara DiDonato, Cooper Jacobs, Tristan Mitchell, Amelia Shunk, Hayden Stocker, Luke Zlatunich

WORD

READING: Philippians 1:21-30

A contemporary of Jesus writes about how Jesus can affect us: Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL VERSE

Join in with rhythm instruments

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

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

(Cont'd)

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

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

The Good News of how Jesus fits into our lives: Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Be seated

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

Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Text & Music: Michael Joncas, b. 1957; © 1979 OCO Publications

SERMON

Pastor Gable

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

CHORAL OFFERING *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*
Paul Davis – soloist

Thompson

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.)

Stand as you are able

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

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

Congregation sings in response to the choir

Refrain *Choir:*



Ma - lo! Ma - lo! Thanks be to - God!

All: *Choir:*



Ma - lo! Ma - lo! Thanks be to God! O - bri - ga - do! Al -

All:



le - lu - ia! O - bri - ga - do! Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: *All:*



¡Gra - ci - as! Kam sa ham ni da! ¡Gra - ci - as! Kam sa

Choir:



ham ni da! Ma - lo! Ma - lo! Thanks be to God!

All:



Ma - lo! Ma - lo! Thanks be to God!

Text & Tune: Jesse Manibusan, b. 1958
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Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!
(mah-low, mah-low – Tongan)

Obrigado! Alleluia!
(oh-bree-gah-do – Portuguese)

Gracias! Kam sa hammida!
(grah-see-ahss, kahm sah ham-nee-dah – Spanish/Korean)

Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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

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all that we need here at the ta - ble of plen -
ty. _____

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSIC

Make Us True Servants
Marilyn Davis – flautist

arr. Purifoy

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: May God who loves you, and through the grace of Jesus Christ, gives you good hope, + bless you and comfort your hearts by the power of the 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.

SONG

You Are the Seed

WOV(blue book) # 753

DISMISSAL

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

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

Bliss

Worship Assistants

Assisting Lay Minister
Greeters
Usher
Acolyte
Lector
Communion Assistant
Sound
Altar Guild
Counter

Yvonne Weidmann
Dawn Brewster & Clint Bastin
Ron Jacobs
Taylor Saling
Dawn Brewster
Dawn Brewster
Bart Saling
Bev Kamphoefner
Clint Bastin

Flautist
Guitarist
Bassist
Percussionist

Marilyn Davis
Andrew Chilson
Rod Seeger
Anthony Sales



The Sanctuary flowers are given by the Randigs in glory to God.



We wish to thank Rebecca Shunk for hosting coffee hour this morning.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	Sept 18	9:00am 10:00am 10:15am 11:00am 5:00pm 8:00pm	Worship Service KOTK classes Adult Education led by Ted Peters Worship Service Confirmation Class AA Meeting
Monday	Sept 19		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	Sept 20	10a-5p 10:30am 7:00pm 7:15pm	Pastors' office hours: 10:00am -2:00pm Marin Writers Group Pastors meet with David SLAA Meeting Church Council Meets
Wednesday	Sept 21		Pastor Tom office hours: 10:00am-2:00pm Pastor Kathryn – day off 12:15pm 7:00pm Men's Lunch – Rocco's Pizzeria, 711 E. Blithdale Ave., MV Choir Practice
Thursday	Sept 22		Pastor Kathryn out on visits Pastor Tom – day off 9:30am Recovery International
Friday	Sept 23	9:30am 5:30pm 8:30pm	Pastor Kathryn office hours: 1:00-2:30pm Pastor Tom – day off 9:30am OA Meeting 5:30pm Alanon Meeting 8:30pm AA Meeting
Saturday	Sept 24		
Sunday	Sept 25	9:00am 10:00am 10:15am 11:00am	Pastor Tom departs for immersion trip to El Salvador Worship Service KOTK classes Adult Education led by Ted Peters Worship Service

Announcements

+ **Our adult class** led by PLTS Professor Ted Peters continues this morning in a three-part session on *Sin: Understanding Myself as a Sinner and Embracing It*, it will conclude next Sunday, September 25. Copies of an article co-authored by Ted Peters, *What Is Sin?* for the November issue of *The Lutheran* magazine are on the table in the narthex. Those interested in more in-depth reading, the book, *Sin – Radical Evil in Soul and Society* authored by Ted Peters is recommended. It is available from amazon.com.

+ The **Time & Talent Fair** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 2nd**. Come that day and see what all the committee/ministry teams at church are planning or involved in. You can learn a lot about our church this way.

+ **Fabric (Sewing) Kits for Lutheran World Relief:** This year, the fall LWR project that the women are undertaking is the collection of Fabric Kits. As always, the help of the entire congregation is being asked for. You may shop for the fabric/thread that is needed to make each kit, or you may donate money and the MLC professional shoppers will be happy to purchase the necessary supplies for the kits. See the insert found in the narthex for the requirements – these need to be followed exactly to maximize their usefulness. All the kits we collect will be delivered to the LWR Ingathering in Antioch on October 8th.

+ **2nd mile giving** for September is the ELCA Disaster Fund. Though vital all year, it follows in the wake of Hurricane Irene, and the fires in Texas when increased funding is needed to help with the recovery efforts of these disasters. Please make checks payable to MLC and note “2nd mile” or “ELCA Disaster” in the memo line.

+ **Pictorial Directory:** It is time to put together a new pictorial directory for our congregation. Lifetouch will be doing this for us. They will be here three days in October – 20, 21 & 22 to take our pictures. We ask that you sign up for a portrait sitting time. You may do this by visiting our web site www.marinlutheran.com. 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.**

+ Please keep **Pastor Tom** and the other religious leaders who will be **visiting El Salvador** next week (September 25th through October 1st) in your prayers. They are going on an immersion trip hosted by International Partners in Mission (IPM). (This is the group with whom Jim K. traveled to Nicaragua a couple years ago.) As part of the trip they will visit educational programs supported by IPM and some important cultural and religious sites.

+ **Remember these People in Prayer:** Anker & Lee Andersen, Emmy Anderson, Clint Bell, Margot Gergus, 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 – 62; 11:00am – 27

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**The Last
Will Be
First**