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LUKE 14:27-28

September 5, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.

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. 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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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2010 11:00 a.m. Service

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of justice and compassion,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ELW (red book) # 579
Verses 1, 2 & 5

GREETING

P: The grace given to us in Christ Jesus, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

We celebrate our coming together as God's family.



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

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Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We focus our attention on our relationship with God.

A: Direct us, O Lord God,

C: in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Be seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

Serenade
Marilyn Davis - flautist

Josef Haydn

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

We hear an ancient writer tell us about God active in this world: God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter is able to destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a

GOSPEL VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–33

The Good News of how Jesus fits into our lives: Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'
³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.
³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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.

REFLECTIONS

Debbie Fox, Matt Kawajiri

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

Stand as you are able

HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

ELW (red book) # 576

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.)

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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

A: God hears the cry of the poor and is near to all in need. Let us pray for our neighbors, our world, and ourselves, trusting in God's mercy and love.

A brief silence.

A: God, you gather your church from the ends of the earth, planting us beside your life-giving stream. We pray for all who lead your people in prayer and service. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God, you have set before us life and death, entrusting to us the care of your creation. We pray for the health of the land from which we live and for the well-being of every living creature. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God, your family extends to each land and race. We pray for the leaders of nations, that they may walk in the ways of your mercy and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God, your desire is for all your children to experience healing and wholeness. Bring your healing to those who are ill in spirit, mind or body. We especially pray for Anker and Lee, Stu, Joan Clint, Dave, Joe, Emmy and Mary. We lift up silently in our hearts or by saying their names out loud those who also are in need of you healing . . . Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God, you know the anxious hearts and minds of your children who are unemployed, underemployed or concerned about being laid off. Bless our former child care staff as they struggle with employment issues. Bring them all your peace and a clear mind for making plans for their futures. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God, your baptism means renewed life in you. Bless those who are celebrating their baptismal anniversaries, especially John Bischoff. Continue to stir in his heart, passion for the ministry to which you have called him. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All this we ask, gracious God, together with all that is known to you alone, in the name of your risen and anointed Son, through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

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

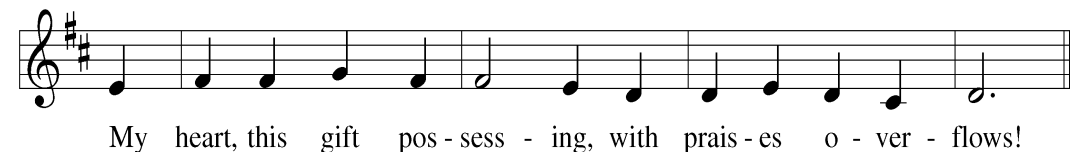
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS

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



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of all creation,

C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.

A: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Be seated

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

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you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL OFFERING *In Remembrance* Courtney and Red
 Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson & Jim Kamphoefner

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: O God,
 C: **we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer,
 watch over your going out and your coming in,
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 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 ***Lift High the Cross*** ***ELW (red book) # 660***

DISMISSAL

We go out into our daily lives renewed, refreshed and restored for service in the world.
 A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Assistants

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assisting Lay Minister | Paul Davis |
| Greeter | Janet Foster |
| Usher | Dave Richard |
| Lector | Janet Foster |
| Communion Assistant | Janet Foster & Marie Conrad |
| Sound | Kerry Hansen |
| Altar Guild | Jane McKenzie |
| Counter | Janet Foster |



The Sanctuary flowers are offered in celebration of Stacy Cullison's birthday.



We thank Mette Wong for hosting coffee hour this morning.

This Week's Calendar

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| Sunday | Sept 5 | 9:00am 10:15am 11:00am 8:00pm | Worship Service A Time for Fellowship Worship Service AA Meeting |
| Monday | Sept 6 | 9:30am 6:30pm 7:30pm | Church Office Closed OA Meeting MA Meeting Men's Alanon |
| Tuesday | Sept 7 | 10:30am 5:30pm 7:00pm 7:15pm | Pastor Tom & Kathryn office hours – 10:00am-2:00pm Pastors meet with Marilyn Social Concerns Meets SLAA Meeting Worship & Music Committee Meets |
| Wednesday | Sept 8 | 10:00am 12:15pm 5:30pm 7:00pm | Pastor Tom office hours – 10:00am-2:00pm Pastor Kathryn – day off Womens' Circle Bible Study Men's Lunch – Phyllis' Burgers, 4th Street, San Rafael Spirit Ringers Practice Choir Practice |
| Thursday | Sept 9 | 10:30am | Pastor Kathryn office hours – 10:00am-2:00am Pastor Tom – day off Conference Clergy Gathering |
| Friday | Sept 10 | 10:30am 9:30am 7:00pm 8:30pm | Pastor Kathryn office hours – 10:00am-2:00am Pastor Tom – day off OA Meeting Confirmands go Bowling AA Meeting |
| Saturday | Sept 11 | | |
| Sunday | Sept 12 | 9:00am 10:15am 11:00am | Worship Service Rally Sunday Activities for KOTK Worship Service |

Announcements

+ We **thank Stacy Cullison** for her leadership on piano and organ during the month of September while David is on vacation.

+ Both our **hand bell choir** – *Spirit Ringers*, and our **choir begin practice this week** following the summer break. Spirit Ringers will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8th. Following them at 7:00 p.m. the choir meets for practice. Both choirs are looking for new members. If you are interested, please come to practice or get in touch with Carol Sherley or Marilyn Davis.

+ We are gearing up for **Rally Sunday** next Sunday, September 12th! In addition to special activities for the kids between the services, we will be blessing their school bags/backpacks during the services. We ask that all the kids bring the bag they take to school with them everyday. They will bring them forward for a blessing during the services.

+ **Mill Street Dinner** sign-up is posted on the kiosk in the narthex. Please check to see if there is any food item that you can provide for this ongoing ministry, on Thursday, September 16th.

+ **Pakistan Disaster:** Torrential monsoon rains have caused flooding over 50,000 sq. miles of Pakistan (1/4 of the country) including its agricultural heartland. 2,000 people have been killed and 20 million affected by the floods – six million of those in dire need of assistance. We can help by supporting our relief agencies that are already at work providing food, shelter and medical assistance. ***Write a check to MLC and note "Pakistan" in the memo line.*** 100% of your donations will go directly to help with relief efforts through the ELCA Disaster Response or Lutheran World Relief.

Marin Interfaith Education Series—beginning Monday, September 13th from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at Spirit Rock Meditation Center. For the last number of years Marin Interfaith Council has been hosting a fall educational program for people to get to know the various faith traditions in our community. The goal is for us to experience ritual, study the tradition and get to know others in our community. This series continues for three more sessions. Checkout the September newsletter or the Marin Interfaith Council's website for more information or to register for the event.

+ **Lutheran World Relief School Bags:** The MLC women are sponsoring the sewing and assembling of school bags for LWR. *Jane has already been hard at work sewing bags – those of you who like to sew are invited to join her.* The bags are easy to assemble. Sewing directions are available. Please see Jane for the directions, she may even have some extra fabric available. To complete the bags we are *asking the entire congregation to bring school supplies to fill the bags.* Following are the items needed to fill the bags: notebooks, school scissors, 30 cm. ruler, #2 pencils, pencil sharpener, erasers and box of 16-24 crayons. Look for those sales popping up everywhere now. These completed school bags will be delivered to the LWR In-gathering in Morgan Hill in October.

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

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Worship Attendance

Last Sunday

9:00am – 78; 11:00am – 28

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