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September 5, 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 choir*

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 5, 2010      9:00 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.*

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**GATHERING**

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**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 SONG**

*All Are Welcome*

*ELW (red book) # 641*  
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 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.**

**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**

*Please be seated*

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**WORD**

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**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: <sup>2</sup>Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The 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.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can 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. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but 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. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (read responsively)**

LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**SECOND READING: Philemon 1–21**

*A contemporary of Jesus writes about how Jesus can affect us: While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Text: John 6:68, adapt. Lutheran Book of Worship  
 Music: Robin Cain, arr. Phil Kadidlo  
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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,  
<sup>26</sup>"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. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For 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? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or 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? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So 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.*

We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord;  
 we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.

Text and music: Jay Beech © 1988 Jay Beech

**REFLECTIONS**

**Debbie Fox, Matt Kawajiri**

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

**HYMN**

***We Are an Offering***

***ELW (red book) # 692***

(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.)

*Stand as you are able*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Ken Medema**

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.

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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**

*Come, Let Us Bring*

Marty Haugen

1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun-dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

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 Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.  
 In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.  
 Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

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**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

**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**

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

*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**.*

## LAMB OF GOD

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, have mer - cy on me.

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## 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.

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## SENDING

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### 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 SONG**     *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*     *ELW (red book) # 674*

Sing refrain twice

### 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

#### *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Lay Minister	Susan Morrow	
Greeter	Theresia Morgenlaender	
Usher	Carol Cunliffe	
Acolyte	Adelaide Shunk	
Lector	Matt Kawajiri	
Gift Bearers	Theresia Morgenlaender & Sandy Seeger	
Communion Assistant	Sandy Seeger	
Sound	John Bischoff	
Altar Guild	Jane McKenzie	
Counter	Corneille Church	
Flautist	Marilyn Davis	
Guitarist	Andrew Chilson	
Bassist	Rod Seeger	



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



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

### *This Week's Calendar*

Sunday	Sept 5	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b> 8:00pm	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>A Time for Fellowship</b> <b>Worship Service</b> AA Meeting <b>Church Office Closed</b>
Monday	Sept 6	9:30am 6:30pm 7:30pm	OA Meeting MA Meeting Men's Alanon <b>Pastor Tom &amp; Kathryn office hours – 10:00am-2:00pm</b>
Tuesday	Sept 7	<b>10:30am</b> <b>5:30pm</b> 7:00pm <b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Pastors meet with Marilyn</b> <b>Social Concerns Meets</b> SLAA Meeting <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meets</b>
Wednesday	Sept 8		<b>Pastor Tom office hours – 10:00am-2:00pm</b> Pastor Kathryn – day off <b>Womens' Circle Bible Study</b> <b>Men's Lunch – Phyllis' Burgers, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Rafael</b> <b>Spirit Ringers Practice</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	Sept 9	10:30am	<b>Pastor Kathryn at Clergy Gathering in Petaluma</b> Pastor Tom – day off Conference Clergy Gathering
Friday	Sept 10	9:30am <b>7:00pm</b> 8:30pm	<b>Pastor Kathryn office hours – 1:00pm – 3:00pm</b> Pastor Tom – day off OA Meeting <b>Confirmands go Bowling</b> AA Meeting
Saturday	Sept 11		
Sunday	Sept 12	<b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Rally Sunday Activities for KOTK</b> <b>Worship Service</b>

## *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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>! 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 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - + **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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