

San Marcos Lutheran Church

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**Our mission is to know, accept and live the love of God,
and share it with others**

***Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of
faith,
we welcome you!***

**January 12, 2020 The Baptism of Our Lord 11:00
a.m.**

PRELUDE "Variations on ENGELBERG" Mark Miller

CARILLON BELLS

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*) "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #445

WELCOME (*sit*)

THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Today, as we remember the baptism of Jesus, we remember the promises God makes to us through water and the Word. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In response to your command, we were baptized in your name.

Through baptism, we have received many gifts from God.

We have received the Holy Spirit and the washing away of our sins. We have received the promise of life and salvation. We have received the name "Children of God."

In baptism we received the sign of the cross upon our foreheads. The sign of the cross is our new family seal. The sign of the cross reminds us that we are God's children—forgiven, accepted and adopted into his family through the death of Jesus upon the cross.

We cannot see the sign of the cross on our foreheads, but it is there. We bear the sign of the cross and God knows we are his.

When we baptize, we light a candle.

As God's children, we are called to let the light of Christ shine in our lives. Lord, help us to live as your children, help us to glorify you in all we do. We have not loved you as we should. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us and continue to call us yours.

In baptism you received God's Holy Spirit, you were made a member of God's kingdom and you belong to God. Each time you confess your sins, you die to sin and open yourselves up to the renewing power of God within you. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Now go, and live as forgiven children of God.

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We are God's children. We go into the world, celebrating God's forgiveness and grace and committed to letting our light shine in the world. Amen.

(*stand*) Today as we renew our baptismal vows, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Through water and the Spirit you have been made God's own. All your sins are forgiven and you are brought to newness of life. May you continue to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and daily increase in God's gifts of grace.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

#449

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in you service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LESSON (*sit*)

Isaiah 42:1-9

The readings conclude: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand*)

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

The gospel is announced:

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Encountering Christ through Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)"

HYMN OF THE DAY (*stand*)

"Borning Cry"

#732

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*stand or kneel*)

The assembly is invited into prayer: Gathered in the joy of promises fulfilled, let us bring our needs and our thanksgivings to God. (*a brief silence*)

After each petition, God of grace and peace... **Hear our prayer.**

Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of peace.

OFFERING (*sit*)

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

"All Things Are Yours My God"

Choir

Carl Schalk

OFFERTORY PRAYER *The assembly is invited into prayer:*

Merciful God,

it would have been enough for you to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live. But in this meal, by your promise, you also give us your self. Use what we have gathered here in feeding the hungry world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

The assembly is invited into prayer:

Gracious God, help us to pray for your agenda of shalom to be our agenda as well:

**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 THE TABLE

Christ comes to us in Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Lord’s table. For those who prefer, there is white grape juice in the center ring in each tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request. Let one of the pastors know you would like to receive a gluten free wafer. Young children who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN (*sit*) “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil” #721

TABLE BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY TIME/MOMENT FOR MISSION “Lutheran Camps”

BENEDICTION (*stand*)

SENDING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Your light has come.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Voluntary on ENGELBERG” Charles Callahan

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All are welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female.” (Galatians 3:28)

Our Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. If your hearing aid has a T-Coil, set it to the Hearing Loop setting. Wireless headsets are also available at the back of the sanctuary (ask an usher).

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Karla Halvorson Liturgist: Pastor David Jorstad
 Organist : Deacon Randall Sensmeier Dir. Of Choir: Justine Hansen
 Lector: Diana Arney Greeter/Com: Marilyn Monell, Jill Adachi
 Ushers: Bob White, Daniel Weis Altar Guild: Fran Iverson, Eleanor Adcock

Let Us Keep these People in Our Prayers:
 Marsha Harden, Donna Huber, Jessi, Linda Kent, and Marla.

Let Us Also Remember in Prayer Those Who Are Homebound
 Dottie Black, Margaret DeLano, Frank and Beverly Gift, Cathy Parisi, Janice Phillips, Bill Rafnel, Marian Ramage, Carol Schwartz, Jackie Skeggs, and Kris & Rose Marie Tange. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop Andy Taylor, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and families of the latest casualties in Afghanistan.

Welcome to staff members of Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conferences who are with us this morning. Coming soon: "Luther Glen Farm Family Winterfest" Feb. 7-9. Get away for the weekend with a family trip to Luther Glen in Yucaipa, CA. Open to children and adults.

Mark your calendars because LRCC Summer 2020 camp dates are here! Come DISCOVER God's unending love for us with LRCC Summer Camp 2020. Together, we will investigate the many expressions of God's love and the variety of places we stumble upon it. Through explorations of Grace, Creation, Gratitude, Change & Community campers will return home with the unshakable sense that they are known and loved.

For more information about Summer 2020 visit - www.lrcchome.com/summer-information

SAFELY SHARING GOD'S PEACE

During flu season, we encourage anyone who wishes to **not** pass the peace through hand-to-hand contact, to freely to raise your hand in blessing to those around you. We want to keep you safe and well. Also, hand sanitizer is always available in the entry way to the church.

ADULT FORUMS, 10:20 A.M. IN LUTHER HALL

Today: Circle of Gentle Grace (becoming a disability welcoming congregation) information and time for feedback

Jan 19: All-Congregation Challenge: Let's Read the Gospel of Matthew Together!
Overview of the Gospel of Matthew led by Pastor Karla

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NEXT TUESDAY IS PICTURE DAY AT SMLC! LAST NOTICE

Greetings, SMLC Families.

We still have the following open appointments for members to have their photos taken by LifeTouch to be included in the SMLC 2020 directory.

Tuesday, January 14

12:30	4:40	5:30	7:10
2:10	4:30	6:00	7:30
4:10	5:10	6:10	

Email me back your time preference, and I will plug you in. The entire appointment takes about 30 minutes, and you will receive a free 8X10 that makes you look good, as well as a free copy of our printed directory, including pictures of over 90 of our family units. It will be a fun resource to have at home. If Tues., Jan. 14 is not a good day, call me and we can set you up with an appointment at a different church nearby. They will have weekend times available.

Cindy Jorstad, cell#: 619-518-8483 (text or message)

Email: cindysuejorstad@gmail.com

We are sorry to announce that Justine Hansen will be stepping away from her position as choir director, due to family reasons. Her last Sunday as our director will be next Sun., Jan. 19. We will have a time for giving thanks to Justine at a reception following the 11:00

am service on Jan. 19.

2020 GIVING ENVELOPES

Due to equipment failure at the printers, giving envelopes for 2020 have still not arrived. The printer said they will be shipped to the church later in Jan. Meanwhile, you may use a pew envelope for your offerings on Sunday mornings. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office, sent electronically, or via your bank payment services. Thanks for your patience!

WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR OFFERINGS through PayPal or major credit and debit cards. Donations can be made by using the "Donate" tab found on San Marcos Lutheran's web page. Download a QR reader in order to use this code to contribute from your phone.



INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2019

We are pleased to report that December was a very strong month of giving toward our congregation's ministries. Giving for 2019 was \$379,587 with expenses of \$387,359. That left us to use our reserves for only \$7,772. That is remarkable considering the YTD general fund gap was \$35,565 at the end of November. Thanks to one and all for such amazing generosity! What we do matters!

CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

Cho-Hyun Park, piano
January 26th at 4:00 p.m.
(Free-will offering)

Pianist Cho-Hyun Park performed her Carnegie Hall debut concert in 2015 with wide acclaim. Her accomplishments include winning 1st prize in the Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev International Piano Competition with the Bartok and Prokofiev special award. She also won the William Modica and Concetta Giodanella Modica Memorial Award from the IBLA Foundation and Most Distinguished Award at the IBLA Grand Prize music competition in Italy. She appeared in solo recitals and ensemble performances in many cities in the USA and South Korea.

NORTH COUNTY IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE FUNDRAISER

Sun., Jan. 26th 3:00-6:30 pm at the Aztec Brewery
2330 La Mirada Dr., Suite 200 in Vista.

You will not want to miss this event. There will be food, a game of LOTERIA, music, a silent auction and general positive community vibes! Monies raised will be directed to the NCITF family assistance fund to help families with financial hardships due to their immigration status.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING, FEB. 9TH AT 11:00 A.M.

There will be only one worship service that morning at 10:00 a.m. Come and be a part of this important gathering of San Marcos Lutheran. Light food will be served at the 11:00 meeting and childcare is provided.

SUSAN AGONIA IS “RETIRING” AS HEAD OF ALTAR GUILD

Susan has served faithfully in this role for many years. We are looking someone to step in and coordinate this ministry. Among the duties is to make sure we have volunteers to set up Holy Communion. If you are interested or simply would like more information about what is needed, please speak with Pastor David (760)727-1509 or Marilyn Monell (760)291-7272.
