

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!**

Feb. 2, 2020 Presentation of Our Lord 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" (Hymn #440) J.S. Bach

CARILLON BELLS

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #295
St. 1-all; st. 2-higher voices; st. 3-all; st. 4-lower voices; st. 5-all

WELCOME (*sit*)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at Baptism, as the pastor begins.*)

In the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

GREETING (*stand*)

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

2. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.^[a]

⁶**As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸**O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰**For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²**O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

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 Luke, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“For All the Annas and Simeons”

HYMN OF THE DAY (*stand*) “In His Temple Now Behold Him”

Hymn

#417

St. 1-unison; sts. 2,3-harmony; st. 4-usison

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*stand or kneel*)

The assembly is invited into prayer: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition, “Let us pray, have mercy, O God. ”

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling
Heinrich Schütz

Choir

How lovely is your dwelling, O God, my hope and strength.
My spirit longs for shelter, my flesh cries out for home,
where even swallows nesting beside your altar resting
are ever praising you.

How blest are those whose travels are strengthened by your hand,
who pass through darkened valleys and find refreshing springs.
Your rains fall soft as kindness on your faithful pilgrims
until they come to you.

Look on me, God of goodness, you are my sun and shield.
One day within your household is what I most desire.
O guide me in your mercy along my lonely pathway,
O bring me safely home.

OFFERING SONG
#296

“What Child is This”

Hymn

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| <p>1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the son of Mary!</p> | <p>2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here,
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the Son of Mary!</p> |
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OFFERTORY PRAYER (*stand*)

(The assembly is invited into prayer.)

Merciful God,

Receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life 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.

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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:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways nev - er more
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ comes to us in Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please take the bread, hold it, then dip it in either the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free bread is also available. Those who do not wish to receive communion may receive a blessing.

COMMUNION (sit)

"Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace"

Let your ser - vant now go in peace, O Lord, now
 Lord, O Lord,
 word.
 go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, to your word. Let your
 to your word.

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

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now - today, tomorrow, every day - that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY TIME

BENEDICTION (stand)

SENDING HYMN

"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

#313

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

Marcel

Dupré

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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

Preaching: Pastor Karla Halvorson Liturgist: Pastor David Jorstad
Organist: Deacon Randall Sensmeier Substitute Choir Dir: Michelle Risling
Lector: Doris Payne Greeters/Com: Mikki Beck, Louise Testerman
Ushers: Jack Anderson, Amy Mortensen Altar Guild: Fran Iverson, Eleanor Adcock

Let Us Keep these People in Our Prayers:

Pastor Christine Buma, Dick 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.

2019 YEAR-END STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PATIO TODAY.

Please pick yours up today to help defray postage. Thank you.

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.



SAFELY SHARING GOD'S PEACE

During flu season, if you do **not** wish to pass the peace through hand-to-hand contact, you may raise your hand in blessing to those around you. Also, hand sanitizer is always in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Plan to join us **Feb. 28 to March 1** for the Women's Retreat at the Lutheran Camp & Conference Center in Oak Glen. This a beautiful serene place to meditate, relax and enjoy the company of other women. The cost is \$189 per person which includes 5 meals and 2 nights in comfortable rooms. Speak with Pastor Karla or Marilyn Monell if the cost is a problem for you as we have partial or full scholarships available. Donations to our **scholarship fund** would be so appreciated!

“SOUP”ERBOWL FOOD/SUPPLY DRIVE TODAY

Thank you for contributing to this year's Soup-erbowl Sunday Food/ Supply Collection for the All Saints Episcopal Pantry.

Volunteers also needed at the pantry. You can help on Tues., Wed. and Thursdays from 10:30 – 12:30. Contact Jill Adachi for more info (831) 566-4687 or jesadachi@yahoo.com

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING, NEXT SUN., FEB. 9TH AT 11:00 A.M. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THAT MORNING AT 10:00 AM.

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. Pick up your copy of the Annual report today and bring it with you to the meeting.

LET'S READ THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW TOGETHER!

You are invited to read this Gospel through with our entire congregation, then read it again using the practice of Divine Reading (Lectio Divina). A guide can be found in the Narthex (church entry) as well as on the church website (www.SanMarcosLutheran.org) and the church Facebook page. Monthly forums on Matthew and divine reading will also be offered.

PASTOR KARLA'S ADJUSTED HOURS BEGINNING FEB. 1ST

The Congregational Council has approved Pastor Karla's request to reduce her hours in order to spend more time with her family. She will be reducing her work hours from 2/3 time to 1/2 time (from 33 hours per week to 25 hours per week based on a 50-hour work week). She will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and available by text, phone, email and some gatherings on Saturdays, Sunday afternoons and of course most Sunday mornings. She will generally not be available Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Thank you for understanding if she does not get back to you immediately; and, remember, you can always contact the church office.

HAVEN HOUSE

We are seeking additional volunteers to serve a meal at Haven House in Escondido. You can volunteer once or on a regular basis! We serve a meal on the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers arrive at 5:30 or 6:00 pm to help with last-minute preparations and are through with serving by 7:00 pm. Families are welcome to come with school-aged children, and/or small groups of adults. There is an option for interested parties, to stay after the meal and play Bingo with the residents of Haven House. We are also looking for Thrivent care donations and/or Target gift cards for when we play Bingo with the residents.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Beth Sullivan via email at beth@pa3.com or she can be reached at 847-254-0212.

**FIRST LUTHERAN & SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN
CATFISH LUNCHEON, Feb. 12th \$12.50 plus tip**

Meet at Bill Hanson's at 11:30 am (760-805-4565) 3627 Cerro Ave, Oceanside to Carpool to the Pacific View NCO club Camp Pendleton.

*A Celebration of Eternal Life for Mary Fawcett will be held on March 14 at 11:00 am.
In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to San Marcos Lutheran Church.*

donating to our
SCHOLARSHIP FUND,
there may be women
who would like to
attend
but cannot afford it. If
you have signed up but
have not paid, please
see Marilyn Monell
or Louise Testerman

TODAY as the funds
need to be received by
the camp facility.
Thank You! This has
always been a time of
reflection, fun and
fellowship! Our theme
this year is "The light
shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has
not overcome it!