

# 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!**

**March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE  
Powell

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey” Arr. Robert J.

CARILLON BELLS

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*) “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”  
#327

St. 1-all; st. 2-lower voices; st. 3-higher voices; st. 4-all

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*sit or kneel*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of  
mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God at the margins,

**we have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We  
turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your  
people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future. where your forgiveness is sure, your  
welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the  
desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet  
you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ leading you from death  
into life. **Amen.**

GREETING (*stand*)

Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**now is the day of salvation.**

The grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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KYRIE

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around  
us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.  
Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*The reading concludes:* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

RETURN TO GOD (*stand*)

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and  
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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SERMON

“What Story Will You Live By?”

HYMN OF THE DAY (*stand*)

“Bless Now, O God the Journey”  
St. 1-unison; st. 2-harmony; st. 3-unison

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APOSTLES’ CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*stand or kneel*)

*The assembly is invited into prayer:* The Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life. Let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*(A brief silence)*

*After each petition, We pray’ ... “Lord, have mercy.”*

Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through 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

“When We Are Tested”  
Ruth C. Duck, Randall Sensmeier

Choir

When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you be-yond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

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When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the power to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope and of prayer.

OFFERING SONG (*stand*)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. **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:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The assembly is invited into prayer:*

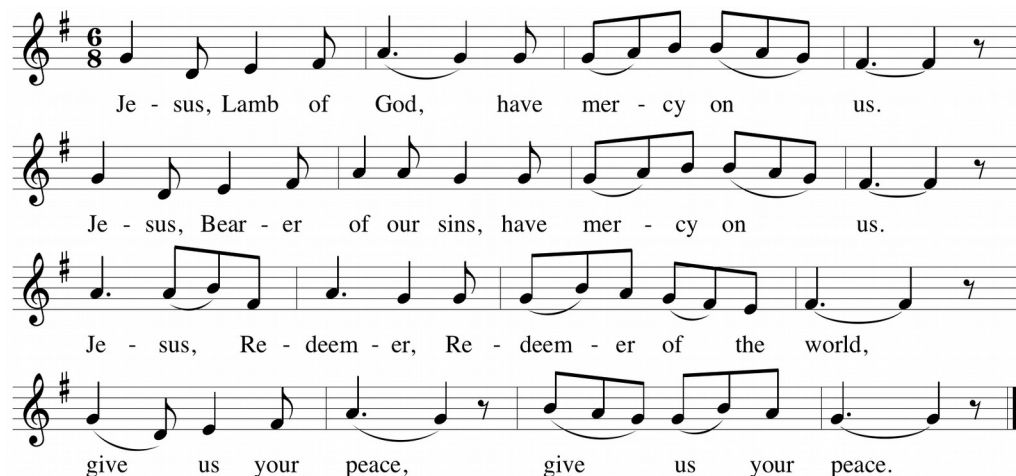
Gracious God, help us to pray for your agenda of shalom to be our agenda as well:

**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. Please take the bread and 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.

AGNUS DEI (sit)



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN  
#500

“Now We Remain”

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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

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY TIME

BENEDICTION (stand)

SENDING HYMN

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE  
Powell

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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)*

*Nursery care is available all morning long. Ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.*

*Our ministry to one another continues as we visit & introduce ourselves to visitors.*

**Large print bulletins and hymns are available on the narthex table. 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**

Pastor David Jorstad

Organist: Deacon Randall Sensmeier

Lector: Doris Payne

Greeters/Com: Amy Mortensen, Sharon Phelps

Ushers: Diana Arney, Jill Adachi

Altar Guild: Fran Iverson, Eleanor Adcock

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**Pastor Karla is at the Women's Retreat along with 25 ladies.**

**She will be back in the office this Tuesday.**

**Let Us Keep these People in Our Prayers:**

Cliff Adcock, Bob, Helen, Donna Huber, James, Jen, and Linda Kent, Larissa Shoup, and Svetlana. Our sympathy to Marsha Harden, at the death of her husband, Dick and to Rose Marie Tange, at the death of her husband, Kris. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection.

**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.

**ANY HELP CLEANING THE KITCHEN AFTER OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME THIS SUNDAY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 2019 was among the strongest months of income ever for SMLC. However, January 2020 was not what we had anticipated to meet our needs. Expenses exceeded income in January by \$8,837. We are looking for strong giving as we continue to move forward into 2020. Together we can make sure that our ministries thrive. Thanks for your partnership!

**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.



## ADULT FORUMS

**Today** Blessing Bags! Help assemble Blessing Bags and take some with you to hand out to anyone who may be hungry.

Sun., March 22 Come and join us at 10:20 in Luther Hall to learn about gun safety. The North County chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America will be here for a presentation about their organization's efforts to prevent gun violence.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS WILL BEGIN THIS WED., MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with HOLDEN EVENING SERVICE and stories of faith from this community at 6:30 p.m.**

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## FIRST LUTHERAN & SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CATFISH LUNCHEON

**Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup> \$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

## COME CELEBRATE WITH PASTOR CHRISTINE BUMA

**Sun., March 15th at Noon in Luther Hall**

Pastor Christine Buma, a regular visitor, invites friends and members of San Marcos Lutheran to a lite luncheon to thank you all for your warm welcome and to recognize 35 years of Ordination, and now her retirement.

The **Pacifica Synod AMMPARO network** will meet Sat., March 21 (10 am - 1 pm) at Our Saviors LC in San Clemente, 200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92672. This is for anyone interested in responding to the needs of asylum seekers, immigrants in our own

communities, and refugees. We will share resources and opportunities from trips to TJ to responding in your neighborhood. RSVP to Pastor Karla [pastorkarlasmlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorkarlasmlc@sbcglobal.net).

## CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

**Ascent Trio**

**March 29th at 4:00 p.m.**

Ascent Trio strives to bring their jazz to new frontiers. Featuring Tonga Ross-Ma'u (guitar/piano), Andrew Michel (bass), and Charlie Weller (drums), these musicians came together with their shared vision to push further beyond their own limits and dig deeper into different facades of musical expression. They mainly focus on creating original material and work with pieces from their contemporaries as a source of inspiration, but also attempt to breathe new life into traditional repertoire through modern arrangements.

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