

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 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“God So Loved the World”

Arr. Aaron David Miller, Robert Hobby

CARILLON BELLS

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*) “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#588

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

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to
live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we
may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a

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 John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

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SERMON “Seeing the World Through Eyes of Love”

HYMN OF THE DAY (*stand*) “God Loved the World #323
St. 1-unison; st. 2-harmony; st. 3-unison; st. 4-harmony; st. 5-unison

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 “By the Babylonian Rivers” (Psalm 137) Choir
Arr. Mark Sedio

By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept;
hung our hopes upon the willow, mourned for Zion while we slept.

There our captors, in derision did require of us a song;
so we sat with staring vision and the days were hard and long.

How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange and bitter land?

Can our voices veil the sorrow? Lord God here your lonely band.

Let your cross be benediction for those bound in tyranny;
by the power of resurrection loose them from captivity.

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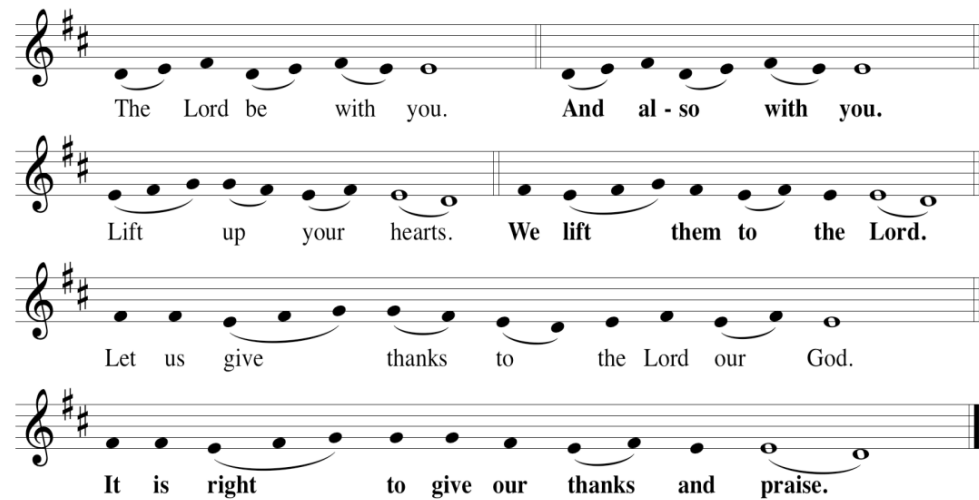
OFFERING SONG (*stand*) “Create in Me a Clean Heart”
#188

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.

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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:

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

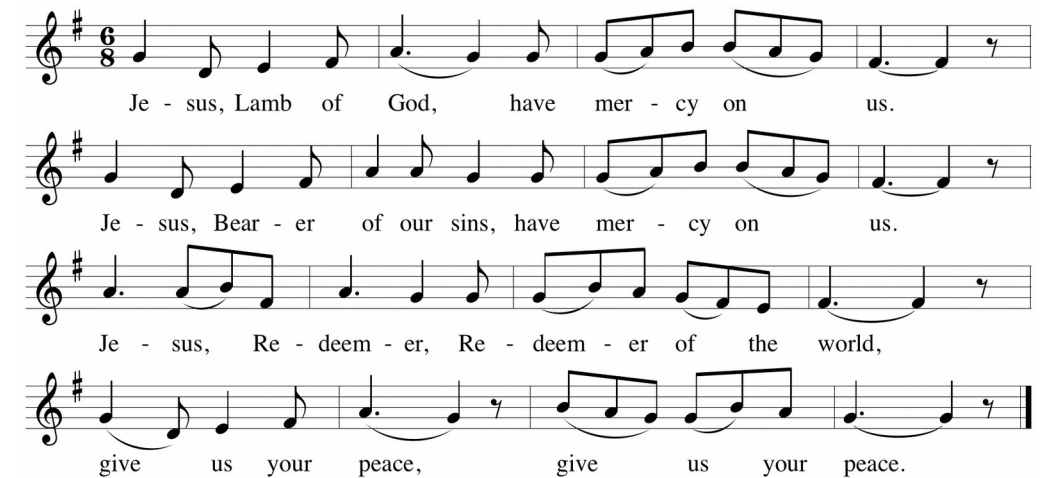
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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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 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

"By Night"

By night, we has-ten, in dark-ness, to search for liv - ing wa - ter,
 on-ly our thirst leads us on - wards, on-ly our thirst leads us on - wards.

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.**

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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

MOMENT FOR MISSION "Circle of Gentle Grace" Nadine
 Graven

BENEDICTION (stand)

SENDING HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #324

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Couperin "Fugue on the Kyrie" Francois

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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: Pastor Dell Olson

Greeters/Com: Sharon Phelps, Marilyn Monell

Ushers: Daniel Weis, Eleanor Adcock

Altar Guild: Fran Iverson, Eleanor Adcock

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**Pastor Karla is at the Middle School retreat with our youth.
 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, Melinda Nelson, Larissa Shoup, and Svetlana.

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.

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.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER CONTINUES THIS WED., MARCH 12th at 5:30 p.m. with HOLDEN EVENING SERVICE and stories of faith from this community at 6:30 p.m. To sign up to bring something, see the list on the Narthex table.

FOR OUR LENTEN FOCUS, the Social Action Committee is asking for specific cleaning supplies for Interfaith clients moving from homelessness to permanent housing. This will be a most welcome gift when they make that very exciting move to their new home and need so many items to make it complete.

Please look for the large **Easter Basket**. In it you will find paper eggs. The small eggs have one or two items to be purchased. The larger, solid colored eggs list several items. (Small egg=smaller cost, large egg=larger donation.) There is no specification on size – whatever you donate will be greatly appreciated. After you have made your purchase, please return the egg to the **Chick** next to the Easter Basket. Bring your item(s) to church beginning March 22nd. Boxes will be set up for them in Luther Hall.

On Palm Sunday, our Youth will add cards and group the items so each client will receive one of each - dish soap, dish pan, dish drainer, sponges, broom, dustpan, etc. Everything will be delivered to Interfaith during Holy Week. If you would prefer to write a check, please make it payable to San Marcos Lutheran Church and write “Interfaith” in the memo line.

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SAFELY SHARING GOD’S PEACE

During this flu and virus season, we encourage anyone who wishes not to pass the peace through hand to hand contact to simply wave, smile, or use a gentle elbow bump. At the end of worship the pastors will greet you with an elbow bump. Our goal is to keep you safe and well!

FIRST LUTHERAN & SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CATFISH LUNCHEON

This Wed., March 11th \$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

CELEBRATIONS OF ETERNAL LIFE THIS WEEK:

Dick Harden - Fri. (3/13) at 2:00 pm, Mary Fawcett - Sat. (3/14) at 11:00 am.

COME CELEBRATE WITH PASTOR CHRISTINE BUMA

Next Sun., March 15th After Each Service 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.

ADULT FORUMS

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.

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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