

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 7, 2021 Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. Chris da Silva

GATHERING

“Be Thou My Vision”



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4. Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

KYRIE

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Strode Within the Temple, Lord"



1. You strode with - in the Tem - ple, Lord, where mer - chants vied for gain
 2. The tem - ple of your bod - y, Lord, they crushed when you were slain;
 3. Make ev - 'ry heart your tem - ple, Lord, each life a ho - ly place.
 4. Come, vis - it, Lord of right - eous - ness, the church that bears your name.



and cried, "Your wares cor - rupt God's house, this place of pray'r pro - fane!"
 but af - ter three days' sleep in death, God raised it up a - gain.
 For - give the sins that flaw your plan, your pa - tient work de - face.
 Drive out our fear and un - be - lief, the pride that is our shame.



With cord - ed whip and fier - y wrath you put God's foes to flight.
 And now you have a dwell - ing place on carth, in all its lands.
 In love that does not shrink from truth these tem - ples pu - ri - fy.
 Re - new the life we share, O Christ, in love and pray'r and praise.



They could not bear the search - ing beam of your un - shield - ed light.
 Your peo - ple are your tem - ple, Lord, a house not made with hands.
 And then in mer - cy, Lord, re - main; your Spir - it's gifts sup - ply.
 Then send us forth, our strength re - stored, to serve you all our days.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

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 and all are welcome. Use what is available to you as signs of the real presence of Christ's body and blood as you commune. If you are alone, you may commune yourself, knowing that we long for the time when we will again be together at the Lord's Table.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us; your peace.

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.**

BLESSING

“Lead Me, Guide Me, Along the Way”

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you lead me, I can-not
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa-tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways

D.C.

dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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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)

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor David Jorstad

Musicians: Deacon Randall Sensmeier & Beth Sullivan

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Prayers of healing for Cliff Adcock, Barbara, Peggy Bauder, Jean Brown, Marsha Harden, and Linda Kent.

Let us also remember in prayer Dottie Black, Margaret DeLano, Beverly Gift, Cathy Parisi, Janice Phillips, Carol Schwartz, and Jackie Skeggs. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop Andy Taylor, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the families of the latest casualties in Afghanistan, and all affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Your Financial Support Is Greatly Appreciated!

Folks are continuing to give their offerings by mailing checks to the church office (SMLC 3419 Grand Ave., San Marcos, CA 92078), by giving their donations through their own bank’s app, and giving electronically (See San Marcos Lutheran home page and click the donation button). If you are able, please continue to give to God’s mission through SMLC. Your normal offerings to our general fund support our budgeted expenses. We cannot exist without your support.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE ON ZOOM

10:30-11:15 for Youngers (Age 4 Years-2nd Grade);

11:15-12:00 for Olders (3rd-5th Grades)

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84732075277?pwd=U3crVWIBZHh0TWtmMnNRWDhaS2JKZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 3207 5277 Passcode: Jesus

We welcome the people of House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Escondido. They are worshipping with us online today, giving their Worship Team a well-deserved break.

Mid-week Lenten services of Holden Evening prayer are posted on our webpage every Wednesday during Lent. Sunday worship continues online. In addition, we have resumed outdoor, socially distanced worship on Sundays at 9:30 am. May God bless you deeply as you grow in God's gracious love this season of Lent.

BLESSING BAGS

Take advantage of an opportunity to actually socialize in person. A Blessing Bag Assembly day is planned for March 21st at 10:30 after our Sunday service. We need up to ten volunteers to help assemble bags. Covid guidelines will be followed; so we will meet outside, socially distanced, and masked. Gather your friends and use this as a worthwhile reason to reconnect with them and be a part of an effort to help our community. Please contact Jack Anderson if you are able to participate.

HAVEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BEGINNING APRIL

Thank you to those who volunteered to help at Haven House through March! We are now looking to cover April, May, and June. Volunteers purchase and prepare food at this homeless shelter in Escondido on the third Sun. of the month between 5:00-6:10 pm. Monetary donations are also appreciated (Thrivent cards, Albertson's gift cards). Contact Beth Sullivan, at 847-254-0212 or beth@pa3.com.