

# SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 27, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

*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!**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME

GATHERING SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(Verses 1-2)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you love and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

BLESSING: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake in the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

### SONG- VERSE 1

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry!  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## SERMON

“Stirring Up Hope”

## SONG

### Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The assembly is invited into prayer:* As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope. *(A brief silence)*

*After each petition, ‘God, in your mercy’ ... “hear our prayer.”* God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus’ name we pray. **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*

## MEAL

### COMMUNION SONG

#### Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

The musical score is written for a single voice part with piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The piano line starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line continues with: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano line continues with the accompaniment. There are some triplets in the vocal line of the second system.

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Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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### GATHERING AT THE TABLE

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

#### DISTRIBUTION

#### 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.**

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

### BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

#### “Soon and Very Soon”

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal - le -  
no more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King. 1,2,3

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -  
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Koln, 1710; tr. Composite Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. Text sts. 2,6,7 @1997 Augsburg Fortress

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Diana Arney

Musicians: Jenny Yun and Beth Sullivan

Ushers: Vicky Asmussen and Sharon Phelps

*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)*

**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:** Jerry Farrell, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Gwen, Cassi Kidd, Victoria Kautz, Rene, Mark McGregor, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover.

We pray for Eleanor Adcock and family at the recent passing of Cliff Adcock.

Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Janice Phillips, Carol Schwartz. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the people and refugees of Ukraine and Russia, and for Florida and those affected by the hurricane.

### **Thank you for your Financial Support!**

Just a reminder that the ministries of San Marcos Lutheran have continued through all the transitions of the last few years. We are grateful for all that you have done, and all that you have given. As we reinvigorate our ministries of worship, faith formation, evangelism, and social action, and as we prepare for a new chapter of ministry with a new pastor, it is vitally important that we remain financially healthy.

**Please prayerfully consider what you can offer to the work of this congregation, as we seek to serve God's mission. Thank you for being a part of this community of faith!**

(Offerings are accepted through your own bank's electronic banking, through our web page, by mail (SMLC 3419 Grand Ave, San Marcos, CA 92708) or by putting your offering in the offering plate on Sunday morning)

**WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR OFFERINGS** through Pay Pal 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 to use this code to contribute from your phone.



**"HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS,"** a Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services project is collecting financial donations to be sent to LIRS to provide Christmas gifts for children in the refugee detention centers. Checks should be made payable to San Marcos Lutheran Church with a note in the memo line, *LIRS Hope for the Holidays*. Donations will be accepted through December 18<sup>th</sup>. This is one more way to celebrate together what it means to be a community of faith and followers of Jesus.

**ADULT FORUM-** meets every Sunday at 10am in Luther Hall. Hope to see you there! Schedule of events for the next few weeks:

Sun, November 27 Celebrate Advent with Deacon Margy Part 1

Sun, December 4 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun, December 11 Advent Devotion, Sing-along with Hand Chimes, and Sharing of Childhood Christmas treats led by Karin Kupka

Sun, December 18 Scripture and Song: Handel's Messiah led by retired Pastor Dave Kupka

Sun, December 25 Christmas Day (no Adult Forum)

Sun, January 1 New Year's Day (no Adult Forum)

**ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY** Thank you to those who answered the call for cleaning supplies! We continue to welcome donations of cleaning supplies of any kind - dish soap, cleanser, sponges, and all-purpose cleaners. These items are not available through Brother Benno's or the San Diego Food Bank where we pick up food twice a month. Jill Adachi and Doris Payne invite you to stop by All Saints Church in Vista (651 Eucalyptus Avenue) on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month any time between 10:30am-1pm. We always appreciate help at 10:30 to move tables, put out signs, and get set up...or greet clients as they arrive. If you'd like to bring bread or produce at that time, that would be a wonderful donation. *Thank you all* for supporting this important ministry.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETINGS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm** Luther Hall --- Meet & Greet with recommended Pastoral Candidate

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Luther Hall--** Special Congregational Meeting – Pastoral recommendation of call committee

- Vote to extend call to Pastoral Candidate
- Vote to approve compensation package

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in Luther Hall--**Congregational Meeting to nominate and elect new Congregational Council members