

# SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 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

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME**

**GATHERING SONG**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(Verses 3-4)



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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his homing nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

BLESSING: Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth. Amen.

SONG- VERSES 1-2

## 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 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**SECOND READING**

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**SERMON**

"Stirring Up Peace"

SONG

# He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
 he came down that we may have peace;  
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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 voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines. The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line features a triplet of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
*Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,*

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
*God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.*

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*  
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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

“People Look East”



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 there. Give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 brim, shin-ing be - yond the frost - y weath-er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley humming with the word, the Lord is



ta - ble. Peo-ple look east and sing to - day— Love the Guest, is on the way.  
 flour - ish. Love the Rose, is on the way.  
 geth - er. Love the Star, is on the way.  
 com - ing. Love the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Text: *Psalterium Canticum 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

Presider: Bishop David Nagler

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Jay Goldstein

Musicians: Doris Payne and Beth Sullivan

Ushers: Hector Gonzalez and Sharon Scott-Gonzalez

*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:** Eleanor Adcock, Jerry Farrell, Owen Frantz, Linda Kent, Gwen, Cassi Kidd, Victoria Kautz, Rene, Mark McGregor, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom and Martha Stover. 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.

**Special Congregational Meetings TODAY at 10:00am in Luther Hall**— Pastoral recommendation of call committee----- Vote to extend call to Pastoral Candidate-----Vote to approve compensation package

**Today at 10:30am in Luther Hall**--Congregational Meeting to nominate and elect new Congregational Council members. Please plan to attend!

## **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)

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**"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, December 4 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

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)

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING-** Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> following the 11am service. Join us as we decorate our sanctuary tree and spend time together in preparation for Christmas.

**ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY-** Our clients were so thankful for the turkeys provided by the North County Food Bank and all the "fixings" provided by our Children's Center and many of you in the congregation. It made for a wonderful Thanksgiving plus several days of leftovers. Now for December ideas. We can always use macaroni and cheese. We expect to be provided with ground meat, so boxes of Hamburger Helper would be nice. If you donate bread, we can put it in the freezer until our distribution days (Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>). We have freezer space available, so if you'd like to donate frozen pies for Christmas, that would be quite a treat! Again, cleaning supplies are not provided by Brother Benno's or the San Diego Food Bank, so any of those items are always appreciated. Thanks to Karla Strazicich-Cain and Jan Parthemer for showing up to help last Saturday when some of our regular volunteers were unable to come. We invite you to stop by All Saints Church (651 Eucalyptus Avenue in Vista) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, especially between 10:30am-11:30am. **Thank you** for your ongoing support of this important ministry. If you have questions, please contact Jill Adachi or Doris Payne.

**Lutheran Fellowship Lunch Hour-** All Are invited to attend our Lutheran fellowship luncheon with First Lutheran Church. We will meet at Pegah's Kitchen at 955 S.Santa Fe in Vista. Our next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. We will meet at the restaurant and have lunch and fellowship. It will be order from the menu. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, contact Bill Hanson 760-805-4565.