

SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" by Geonyong Lee (see hymn #247) arr. Anne Krentz Organ

GATHERING

WELCOME/COMMUNITY TIME

GATHERING SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" HYMNAL #257
(Verses 5-6)

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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 holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand. Amen.

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 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

SERMON

"Stirring Up Joy"

SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Hymnal #671

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light!**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

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 and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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.

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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.

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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.**

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

“Joy to the World”



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all our
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Lector: Karin Kupka

Musicians: Doris Payne and Beth Sullivan

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, Alvar Roy, Randy Sensmeier, Roy Smith, and Vern Soderstrom. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Janice Phillips, Carol Schwartz and Martha Stover. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

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 18th. 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 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- TODAY following the 11am service. Join us as we decorate our sanctuary tree and spend time together in preparation for Christmas.

ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY- 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.17th and 24th). 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. We invite you to stop by All Saints Church (651 Eucalyptus Avenue in Vista) on the 3rd and 4th 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.

Upcoming Christmas Services:

- Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm.- Communion & Candlelight
- Christmas Day, 10:00 am- Lessons & Carols
- New Year's Day Sunday, 10:00am- Epiphany