

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!*

Christmas Eve

Dec. 24, 2022 7:00 pm

PRELUDE "Oh, Come, Emmanuel" "Shepherds" "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
by Wilbur Held(1914-2015)

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*) "O Come, All Ye Faithful"



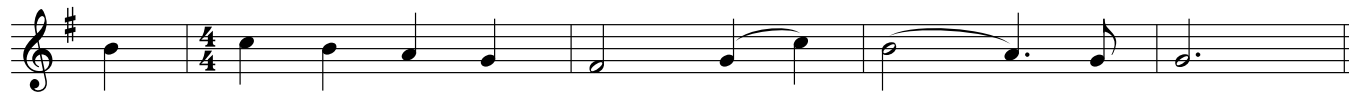
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
3. } Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, } sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
4. } Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, } Je - sus, to thee be all



Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to God, in the high - est;
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

WELCOME (*sit*)

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness.

The darkness has not overcome it.

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray ...

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

READING

Titus 2:11-14

CAROL

“On Christmas Night”



1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing to hear the news the
 2. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore his face, then life and health come
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the an - gels



an - gels bring. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing to
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place. When sin de - parts be - fore his face, then
 sing this night. All out of dark - ness we have light, which



hear the news the an - gels bring. News of great joy, news of great
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place. An - gels re - jice with us and
 made the an - gels sing this night: “Glo - ry to God in high - est



mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 sing, all for to see the new - born King.
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good - will. A - men.”

GOSPEL (*stand*)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

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

SERMON (*sit*)

“Keeping Christmas”

HYMN OF THE DAY (*stand*)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born King; peace on earth, and
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord, late in time be -
 3. Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous - ness! Light and life to
 mer - cy mild God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!” Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise,
 hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see!
 all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,
 join the tri - umph of the skies; with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in
 Hail in - car - nate de - i - ty! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em -
 born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us
 Beth - le - hem!” Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born King!”
 man - u - el.
 sec - ond birth.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*sit*)

The assembly is invited into prayer: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ’s coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

(A brief silence)

*After each petition, “God of grace, **hear our prayer.**”*

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN”

CHOIR

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION “O Holy Night” Beth Sullivan & Max Chodos

TABLE BLESSING *(remain seated)*

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

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Service of Light narration proclaims God’s light piercing our darkness first at creation, and culminating in Christ, the light of the world. The light of Christ shines on unto everlasting light. During the narration, the deacon lights a large candle from the Christ Candle. The ushers will begin sharing the light with the worshipers, beginning with those seated nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright when giving light to another. At the conclusion of the reading the choir sings “Night of Silence,” after which all join in singing “Silent Night.”

*Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise,
fire of hope is our only warmth, weary, its flame will be dying soon.*

*Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us you speak of the light,
gentle on the ear you whisper softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing,
breathless love awaits darkened souls, soon will we know of the morning.*

*Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of the Son's love,
star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for the loving Son.*

HYMN

“Silent Night”

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child, ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia!
ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING (*stand*)

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Joy to the World”



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her king; let
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all our songs em - ploy, while
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy,
 comes to make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found,
 glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and won - ders of his love,



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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Mendelssohn" by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Lector: Anne Voth

Musician: Jenny Yun, Max Chodos & Beth Sullivan

Choir Director: Max Chodos

Ushers: Jack Anderson, Donna Huber & Tom Andreas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Informal Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Text: John F. Wade, c.1711–1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, alt. Music: ADESTE FIDELES, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711–1786

“On Christmas Night” Text: Luke Wadding, d.1686 Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

“Joy to the World” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: ANTIOCH; English melody, 18th cent.

“Night of Silence” Text and Music: Daniel Kantor, b.1960; © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

“Silent Night” Text: *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885 Music: STILLE NACHT; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

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All are welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church 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) 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).



2022 Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Susan Agonia	In memory of Muggs, Rose, Henry & Marlene Agonia and Lois & Fred Buhrig In honor of my wonderful family
Pastor Christine Buma	In memory of my husband, Dick Buma Jr.
Jay Goldstein & Beth Sullivan	In memory of Winifred Goldstein In honor of Shirlee Lohuis
Adam Holmberg Family	In memory of Pamela Holmberg
Pastor Gene & Grace Holtz	In memory of Ida Stosberg, Jim Sferrazza, Bob Holtz and our siblings
Marilyn Monell	In memory of Howard Monell
Rob & Lisa O'Carroll	In memory of Armin Nimmer In honor of our kids, Bailey and Conor
Pastors Dell & Fran Olson	In memory of John Musch
Sharon Phelps	In memory of Bill Phelps
David & Marie Schilke	In honor of the Christ Child
Liz Starr	In memory of Aunt Gloria
Irene & Anne Voth	In memory of mother & grandmother, Ann Engstrom Thurn
Daniel Weis	In memory of Walter Weis, Marie Weis, and Joan Weis