

# 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!*

*Following the guidance of the CDC and San Diego County we ask that all worshippers wear masks while inside the sanctuary. Thank you.*

## Christmas Day

Dec. 25, 2022 10:00 a.m.

### A Service of Lessons and Carols

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

GATHERING HYMN (*stand*)

“Once in Royal David’s City”

*St. 1-Solo, st. 2,3-all in harmony; st.4- all in unison*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
For that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

WELCOME (*sit*)

GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty; grace, light, and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8–15

CAROL

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”



1. Come, thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15–18

CAROL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
2. O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny;  
3. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
from depths of hell your peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - nu - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–6

CAROL-CHOIR

“Long Ago on Christmas”

## FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymnal #279

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
 yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
 No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
 where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
 cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
 oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.

## FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

CAROL

"The Angel Gabriel"



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, with wings as drift - ed snow, with  
 2. "For now a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be, all gen - er - a - tions laud and  
 3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleas - eth  
 4. Of her Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in Beth - le - hem all on a



eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 hon - or thee; thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told  
 God," she said. "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 Christ - mas morn, and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,"

## SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

CAROL-CHOIR

"For Unto Us a Child is Born"

## SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

CAROL-DUET

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Doris Payne &amp; Karin Kupka (on Euphonium)

## EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow:  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing;  
oh, rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## NINTH LESSON

## John 1:1-14

## CAROL

## "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

*St. 1-all, st. 2-high voices, st.3-all, st.4-low voices, st. 5-all*



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,  
3. This is he whom seers and sag - es sang of old with one ac - cord,  
4. Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;  
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and the Spir - it, One in Three,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the  
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior  
whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom - ised in their  
pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our  
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un - wear - ied



end - ing he of the things that are, that have been,  
of our race, and the babe, the world's re - deem - er,  
faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed;  
God and King; let no tongue on earth be si - lent,  
prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see  
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

A - men.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*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.**

## 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.**

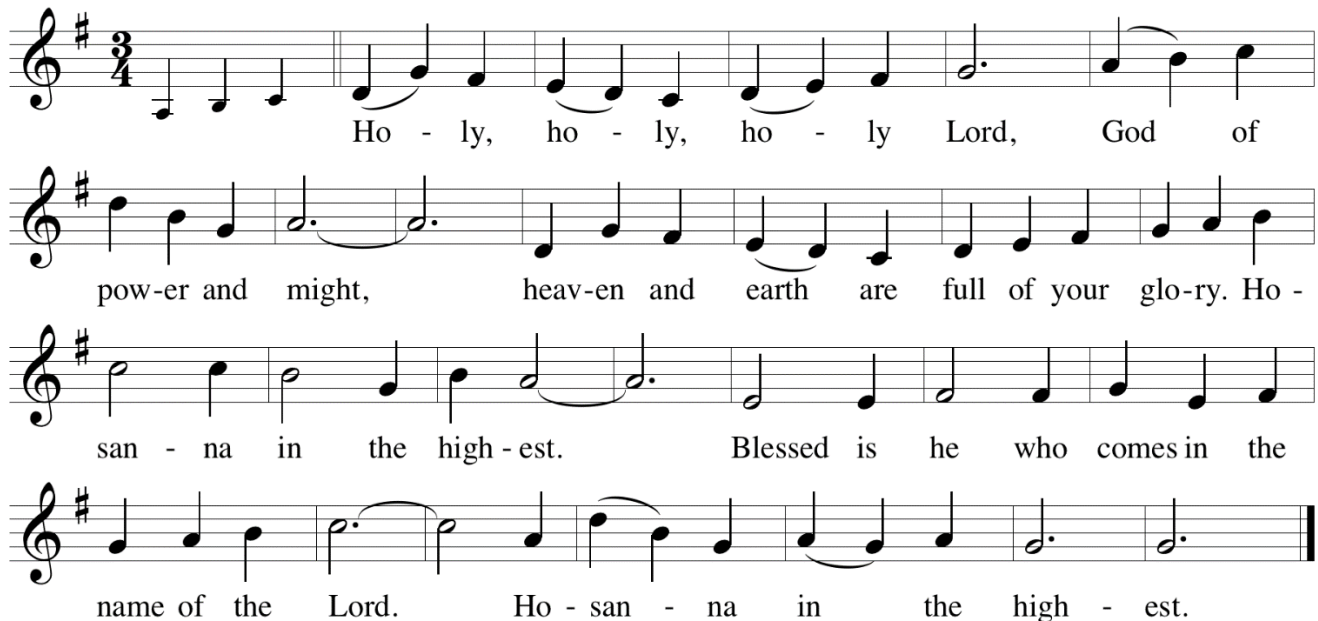
Lift up your hearts.

**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. After the Lord's Prayer the pastor will indicate when to open and eat the packaged wafer and when to open and drink the cup of grape juice.*

## 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.**

## COMMUNITY TIME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING *(stand)*

God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

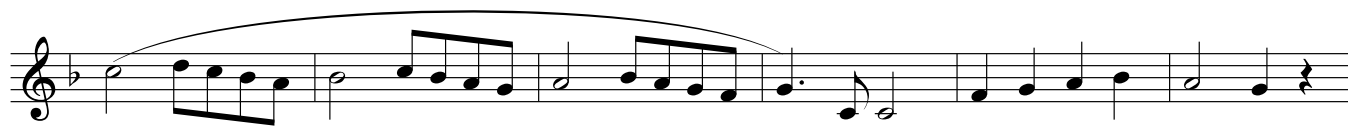
### “Angels We Have Heard on High”



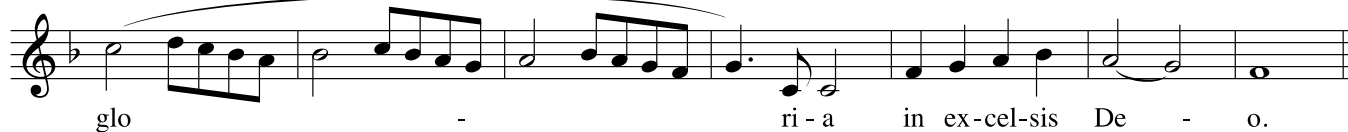
1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep-herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o;



glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Deacon Margy Schmitt Ajer

Lector: Anne Voth

Musician: Doris Payne

Choir Director: Max Chodos

Ushers: Jack Anderson and Mikki Beck

Altar Flowers were donated this week by Pastor Gene & Grace Holtz.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

“Once in Royal David’s City” Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895 Music: IRBY; Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: JEFFERSON; W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. Composite Music: VENI EMMANUEL, Plainsong; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Music: FOREST GREEN; English folk tune

“The Angel Gabriel” Text: Basque Carol, para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924 Music: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE; Basque Carol

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten Text: *Corde natus ex Parentis*; Aurelius Prudentius, 348–413; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866 and Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; 12th C.; Mode V

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862

Music: GLORIA; French traditional

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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).***

**Remember in prayer:** : Eleanor Adcock, Don & Diana Arney, Maddie Couch, Jerry Farrell, Linda Kent, Gwen, Victoria Kautz, Phyllis Knaus, Mila Leonard, Mark McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Rene, 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.

#### **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.

**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.



**Stock Options-** Some families find it advantageous at this time of the year to gift the congregation with shares of appreciated stock. (Speak with your tax advisor to see if this works for you.) The church has a brokerage account to handle such transactions. If you need information on how to set this up speak with Therese Balbo, Treasurer.

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

Today- (no Adult Forum), Sun, January 1 New Year’s Day (no Adult Forum)

Jan. 8- The Most Confusing Book of the Bible, Revelations, Part 1- Led by Anne Voth

Jan 15- The Most Confusing Book of the Bible, Revelations, Part 2- Led by Anne Voth

**New Year’s Day Sunday, we will have 1 service at 10:00am- celebrating Epiphany**

**Today is Deacon Margy’s last Sunday at SMLC.** We thank her for her leadership, guidance, and support over the last year. We wish her well as she embarks on her retirement! Everyone is invited to her Farewell Celebration on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

