



St. Mark's Lutheran Church



ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE
January 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

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SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine

SINGERS: Jennifer Cormack, Michael Katkow, Mackenzie Rosales, Leilani Rodriguez,
Rylee Birtja, Nicole Li, Naomi Li

LECTOR: Norm Rumpf

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Gwen Andrizzi

*CONGREGATION READS

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

We welcome you to worship today and pray that this will be a time of blessings, encouragement, and growth for you. We begin a new theme for the next six weeks during what is known as the church season of Epiphany. Our theme is "Who is This Jesus?" Each week we will explore who this Jesus is and hear testimonies from people sharing their answer to this question as well. This week we hear the story of Jesus' Baptism and God saying, "This is my Son." During the service, we will each have an opportunity to renew our baptismal relationship with God, so I invite you to get a bowl of water and have it ready for later on. Since we are all connected for worship online today via the internet, I would also invite you to let us know that you joined us for worship by sending a quick contact to us. That is located right below the video on the website or in the comments section on Facebook or YouTube.

+ THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✙ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Peace in Christ"
by McKenna Hinson and Nix Day

There is peace in Christ
When we learn to him
Feel the love he felt for us
When he bore our sins
Listen to his words
Let them come alive
If we know him as he is
There is peace in Christ

Refrain :He give us hope
When hope is gone
He give us strength
When we can't go on
He give us shelter
In the storms of life
When there's no peace in earth
There is peace in Christ

There is peace in Christ
When we walk with him
Though the streets of Galilee to Jerusalem
Let the broken arms,
Dry the tear-filled eyes
When we live the way he lives
There is peace in Christ
Refrain 2x

+ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

*And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.

READING Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then Paul said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They

answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.

SONG OF EPIPHANY "My Lighthouse"

by Llewellyn Christopher Dean, Gilkeson Gareth Andrew

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Refrain :My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore...
Safe to shore...
Safe to shore...
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea...
You are my light
Refrain

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Refrain

CHILDREN'S SERMON Gwen Andrizzi

+ GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "After me the one who is more powerful than I is coming; the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

+ SERMON Pastor Mericle

+ TESTIMONY Delaney Rendon

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "Holy Water"

by Ed Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Scott Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash

God, I'm on my knees again
God, I'm begging please again
I need you
Oh, I need you

Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need you
Oh, I need you

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like Holy water on my skin

Dead man walking, slave to sin
I wanna know being born again
I need you
Oh, God, I need you

So, take me to the riverside

Take me under, baptize
I need you
Oh, God I need you

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin
(On my skin)

I don't wanna abuse your grace
God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change (x4)

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips (Yes, it is)
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
It's like holy water

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony on my ears
It's like holy water on my skin
It's like holy water on my skin
It's like holy water

+ BAPTISMAL RENEWAL BLESSING

As we remember the Baptism of Jesus on this day, I want to invite you to also remember your own baptism and know that you have been claimed as a child of God, forgiven and renewed, and blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide you each day.

Let us pray:

Merciful God,

All: we thank you making us your own by water and the Word in the sacrament of Baptism. Help us to be strengthened in our faith, renewed in our call, open to your leading and nourished as a part of your community here at St. Mark's Lutheran. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen

I invite you now to confess your faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

+ APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Now, please take your hands and dip them in the water and sprinkle it on your head three times (in name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit) and then dip one more time with your index finger and make the sign of the cross on one another's head or your own if alone. (make sign of the cross)

PEACE

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

The petitions conclude:

let us pray. *Have mercy, O God.*

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

+ LORD'S PRAYERS

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.*

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,

and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

*Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BLESSINGS

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

*Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN "Who Am I" by Mark Hall

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart?

Refrain: Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean (Ocean)
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am...
I am Yours, I am Yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me?
Refrain

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
And not because of what I've done
But because of who You are...

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean (Ocean)
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
You've told me who I am (I am)
I am Yours (And I am Yours)
I am Yours, I am Yours

Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
'Cause I am Yours, I am Yours

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

So that we may be
*the visible presence of Christ in this community.

Let us go in Peace.
*Thanks be to God.

+ Indicates to stand as you are able. If it is difficult for you to stand please feel free to stay seated or sit back down at any time.

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Printable Children's Bulletin

PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Johanna Locke, Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil-Baker (Francoise's daughter), Rubi Thomas (Irv's sister-in-law) broken leg, Francoise Dutil (back injury), Helene Dutil (Francoise's mama)

ILLNESS: Faye Heinrich, Bob Warda (Denise Jaramillo's father), Bob Mericle – cancer (Pastor Mericle's father), Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother)

COVID: Clay and Nancy Nishiki (neighbors of The Rosentreter's) Both have covid. Clay has been in the hospital since Christmas Eve and Nancy was there for 4 days last week before being released.

SAFETY & HEALTH: Health care workers and families affected COVID.

TREATMENTS: Jamie (John Guerriero's nephew), Larry Birtja (Chris Birtja's father), Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer, Nancy Richardson (Diana Hernandez's friend) cancer, Preslee Durston (Christine Birtja's niece) leukemia treatments

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend) lung lobe removed due to cancer, Nancy Baker, Denise Thomas– knee surgery

HOSPICE: Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother-in-law), Julio Collosi,

GRIEVING: Jane Shaw's family (Retired music teacher from St. Mark's), Family of Cecile Hebert (Francoise Dutil's grandmother), Pam Katase's family (Jane Martin's friend) Martha Godwin's family (Former teacher of St. Mark's)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church just click the link below. Thank you for your generosity.

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GREAT NEWS!!!!

The "Little Library" is open again. There are new choices. Come check it out after Sunday service or stop by during the week. Thank you, Kim Winn. The "Little Library" is located outside the church office. The Christ in Our Home booklets are in the "Little Library" for your convince to pick up.



ACTION FOOD PANTY FOOD DRIVE

Our next Food Drive is on 1/23/2021

From 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

We will collect food for the
Action Food Pantry.

We are asking for food donations, as well as any comfort food you especially like for yourselves.

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!!

Thank you to all who participate each month.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

This year we will not be cooking for the homeless. Instead the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless is asking to collect the wrapped plastic ware sets that we get with our takeout orders for them. They also would like men's underclothes in medium, large, and extra large, women's bras and undershirts/tees are also desired.



Ruth Circle Bible Study

Our next Bible study will be Thursday, January 14th, at 7 p.m., on Zoom. Sharon Heck will send out the Zoom invite about a week before. The January study is titled "Journeys with Angels". Janna is the leader. If you need an invite, phone or email Sharon Heck at s.heck4peace@gmail.com or (562)698-0476. If you need a copy of the study just ask Sharon or Janna (562) 712-2239, jannak49@yahoo.com. We can get one to you. All our ladies are invited to join us.



After Worship, Sunday, January 24th, via ZOOM,
we will elect council members,
and approve the budget.
Please join us!



The office will
be closed
Monday,
January 18th.

Due to governor's order the Church office will be closed until further notice.

We are still working and available
via phone and email.

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Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Zoom Bible Fellowship with Pastor Jim
on Tuesdays

We will have time to share highs and lows and have a discussion on the Bible readings in the coming week's sermon/readings.

TIMES:
Tuesday at 11am – Noon
Tuesday at 8pm – 9pm

Readings – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and John 1:43-51

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: Jan 12th, 2021 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: January 12th, 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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