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**PRERECORDED SERVICE ONLY  
NO IN-PERSON SERVICE  
May 16, 2021  
Ascension Sunday  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights**

To view the service please use one of the following links on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. <https://stmarkshh.com> (Website)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf9V2pfd3FQRI5peGTYHMLQ>  
(YouTube)

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NEW APP (st mark's lutheran church hh)

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**PASTOR:** the Reverend James Mericle

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:** Karla Devine

**SOLOISTS:** Allison Sundman

**LECTOR:** Norm Rumpf

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Shand Garrett

***CONGREGATION READS***

## WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Today, we gather together online as conclude our message series, "Encountering the Risen Jesus", with a focus this week on Jesus' Ascension and last encounter with the disciples.

We would invite you to share that you are watching online today by clicking here: [Connect Card](#) or share a comment in the comments section of Facebook or YouTube.

Finally, we are gathering for Holy Communion today. Please have bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for this part of the service. All who are baptized and believe Christ is present in the meal are welcome to receive communion. A blessing will also be given.

### + THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call--  
the God incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine--  
and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

**+ 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.*

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen*

**FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11**

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

**ANTHEM** Light of the World

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Shand Garrett

+ GOSPEL *Luke24:44-53*

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord*

44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

+ MESSAGE "The Last Encounter" Pastor Jim Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

+ 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.*

**+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

The petitions conclude:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**+PEACE**

**OFFERING** – Online you may go to <https://stmarkshh.com/give> or use the app to make a donation including a small fee or mail it to address at top of this bulletin.

Thank you for your tithes and offering to give thanks to God and support the ministry of God here at St. Mark's.

**OFFERING MUSIC Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord

Still I'll say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name (2x)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name (2x)

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name (2x)

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

#### LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + BLESSINGS

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

### + SENDING HYMN I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

#### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

**+ DISMISSAL**

P: So that we may be

*C: the visible presence of Christ in this community.*

P: Let us Go in Peace.

*C: 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

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**PRAYER LIST:**

**HEALING:** Johanna Locke, Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil-Baker (Francoise's daughter), Francoise Dutil (back injury), Vernon Weigand and Ludmila Montoya (friend of Juliana Guerriero), internal bleeding,

**ILLNESS:** Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother), Connie Rasmussen (Joan Locke's mother) stroke

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

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

**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Baby Felix (son of Elizabeth Batres & Trevor Duran), Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend) lung lobe removed due to cancer, Charlie Muñoz (Lori Munoz's son, director of St. Mark's Preschool), ACL repair, Arnold Anderson, knee replacement

**HOSPICE:** Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother-in-law) and Faye Heinrich

**MOURNING:** Family of Julio Collosi and family of Tito Rivadeneira

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**SPONSOR A YOUTH FOR MISSION TRIP**

Four of our Senior High Youth along with Pastor Jim and Mary Rodriguez will be serving on a Mission Trip in Alamosa, CO, from June 11-19, 2021. We are inviting congregation members and friends to **help in two ways:**





1) Prayers for those attending, for the Youth Works staff and the community of Alamosa

2) Sponsorship of the Youth with suggested donations of \$30, \$60 or \$100 or \$325 to underwrite one participant. Of course all donations are welcomed!

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations by check can be made out to St Mark's Lutheran with "Mission Trip" on the note line and placed in the offering or mailed to office.

Online giving is available on the App – push the Give button or go to [stmarkshh.com/give](http://stmarkshh.com/give) – Choose the Youth Mission Trip Fund.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Movie Night, Cruela DeVille,  
May 28th,  
7:30 PM,  
proceeds go towards senior  
high mission trip.



Vacation Bible School is **BACK** and we are so excited to welcome you back!  
July 26th – July 30th  
6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Join us this summer for an epic journey as we focus on God's greatest treasures.

Each day leaders will reinforce one simple

Bible truth, which makes it easier for kids to remember and carry with them after the program ends! Your child will explore five different Bible truths through Bible stories, crafts, and games\*. Sign up today to reserve your spot and t-shirt! There is no fee for Vacation Bible School. However freewill donations are graciously accepted.

Register online at:

[St. Mark's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School :: VBS Pro :: Group Publishing](#)

Questions? Please contact Melissa Magdaleno ([youthdirector@stmarks.ws](mailto:youthdirector@stmarks.ws)) or Christine Birtja ([cbirtja@gmail.com](mailto:cbirtja@gmail.com))

\*All activities will be in accordance with CDC guidelines set for that time.

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

<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/34WJTS>



You can also give by text to St. Mark's Church. Just text **Stmarksgive** to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive. We would like thank you for your generosity.

You are also welcome to mail in your donation if you prefer not using the internet, our address is:  
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Out to Lunch!



May 27, at noon, at The Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens in Costa Mesa. Enjoy the gardens and lunch. RSVP to Anna Guerriero at 626-330-7310.

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**St. Mark's Lutheran School,  
preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade,  
now accepting applications.**

We understand how important choosing the right school is for your student and the family. St. Mark's is open for enrollment. To apply, go to the St. Mark's School website, [www.stmarks.ws](http://www.stmarks.ws), click "About" on the top bar, scroll down to "Enroll", create your account and you will be guided through the application process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office at (626) 968-0428

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### **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 - Acts 2*

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

**Topic: Bible Fellowship**

**Time: May 18th, 2021 11:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/99843462711?](https://zoom.us/j/99843462711?pwd=UllBOWw3UWR1NG5kTWZCUzVnTnl2QT09)

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**Topic: Bible Fellowship**

**Time: May 18th, 08:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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