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IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine
SOLOIST: Rylee Birtja
LECTOR: Shand Garrett
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Shand Garrett
CONGREGATION READS

+ 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.

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! Whether you are joining us online or in person, we are glad to have you participate in worship as a part of this community. We invite you to click on the [Connect Card](#) or take one in person and let know your name and any other information you would like to share with us. For those visiting, we hope that you will share your phone number and email address so we can follow up with you.

Today we meet Jesus in his hometown, where many are questioning who he really is. Jesus replies that only someone from God could do what he has done and that a house divided against itself will fall. Jesus warns us not to reject the one who forgives and brings salvation. We are to remember that we are often our own worst enemies; rather let us place our trust in Jesus.

We are excited to send off four senior high youth and two adults to Alamosa, CO, for a week of mission and service. Today we will commission those going as short-term missionaries on behalf of Christ and our congregation.

Finally, you are invited to share in Holy Communion today. Please have your communion kit or 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.

PRELUDE – Now We Join in Celebration – Burkhardt

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.
Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN – Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

+ 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.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.
Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength
of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 8:4-20

4Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." 6But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, 7and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day,

forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9Now then, listen to their voice; only — you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

10So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. 11He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; 12and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. 13He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. 15He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. 16He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. 17He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. 18And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

19But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, 20so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM – Beloved, God's Chosen – Burkhardt

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Shand Garrett

After the Children's Message, children wishing to go to Sunday School are dismissed to class.

+ GOSPEL Mark 3:19b–35

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

19and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home; 20and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — 30for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your

mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

MESSAGE Pastor Jim Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Cast Out, O Christ

Cast out, O Christ, cast far away
the demons that destroy:
the haunting dreads that choke our souls,
the hates that stifle joy.

Our raging griefs, our jealous fears
are legion in their name.
Our shackled hearts implore your grace
to loose our binding shame.

So come, O Christ and cast away
the demons that destroy.
Transform our lives to sense your love
and spread abroad your joy.

+ 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

The petitions conclude:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

+PEACE

HYMN OF COMMISSION – Here I Am, Lord (ELW 574)

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP GROUP

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

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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

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BLESSINGS

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West (ELW 650)
Stanza 1,3 & 4

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

+ 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.

POSTLUDE – Cast Out, O Christ – Burkhardt

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Printable Children's Bulletin

PRAYER LIST:

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

ILLNESS: Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother), Diane Pierce (Barbara Richards' friend) stroke, Chuck Pierce (Diane Pierce's husband)

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, Arnold Anderson, knee replacement, Tom Mericle (brother of Pastor Jim) –eye surgery, Zoila Rodriguez (Mother of Pastor Jim's Brother-in-law, Angel Rodriguez), recovering from shoulder replacement surgery and Vernon Weigand, removal of skin cancers.

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

MOURNING: Family of James Sprague, family of Julio Collosi, family of San Luis Obispo police detective, and family of San Bernardino County Deputy Sgt. Dominic Vaca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 – Choose the Youth Mission Trip Fund.



New Horizons Caregivers Group works delivering food locally in Hacienda Heights and La Puente. We are asking each family to buy an extra box of cereal once or twice each month and bring them to the church. We will give them to New Horizons and they will deliver them to clients who are our neighbors. Thank you.



Give

ESGVCH (East San Gabriel Valley Coalition) would like vouchers or gift cards in small amounts (\$5-10) from McDonald's, Carl's Jr., Target, or Starbucks. They still need underwear and wrapped plastic utensil kits.

Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?



The flower chart is hanging in the Narthex. Please email me your dedication as I am not in the office to read the envelope.

fdutil@stmarks.ws

Thank you



Rally Sunday
August 22, 2021



The church office will be closed on Fridays during the summertime. I am still working from home, following my doctor's orders. I am still suffering with this ongoing back injury. I had a major setback at my daughter's graduation ceremony. My father lost his balance and started to fall. My mother and I caught him so he never reached the ground. But in the process we both hurt our backs.

Francoise's Virtual office hours:

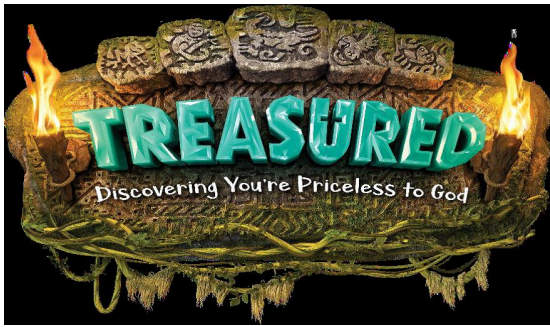
Monday - Thursday

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Pastor Mericle's hours in the church office:

Tuesday & Wednesday

1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.



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:

<https://vbspro.events/p/smlvbs2021>

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

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

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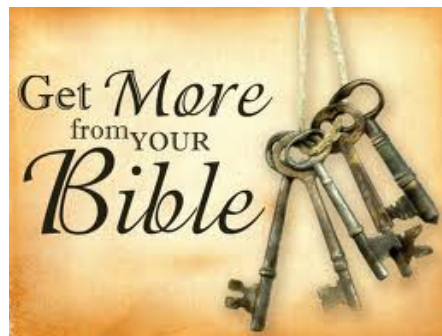


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You are also welcome to mail in your donation if you prefer not using the internet, our address is:

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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 11 am – Noon

Tuesday at 8pm – 9pm

Readings: Psalm: Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15 and Mark 4:26–34

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

Topic: Zoom Bible Fellowship

Time: Jun 8, 2021 11:00 AM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: June 8th, 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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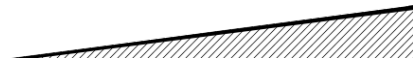
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