



St. Mark's Lutheran Church



IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE
(AT THE TABLES NEAR THE GYM)
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent
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.

to view the service <https://stmarkshh.com> (Website)

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SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine

SOLOIST: Leilani Rodriguez

LECTOR: Kimberly Winn

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Lynn Yann

***CONGREGATION READS**

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WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hacienda Heights. We are blessed to have you join with us in worshiping God today. We are currently in the season of Lent, with this being the Second Sunday of Lent. Our Lenten Worship Theme is "Promises Made, Promises Kept" and today we will focus on God's second covenant made with Abraham and his heirs to be his God. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance and renewal and we hope you have opportunities for all of these today and throughout this season.

For those who are visiting with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube comments or via our contact page from the Website. Welcome and blessings to you!

PRELUDE Lamb of God – Childs

GATHERING HYMN Lamb Of God (ELW 336)

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
 but you have sent him from your side
 to walk upon this guilty sod
 and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the holy Lamb of God.
 Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified.
 We laughed and scorned him as he died.
 The humble king we named a fraud
 and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

I was so lost, I should have died,
 but you have brought me to your side
 to be led by your staff and rod
 and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

+ 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.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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 Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

ANTHEM I Want Jesus to Walk with Me – arr. Miller

CHILDREN'S SERMON Lynn Yann

+ GOSPEL Mark 8:31–38

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

³¹Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

+ SERMON The Promise of Being Blessed –Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Bless Now, O God, the Journey (ELW 326)

1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

3 Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

+ 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.

PEACE

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

The petitions conclude:

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Faithful God,
 you walk beside us in desert places,
 and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
 Accompany us in this meal,
 that we may pass over from death to life
 with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 *Amen.

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+ BLESSINGS

You are what God made you to be:
 created in Christ Jesus for good works,
 chosen as holy and beloved,
 freed to serve your neighbor.
 God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
 in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
 *Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
 raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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

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

POSTLUDE Bless Now, O God, the Journey – Childs

+ 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)

ILLNESS: Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother), Rev. Anne Whitfield

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

COVID : Urai Ruenprom, who also fractured avertebrae (Mary Rodriguez's father)

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, Bob Mericle – cancer (Pastor Mericle's father)

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

HOSPICE: Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother–in–law), Julio Collosi. Faye Heinrich

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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:
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

2323 Las Lomas Drive
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ACTION FOOD PANTY FOOD DRIVE
Our next Food Drive is on 03/20/2021
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.

Attn: Wanna-be detectives

MISSING 🙄🙄🙄

Two sets of altar cloths have disappeared. Did another church borrow them? Are they at some cleaners? Where could they have gone 😊?. It's a mystery. The **red** and **purple** sets can not be found 🙄🙄. Anyone with information please contact Lynn Yann at (626)347-4519 or lynnynn43@gmail.com. Altar guild members will be eternally grateful 🙏.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: We will worship using the Holden Evening Prayer and the message will be a study of the Letter of 1 John, one chapter a week. This week is Chapter 2: **The New Commandment. The worship is prerecorded and will be available online at 1pm Wednesday.**

- Lenten Devotional: Amazing Mystery from Luther Seminary is available to download from here: [Lenten Devotional](#). You may also find it on our App: St Mark's Lutheran Church HH (download from Apple, Amazon or Google Play Stores)



Ruth Circle will meet Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7: 00 PM on Zoom. We will continue our Bible study titled "Journeys with Angels" which is printed in our *Gather Magazine*. Session three of the study appears in the March 2021 issue of the magazine, and Sharon Heck will lead the study.. All are welcome to join in our Women of the ELCA meeting. If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation, or have a copy of the study, contact Sharon Heck - 562-698-0476 or Janna Barnhart - 562-699-2815. We hope to "see" many of you at our March 11 Ruth Circle meeting.



Give now for Texas storm relief

"I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Dear friends,

The last year has been full of changes and challenges for all of us. Now we are again witnessing a devastating disaster amid the ongoing pandemic. As neighbors in Christ, we have an opportunity to share God's hope, healing and renewal with each other. Beginning Feb. 14, a polar vortex descended over the United States. Subfreezing temperatures and heavy snow swept across the country, impacting millions of people. The harsh conditions severely impacted Southern states, such as Texas, which lack the infrastructure to handle the freezing temperatures and record-setting snow and ice. This has led to power, food and water shortages throughout the region. At its peak, 4.5 million homes and businesses in Texas were without power. With bursting pipes and broken water systems, around 10 million Texans are facing water disruptions. As temperatures rise, melting ice and snow is expected to cause more water damage.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the Southwestern Texas Synod, the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. Congregations are already conducting relief efforts such as supplying water, food and generators to those in need and opening their doors to serve as shelters. Long-term recovery may include repairing water-damaged homes, disaster case management and supporting vulnerable populations.

Please give today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose lives have been devastated by the severe storms in Texas. Gifts designated for "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response.

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by severe winter storms and subfreezing temperatures in Texas. Doing this we reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. For updates on this and other disasters, follow Lutheran Disaster Response on **Facebook**.

With gratitude for your partnership,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding
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Southwest California Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Today, February 28, a Worship Service will be made from
SWCA Synod African Descent Ministries

Black History Month Podcast Series
Presented by the African Dhe South

Standing on the shoulders of the saints, Living Lutheran 2012

Each Friday in February (and one in March), the African Descent pastors of the Southwest California Synod will be offering a podcast in honor of the Black History of the American Lutheran Church, hosted by the Rev. Johnel Barron, Pastor of Olivet

Lutheran Church, Hawthorne and presented by the Rev. James Phillips, African Descent Coordinator for SWCA Synod & Christ Lutheran Church, West Covina Interim Pastor; the Rev. John Miller, Interim Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church & Another level Ministries, Los Angeles; the Rev. Kenneth Davis, Interim Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Encino; and the Rev.

Rod Hines, Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Inglewood.



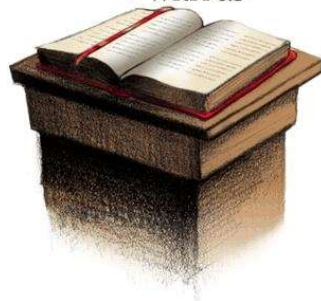
Announcing our 32nd St. Mark's Auction -
"Leaving your Paw Prints for Generations to Come "
Mark your Calendar for our 32nd St. Mark's Auction! **April 23 - April 25, 2021.**

This year, we will celebrate St. Mark's with a different type of Auction online and a special Virtual Auction Event at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24th. And, this year, the whole family may sign in to view the online auction and the Virtual Event featuring our staff members, Booster Club members, and maybe some surprise guests. **Register online today at www.stmarks.ws/donate** for

one \$25 ticket which entitles you:

- To bid online for Auction items over a three-day period, Friday, April 23rd, Saturday, April 24th, and Sunday, April 25th
- To watch the *SML VIRTUAL AUCTION EVENT* on Saturday, April 24th with your family
- To one (1) Raffle Ticket for the SML Tuition Raffle (*redeemable for one student's one month of tuition for the 2021-2022 school year*)
- Register by February 28, 2021 for the \$100 Amazon Gift Card - the Early Bird Registration Raffle Prize.

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 – **Exodus 20:1–21** and **John 2:13–22**

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

Topic: Bible Fellowship
Time: March 2nd, 2021 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
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Topic: Bible Fellowship
Time: March 2nd, 08:00 PM

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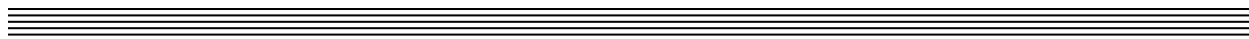
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For any emergency or pastoral care please feel free to call Pastor Mericle at 651-249-6261.



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