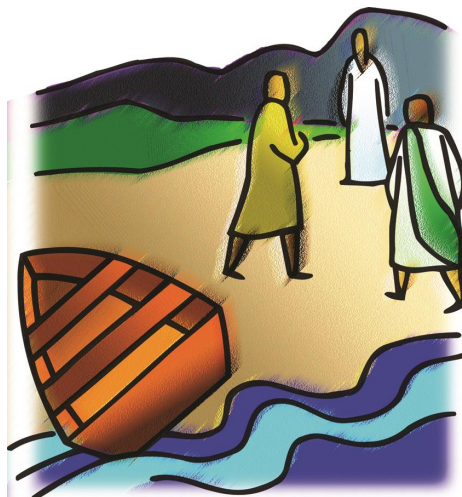




St. Mark's Lutheran Church



LIVESTREAM SUNDAY SERVICE
NO IN-PERSON SERVICE
January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after Epiphany
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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(YouTube)
<https://www.facebook.com/St.MarksLCHH> (Facebook page)
NEW APP (st mark's lutheran church hh)

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine
SOLISTS: Nicole Li and Naomi Li
LECTOR: Norman Rumpf
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Norman Rumpf
***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 continue to observe the 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 answers to his question as well. This week we hear the story of the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the calling of his first four disciples to become new types of fishermen. 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. Thank you and God bless

PRELUDE In Thee Is Gladness – Bach**+ 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 In Thee Is Gladness – ELW 867

- 1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

+ 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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Amen.

READING Psalm 62:5-12

God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹ God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹² Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

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

ANTHEM Follow Me – Simon

CHILDREN'S SERMON Norman Rumpf

+ GOSPEL Mark 1:14–20

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

*Glory to you, O Lord

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the dominion of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for human beings.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As Jesus went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰ Immediately Jesus called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

+ SERMON Monk or Fisherman – Pastor Mericle

+ TESTIMONY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore – ELW 817

Stanza

1 You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;

now with you, I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. Refrain
- 4 You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain

+ 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

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 We Are Marching in the Light – ELW 866

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing, singing,)
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing (singing, we are sing, singing,)
we are singing in the light of God.

+ 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 We Are Marching in the Light – Behnke

+ 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, Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother)

COVID: Kim Winn COVID pneumonia, Gary and Sharon Bradford, Joyce and Bob Evangelista.

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, 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

GRIEVING: Family of Dolores Pollard (James Pollard's wife), Family of Clay Nishiki (neighbor of the Rosentreter), Family of Bob Warda (Denise Jaramillo's father)

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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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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2323 Las Lomitas Drive
Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745

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. **Christ in Our Home is in there as well.**



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.



Youth Group will be at 4:30 on Wednesdays via Zoom. St. Mark's Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Junior High Youth

Time: **Jan 20, 2021 04:30 PM Pacific Time**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92425706519?pwd=TnpXSXByeDdMSzdQdXZQeIFSVWUwdz09>

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Confirmation will be at 6:30pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. St. Mark's Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom Confirmation

Time: Jan 20, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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



CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
FAIR TRADE!

Get started on your Valentine's Day shopping early!

It is so exciting that Ten Thousand Villages, Redondo Beach, now has all of its merchandise listed on the Square site listed on this link. If you would like to make any purchases on the site, I would be glad to pick it up on any Saturday afternoon. Just make sure that you place your order before 10:00 on a Saturday, so that they can fill it and I can pick it up. And please email me at kjdevine99@yahoo.com to let me know that I need to stop in at the store. Here is the link: <https://tenthousandvillagesredondo.square.site/> USE THIS LINK ONLY. Otherwise you will be going to the national website in PA! This is an on-going offer, that I am willing to pick up your purchase any week of the month.

Thank you for your support of fair trade!

Karla



Invitation to
A Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation

Sunday, January 31, 4–5:30 pm via
Zoom

Please email Sharon Heck at
s.heck4peace@gmail.com to register

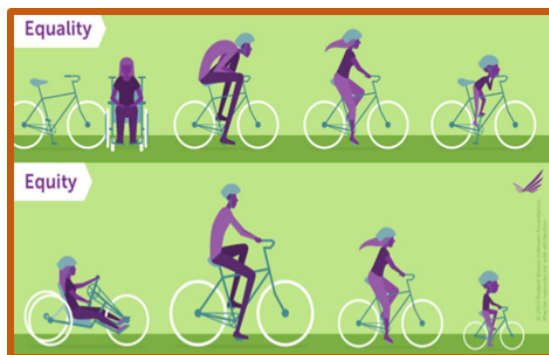
Why does poverty impact people of color disproportionately in our nation? As awareness of the realities of racism in our nation grows, Bread for the World offers this 1 1/2-hour experience, designed to introduce participants not just to the current racial wealth gap, but how it has been embedded in the fabric of the U.S. economy for centuries and continues today amidst the pandemic.

Presenters:

David Gist – Bread for the World, Senior Organizer

Regina Banks – Lutheran Office of Public Policy–CA, Director

Sponsored by the Southwest California Synod Mission Team for Justice

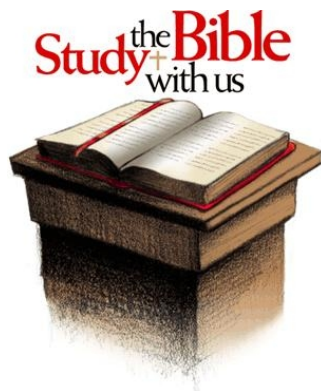


The Church office will be closed until further notice.

We are still working and available
via phone and email.

Pastor Jim (651)249-6261
Email: jimmericle@msn.com

Françoise (626)961-2486
The phone rings my cell phone.
Email fdutil@stmarks.ws



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 – Deuteronomy 18:15–20 and Mark 1:21–28

Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: January 26th, 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: January 26th, 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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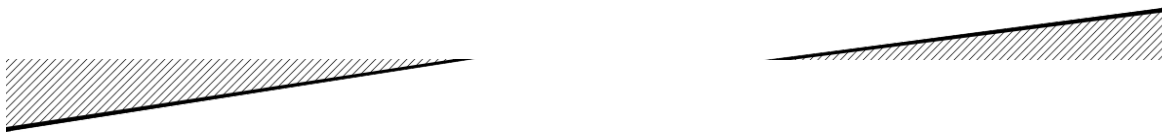
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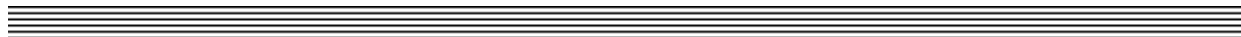
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For any emergency or pastoral care please feel free to call Pastor Mericle at 651-249-6261.



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