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IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM SUNDAY SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY
June 13, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

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NEW APP (st mark's lutheran church hh)

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: Thomas Johnson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine

TRUMPET: Nathan Wilson

SOLOIST: Krista Guerrero

LECTOR: Kim Winn

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Gwen Andrizzi

*CONGREGATION READS

PRELUDE – The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field – Uhl

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and School. It is great to have you join us for worship. A special welcome to those visiting with us today. We hope that we will have made you feel welcomed. If you have any questions, ask one of our greeters or ushers. A special welcome to our guest pastor, Rev. Thom Johnson, who will lead us in worship today while Pastor Jim is on the mission trip.

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card that you have and leave in the offering plate. For those who are worshipping with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube comments or click here: [Connect Card](#).

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

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 –Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

+ 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, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Amen.

READING Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

2 to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;

3 on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

14 they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

15that they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

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

ANTHEM – Seed That in Earth Is Dying –arr. by Ellingboe

CHILDREN'S SERMON Gwen Andrizzi

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

+ GOSPEL Mark 4:26–34

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

26Jesus said, "The dominion of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, the sower does not know how. 28The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once the sower goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

30Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the dominion of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

33With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

SERMON – Pastor Thom

+ HYMN OF THE DAY –The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field
Stanza 1–4 –Soloist, Stanza 5 – all

1 The reign of God, like farmer's field,
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete.

2 The reign of God is like a pearl
on barren land concealed.
If once you find that precious pearl,
go out and buy that field.

- 3 Though hidden now, the reign of God
may, yet unnoticed, grow;
from deep within it rises up,
like yeast in swelling dough.
- 4 Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of ev'ry feather come
to nest, and there be fed.
- 5 The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is here!

+ 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

*Amen.

+ 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.

OFFERING

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BLESSING

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

+ SENDING HYMN – God of the Fertile Fields

- 1 God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in ev'ry land
be clothed and fed.
- 2 We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people ev'rywhere,
that all may live.

- 3 As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused
your love bestows.
- 4 God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

+ 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 – Maestoso – Telemann

+ 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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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, Krystal Barnhart

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.

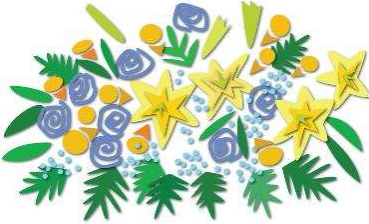
TREATMENTS: Jamie (John Guerriero's nephew), Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer, Nancy Richardson (Diana Hernandez's friend) cancer, Preslee Durston (Christine Birtja's niece) leukemia treatments, Bob Mericle – cancer (Pastor Mericle's father)

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, Alex Cormack

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

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Given by Frank & Kim Winn,
in honor of their grandson's (Joshua
Winn) birthday.

Given by Bill and Nancy Baker,
in honor of their granddaughter
Cara's 5th birthday.



SENIOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP PRAYERS FOR SAFE TRAVEL

Four of our Senior High Youth, along with Pastor Jim and Mary Rodriguez, will be serving on a mission trip in Alamosa, CO, June 11-19, 2021. We are inviting congregation members and friends to pray for their safe travels and the

communities they will be serving.



WELCA

All of the ladies of the congregation are invited to join Ruth Circle for our "Gather" Bible study. We will be meeting on MONDAY, June 14th. Ruth Jasso will be our leader. If you need a Zoom invite or a copy of the study, please call Sharon Heck (562)698-0476 or email s.heck4peace@gmail.com



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.

Food Pantry



FOOD PANTY FOOD DRIVE

Our next Food Drive will be on Saturday, June 19th, from 11:00 AM –12:30 PM. Thank you to our regular donors, and welcome to newcomers. Any non-perishable items are acceptable, but they request no glass bottles. They also accept diapers for babies or adults.

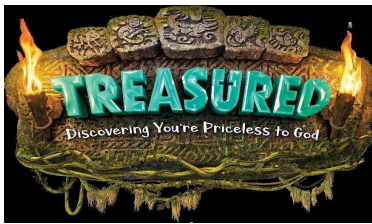
Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?



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

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Thank you



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.



Francoise's **virtual office** hours:

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

Office closed on Fridays

**Pastor Mericle will return to the office
Wednesday, June 23rd.**

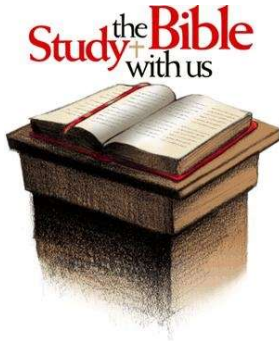
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You are also welcome to mail in your donation if you prefer not using the internet, our address is:

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**NO BIBLE STUDY FOR
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WILL RESUME JUNE 29th.**

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