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IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM SUNDAY SERVICE  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
**MAY 30, 2021**  
THE HOLY TRINITY  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

#### SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: James Mericle  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine  
SOLOISTS: Blake Do, Maddie Do  
PERCUSSIONISTS: Rylee Birtja, Garrett Birtja and Sawyer Birtja  
LECTOR: Leilani Rodriguez  
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Gwen Andrizzi  
**\*CONGREGATION READS**

PRELUDE – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – Post

#### 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. Or contact Pastor Mericle after the service or via email mail or phone (see above). Today is Holy Trinity Sunday and we will explore this basic tenet of the Christian faith that is not really understood well even by many Christians.

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 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (ELW 413)

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

+ 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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\*Amen.

READING Romans 8:12-17

2So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — 13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

ANTHEM – God of the Universe – Christopherson

CHILDREN'S SERMON Gwen Andrizzi

After the Children's Message, children wishing to go to Sunday School are dismissed to class. Children will return before the end of worship.

+ GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

\*Glory to you, O Lord

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh,

and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

SERMON Encounters with the Holy Trinity –Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (ELW 412)

- 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun—  
the interweaving of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time  
did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope,  
made room within their dance.
- 2 Come, see the face of Trinity,  
newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns  
outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant  
for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death,  
God rolls away the stone.
- 3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,  
as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost  
to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death,  
our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe  
that we are free to move!
- 4 Within the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.

Let voices rise and interweave,  
by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life:  
the dance of Trinity.

+ 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

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.

## 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 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW414)

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

### + 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 – Holy God, We Praise Your Name – Hobby

+ 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), 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, 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, Charlie Muñoz (Lori Munoz's son, director of St. Mark's Preschool), ACL repair, 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.

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

**MOURNING:** Family of James Sprague, family of Julio Collosi, family of Tito Rivadeneira, families of San Luis Obispo police detective, Lucas Benedetti and Stockton police officer Jimmy Inn who were killed in the line of duty two weeks ago.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Given by Gwen and Jim Andrizzi's  
in honor of their granddaughter's  
(Maya Sobel) second birthday.



Thank you all for the notes and kind words that you have sent after the loss of my father. I've shared the messages with the other members of my family, and they have brought great comfort to us as we grieve our loss. We sincerely appreciate the prayers and thoughts.  
Carolyn Collosi and family



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.

**For those who are interested, both Walmart and the 99 store have good cereal specials right now.**



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.



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY 31ST,  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE  
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.



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.



### 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, 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.**

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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St. Mark's Lutheran



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

Study <sup>the</sup> 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 11 am – Noon

Tuesday at 8pm – 9pm

Readings – 1 Samuel 8:4–20 and Mark 3:20–35

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

Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: June 1st, 2021 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 998 4346 2711

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Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: June 1st, 08:00 PM

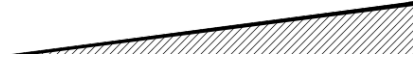
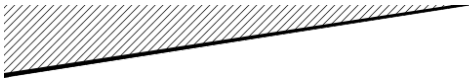
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