

EPHESIANS

Surviving and Thriving in a
Messed-up World

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(per Synod Guidance and County Mandate)**

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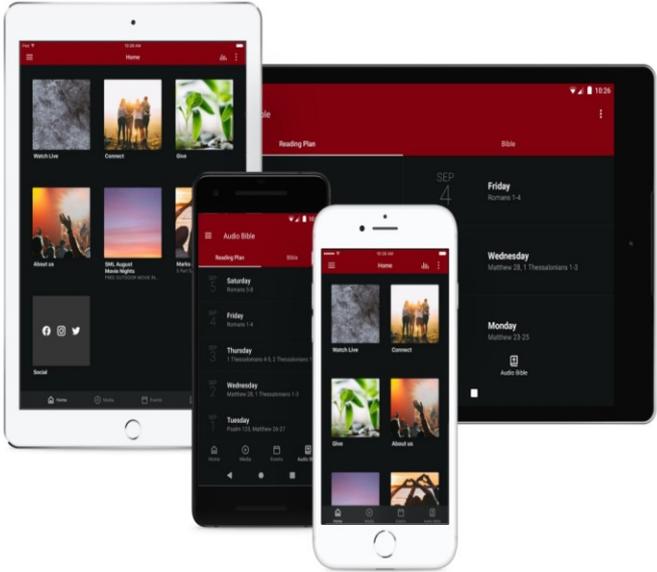


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St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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REACHING OUT

If you know of someone who could use a greeting card (illness, facing surgery, going through a difficult time, or miss seeing you), please submit the person's name, address and reason for the card to Tracy Nishizu @ nnishizu@gmail.com and she will send one out.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES is supporting a local Hacienda Heights organization, New Horizons Caregivers Group, with their SCHOOL BACK PACK distribution

DETAILS IN BULLETIN



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. Thank you.

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Rally Sunday
10:00 AM
August 22nd

Donations
Needed

**The Habit Hamburgers, Games,
Prizes and more**



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 18, 2021, 9:00 AM

Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Hobby

You are invited to quietly listen and prepare your hearts for worship.

We welcome you to St. Mark's Lutheran as we gather to worship, learn, share and explore our relationship to God. Today we continue a seven-week sermon series on the Letter to the Ephesians, which Paul wrote while in prison in Rome around 60 AD to help encourage and strengthen the fledgling Christian community's faith.

It still remains poignant for us today and our theme is Surviving and Thriving in a Messed-Up World. Today we focus on Chapter 2 and how Christ breaks down the walls that separate us from God and encourages us to do the same in our lives so that we may truly thrive.

+ BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

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 for reflection and self-examination

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.

**1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.**

+ 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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*Gathering + **Word** + Thanksgiving + Sending*

READING

Ephesians 2:11-22 pg. 1067

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, whose men were called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Give Me Jesus
Leilani Rodriguez

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

WHO'S READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?



**Sunday School is Bible study, worship and fun!
All children
ages Preschool through 6th grade
are invited to attend.**

**Children are now excused to meet their teacher in the
Narthex.**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

³⁴As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When Jesus and the disciples had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

SERMON
WE ARE NO LONGER ALIENS
AND STRANGERS

Eastern Mediterranean Sea in First Century



**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

+ 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 CHURCH

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

The petitions conclude:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

OFFERTORY

Now the Silence

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To give an offering
online go to:

[https://stmarkshh.com/
give](https://stmarkshh.com/give)

or

Use the St. Mark's App

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive the body and the blood of Jesus Christ. You may use the communion kit available in the entry area at your seat or come forward to receive the bread wafer and the cup of wine/juice. Remove your mask to receive the elements. Please dispose of the cups in the empty tray;

For those who do not receive communion you are welcome to come forward for a blessing by placing your hands over your heart.

Now the silence

Now the peace

Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling

Now the plea

Now the Father's arms in welcome

Now the hearing

Now the pow'r

Now the vessel brimmed for pouring

Now the body

Now the blood

Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding

Now the songs

Now the heart forgiven leaping

Now the Spirit's visitation

Now the Son's epiphany

Now the Father's blessing

Now

Now

Now

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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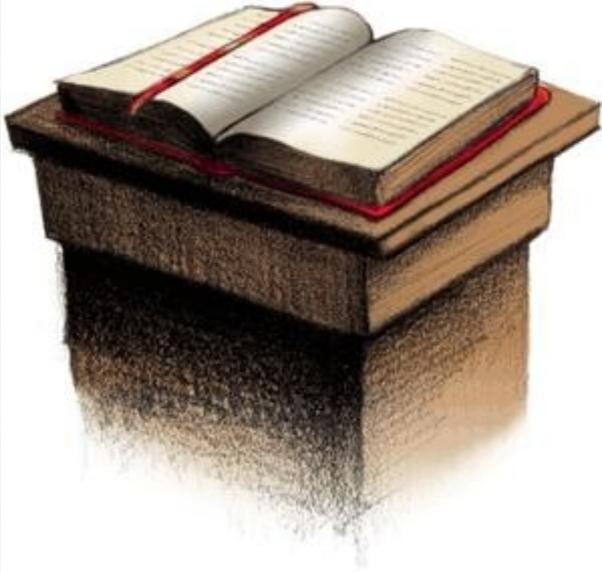
Ladies' July Luncheon,
Thursday, July 22, noon
Alicia's Cookery
RSVP Anna



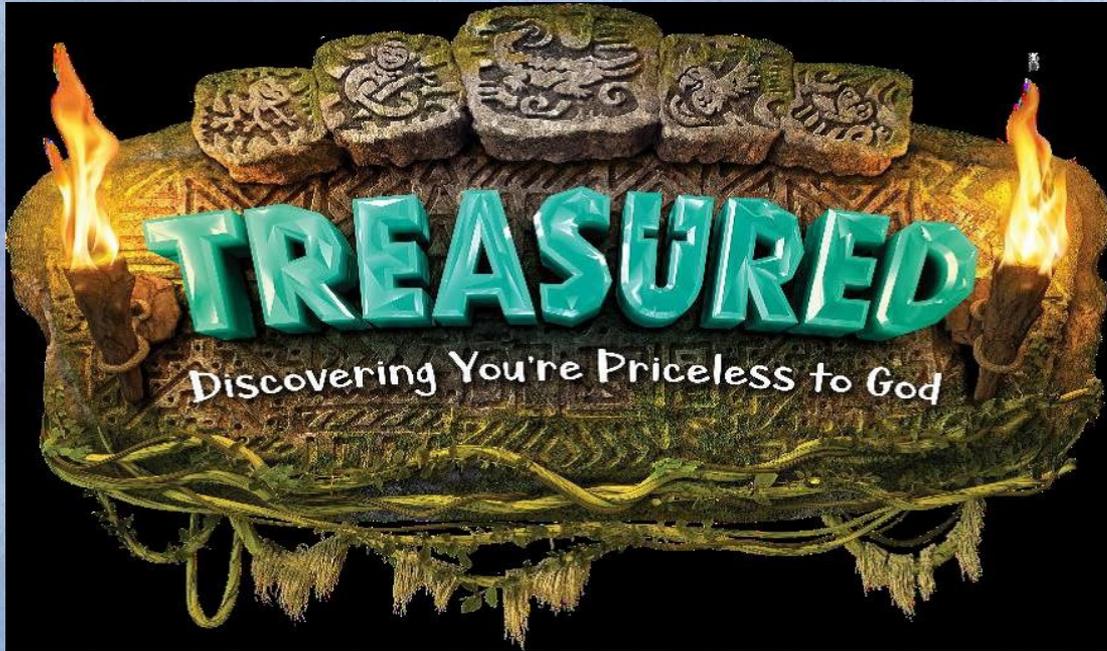
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Our next Food Drive
will be on
Saturday, July 24th, from
11:00 AM -12:30 PM.

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



**BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY,
JULY 20th
DETAILS IN
BULLETIN**



**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.**

**MORE DETAILS IN
BULLETIN**



VBS
Sunday
Brunch,
Sunday,
August 1st.

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+ BLESSING

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

**1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my
own.”**

**2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can
cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

**3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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

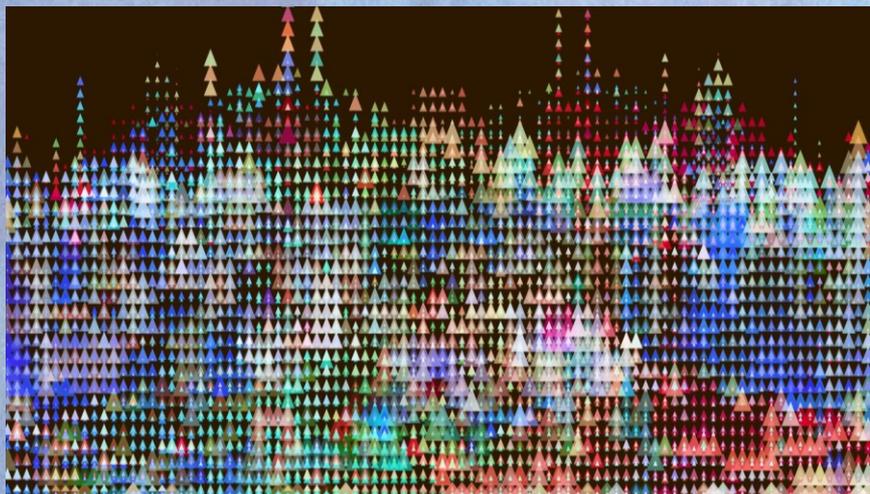
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