
St. Mark's Lutheran Church



IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE
AT THE TABLES NEAR THE GYM
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine
SOLOIST: Rylee Birtja
LECTOR: Lynn Yann
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Norm Rumpf
CONGREGATION READS

PRELUDE – We Walk by Faith – Floeter

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 worshipping God today. We are currently in the season of Easter and our worship theme is "Encounters with the Risen Jesus." Each week we will focus on a different encounter that Jesus had after his resurrection, and how we may encounter Jesus in our lives today. This morning we will be in the Upper Room with the disciples (and later, Thomas) as Jesus suddenly appears to them. What does it mean to have doubts and faith in our own lives?

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card which you will receive and leave it 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](#).

Finally, we are gathering for Holy Communion today. If you are here in person, please pick up a communion kit. If you are with us online please have bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for this part of the service. All who are baptized and believe Christ is present in the meal are welcome to receive communion. A blessing will also be given.

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (ELW 385)

Stanza 1, 2 & 4

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,

the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, 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.
Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your
children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the
resurrection 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

FRIST READING Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM How Lovely and How Pleasant – Burkhardt

CHILDREN'S SERMON Norm Rumpf

+ GOSPEL John 20:19–31

The holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the
house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and
stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

+ SERMON Encounter in the Room Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY We Walk by Faith (ELW 635)
Stanza 1 – soloist, 2-4 – all

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

+ 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 PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

The petitions conclude:

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

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING – Place in the plates on the tables near where you enter or leave. Online you may go to <https://stmarkshh.com/giving> or use the app to make a donation including a small fee or mail it to address at top of bulletin.

Thank you for your tithes and offering to give thanks to God and support the ministry of God here at St. Mark's.

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.

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE 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.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY ON RETURNING TO SANCTUARY ON MAY 2

+ BLESSINGS

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)

- 1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

- 2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. Refrain

+ DISMISSAL

P: So that we may be

C: the visible presence of Christ in this community.

P: Let us Go in Peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! – 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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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Johanna Locke, Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil-Baker (Francoise's daughter), Francoise Dutil (back injury), Vernon Weigand, Baby Felix (son of Elizabeth Batres & Trevor Duran), Lindsay Miranda (broken arm), and Ludmila Montoya (friend of Juliana Guerriero), internal bleeding

ILLNESS: Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother), Connie Rasmussen (Joan Locke's mother) stroke

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: Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend) lung lobe removed due to cancer, Crystal Miranda

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

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The ladies will be going out to lunch on April 22nd to Lazy Dog Restaurant in Brea at 12:00 PM.

Please call Anna Guerriero (626-330-7310) to RSVP. We presently have 2 reservations for 6 and have requested outside dining.



"Celebrate Earth Day St. Mark's Style with a morning at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands"

Join us on April 28th, for a morning at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands, where we will walk the loop and enjoy the wildflowers and wildlife. No outside animals allowed. Bring a hat, sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes.

We will meet to carpool/caravan at SML at 9:00 a.m. We are hoping to enter the wetlands at 10:00 a.m. if you would like

to join us there. There is possible lunch opportunities as well.

I don't think there is a charge for entrance but there is a parking lot charge.

Please let Holly, Lynn, Terry V. or Mary know if you are interested in joining us.

Holly 626-482-7872

Mary 626-825-7630

Terry V 626-625-4130

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preschool - 8th grade,

St. Mark's Lutheran



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Give

ACTION FOOD PANTY FOOD DRIVE

Our next Food Drive will be on Saturday, April 24th, from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM. Thank you to our regular donors, and welcome to newcomers.

The Action Food Pantry really appreciates our participation in their ministry. Any non-perishable items are acceptable, but they request **no glass bottles**. They also accept diapers for babies or adults.

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32nd ST. MARK'S AUCTION - APRIL 23-25, 2021 - PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS!

[Watch our trailer for the 32nd Annual Silent Auction Video!](#)

Our theme is "Leaving Your Paw Prints for Generations to Come." Our Live Stream Event will feature staff members, parents, and alumni speaking about the St. Mark's experience - how we've grown into a strong community together, how we fondly remember our past, and where we see ourselves in the future. Our Live Stream

Event airs on April 24th, at 6:00 p.m., the second day of our three day Silent Auction Event of online bidding. You and your entire family can watch together... but first, our sneak preview for your viewing! www.stmarks.ws/donate.

Do you have questions about how to bid and donate? Please see our "Frequently Asked Questions" and a super-short Greater Giving video, also at www.stmarks.ws/donate.

Please see today's flyer thanking our Auction Sponsors. Being a Sponsor is a strong show of support for our school. Sponsorship information is at www.stmarks.ws/donate. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH
MOVIE NIGHT FOR ALL AGES
SPONSORED BY THE SR. HI MISSION TRIP
Time: 7:30 PM

There will be a free will donation for each car. Snacks and pizza will be available for purchase! All proceeds go to support the Youth Mission Trip to Alamosa in mid-June.

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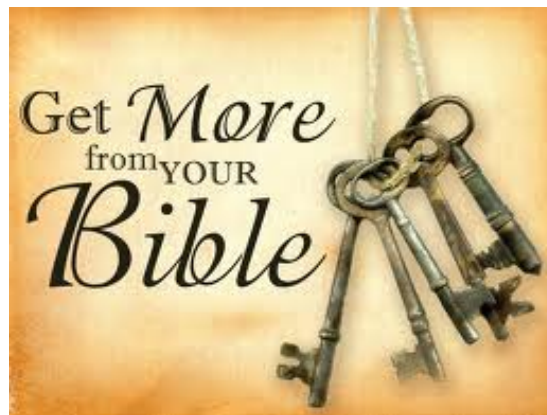
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You are also welcome to mail in your donation if you prefer not using the internet, our address is:

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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 – Psalm 114 and Luke 21:13-34

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

Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: April 20th, 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Bible Fellowship
Time: April 20th, 8:00 PM

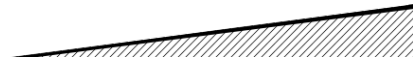
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