



St. Mark's Lutheran Church



IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE
(AT THE TABLES NEAR THE GYM)
February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of Our Lord
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine
SOLOIST: Rylee Birtja
LECTOR: Rylee Birtja
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Gwen Andrizzi
*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. This is our last Sunday in the season of Epiphany and is known as Transfiguration Sunday. 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 this question as well. This week we look at Jesus the Transformer as he shines out in this story as his full self and is the one God calls us to listen to.

I invite you to let us know that you joined us for worship by completing a visitor connection card or by sending a quick contact note to us. The contact section is located right below the video on the website or in the leave a message in the comments section on Facebook or YouTube. Thank you and God bless.

PRELUDE Beautiful Savior – Keesecker

GATHERING HYMN Beautiful Savior – ELW 838

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

+ 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, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.*

READING 2 Kings 2:1–12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the

place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its drivers!" But when Elisha could no longer see Elijah, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

ANTHEM Transfiguration – Martinson

CHILDREN'S SERMON Gwen Andrizzi

+ GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a

voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

+ SERMON Transformer –Pastor Mericle

+ TESTIMONY Teri Van Riper

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Shine, Jesus, Shine – ELW 671

Refrain

Shine Jesus shine,
fill this land
with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me: Refrain

2 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on 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.

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+ BLESSINGS

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.
*Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling –ELW 631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

+ 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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Callahan

+ 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)

ILLNESS: Faye Heinrich, Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother)

SAFETY & HEALTH: Health care workers and families affected by COVID.

COVID : Urai Ruenprom, who also a fractured vertebrae (Mary Rodriguez's father)

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 Marcelo Rivadeneria (Diana Hernandez's family)

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ACTION FOOD PANTY FOOD DRIVE
Our next Food Drive is on 02/20/2021
From 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
We will collect food for the
Action Food Pantry.

We are asking for food donations, as well as any
comfort food you especially like for yourselves.

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!!

Thank you to all who participate each month.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 PM via Livestream
- Sunday Lenten Series, "Promises Made, Promises Kept"
- Wednesdays prerecorded services featuring Holden Evening Prayer and message on the letter of 1 John, one chapter per week.



Southwest California Synod
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God's work. Our hands.

On Sunday, February 28, a Worship Service will be made from
SWCA Synod African Descent Ministries

Black History Month Podcast Series
Presented by the African Dhe South

Standing on the shoulders of the saints, Living Lutheran 2012

Each Friday in February (and one in March), the African Descent pastors of the Southwest California Synod will be offering a podcast in honor of the Black History of the American Lutheran Church, hosted by the Rev. Johnel Barron, Pastor of Olivet Lutheran Church, Hawthorne and presented by the Rev. James Phillips, African Descent Coordinator for SWCA Synod & Christ Lutheran Church, West Covina Interim Pastor; the Rev. John Miller, Interim Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church & Another level Ministries, Los Angeles; the Rev. Kenneth Davis, Interim Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Encino; and the Rev. Rod Hines, Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Inglewood.

High School Youth Mission Trip - Will be June 11-18, 2021 and will be located at Alamosa, Colorado. Open to current 8th graders to 12th graders. Cost will be \$625 with a \$100 deposit due by March 1, 2021. For more information contact pastorjim@stmarks.hh.com. Information will be sent by mail in the coming week as well.



The office will
be closed
Monday,
February 15th,
Presidents' Day.



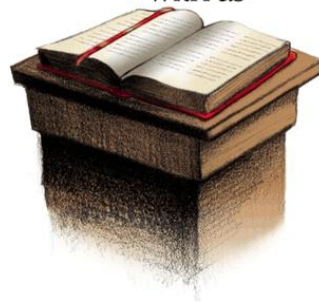
Hello everyone. I wanted to let you know that I injured my back on December 6th. I have taken several different treatments and as I have improved, I have not improved as much as I should have by this time. The doctor has me on a medicine that prevents me from driving. She has cut my hours to allow time for my physical therapy (That I should be doing four times a day.) done and walking for a half an hour. I will be having an MRI Monday, February 15th, to see why I have not fully recovered. I will still be

available by phone and email. I will be working everyday as well. I ask if you can pray for me.

Thank you for your understanding.

Francoise

Study ^{the} 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 – Genesis 9:8–17 and Mark 1:9–15

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

Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: February 16, 2021 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Bible Fellowship
Time: February 16, 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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