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IN-PERSON and LIVESTEAM SUNDAY SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY JUNE 20, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

Please remember to wear your mask.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: James Mericle ALTAR GUILD: Holly Wolfe, Teri Van Riper DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine CANTOR: Holly Wolfe SINGERS: Blake Do, Maddie Do and Audrey Cotton LECTOR: Terry Van Riper CHILDREN'S SERMON: Lynn Yann *CONGREGATION READS

PRELUDE – This Is My Father's World – Zuiderveld

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you join us for worship today. Today's focus is on how Jesus can calm the troubled waters in our hearts and lives. "Peace, be still!" We will also be sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please pick up a communion kit in the entry area to have ready during the worship service. For those online, please have bread/cracker and wine/juice ready for Communion. For those worshiping 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: <u>Connect Card.</u>

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR 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.

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, I the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. *Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – This Is My Father's World (ELW 824)

 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

- 2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
- This is my Father's world;
 oh, let me not forget
 that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world;
 why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
 God reigns, let earth be glad!

+ 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 of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.

READING 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with God, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For God says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

ANTHEM - Come with a Grateful Heart - Bailey

CHILDREN'S SERMON Lynn Yann After the Children's Message, children wishing to go to Sunday School are dismissed to class.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - The Storm - Horman

+ GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - The Storm - Horman

SERMON - Peace! Be Still! - Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY When Peace like a River (ELW 785)

 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain
- 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 my sin, not in part, but the whole,
 is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain
- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. 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.

+ 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.

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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 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.

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ 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 Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN – My Life Flows On in Endless Song (ELW 763)

 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.It finds an echo in my soul.How can I keep from singing? Refrain
- What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain
- The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
 All things are mine since I am his!
 How can I keep from singing? Refrain

+ 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 - This Is My Father's World - 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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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Johanna Locke, Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil-Baker (Francoise's daughter), Francoise Dutil (back injury), Vernon Weigand, 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 COVID19.

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), shoulder replacement surgery, Alex Cormack – knee replacement.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers given in honor of our Heavenly Father and our earthly fathers.



Nordstrom Cafe in Brea Mall. Wednesday, June 23, noon. RSVP Anna Guerriero 626-330-7310.

LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, June 26 8:00 a.m. The Corner Bakery Azusa Ave. & Colima Rd. Hacienda Heights

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, June 26 8:00 a.m. Denny's 1150 S. 7th Ave., Hacienda Heights (60 Fwy and 7th Ave.)

Enjoy a concert by the Pasadena Pops orchestra under the stars at the beautiful Arcadia Arboretum this summer. There are 3 Saturday performances. Bring your dinner, order on-line or buy at one of their food trucks. Please click link below for more information.

https://pasadenasymphony-pops.org/



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: <u>https://vbspro.events/p/smlvbs2021</u>

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.



Rally Sunday August 22, 2021



The flower chart is hanging in the Narthex. Please email me your dedication as I am not in the office to read the envelope. fdutil@stmarks.ws Thank you! \$25.00 donation per bouquet.



Francoise's virtual office hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Office closed on Fridays

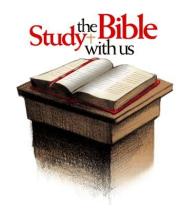
Pastor Mericle will return to the office Wednesday, June 23rd.

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Zoom Bible Fellowship with Pastor Jim on Tuesdays

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO BIBLE STUDY THIS COMING TUESDAY. IT WILL RESUME TUESDAY, JUNE 29th.

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