



## St. Mark's Lutheran Church



IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE  
(AT THE TABLES NEAR THE GYM)  
**APRIL 11, 2021**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

To view the service please use one of the following links on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. <https://stmarkshh.com> (Website)  
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### SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine  
LECTOR: Shand Garrett  
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Shand Garrett  
**\*CONGREGATION READS**

### 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 worshiping 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 Mary Madgalene's shoes as she encounters Jesus in the Garden.

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](#).

PRELUDE O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing – Dandrieu

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (ELW 377)  
Stanzas

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

+ 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, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\*Amen.

READING Psalm 118:1,2 and 14-24

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

4 Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD;  
the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

6 With the LORD on my side I do not fear.  
What can mortals do to me?

7 The LORD is on my side to help me;  
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to put confidence in mortals.

9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD

than to put confidence in princes.  
10All nations surrounded me;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!  
11They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!  
12They surrounded me like bees;  
they blazed like a fire of thorns;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!  
13I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.  
14The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
15There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
16the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."  
17I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
18The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.  
19Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.  
20This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
21I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
22The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
23This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON Shand Garrett

### + GOSPEL John 20:11-18

The holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

\*Glory to you, O Lord

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my

brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

+ SERMON Encounters in the Garden –Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (ELW 387)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 O sons and daughters, let us sing  
with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:  
today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
a faithful woman went her way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
- 3 When Mary's heart was filled with gloom  
and she stood weeping near the tomb,  
a stranger spoke, she knew not whom. Alleluia!
- 4 "Why do you weep?" his question came.  
"Whose is the body you would claim?"  
And then, at last, he spoke her name. Alleluia!
- 5 No longer weeping, anguish-bent,  
but with rejoicing Mary went,  
by Christ as first apostle sent. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+ 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

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.

### + 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

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

+ 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 Thine Is the Glory (ELW 376)

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. 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 Thine Is the Glory – Keesecker

+ 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, 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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church just click the link below. Thank you for your generosity.

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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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### **ACTION FOOD PANTY FOOD DRIVE**

Our next Food Drive will be on Saturday, April 24th, from 11-12:30. 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.

### **St. Mark's Lutheran**



**Church & School**

**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

### **St. Mark's Lutheran**



**Church & School**

**32<sup>ND</sup> ST. MARK'S AUCTION – APRIL 23-25, 2021 – PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS!**

**Watch our trailer for the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stmarks.ws/donate). Thank you!

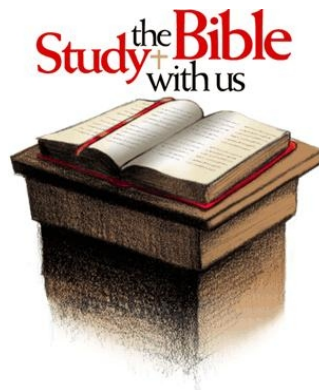
**NEXT SUNDAY – CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY ON  
RETURNING TO SANCTUARY ON MAY 2**



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

Time: TBA

Free will donation for each car and snacks and pizza available for purchase!  
All proceeds go to support the Youth Mission Trip to Alamosa in mid-June.



**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 133 and John 20:19–31

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

**Topic: Bible Fellowship**

**Time: April 13th, 2021 11:00 AM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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Topic: Bible Fellowship  
Time: April 13th, 08:00 PM

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