
St. Mark's Lutheran Church



IN PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE
AT THE TABLES NEAR THE GYM
February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
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.
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SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine

LECTOR: Krista Guerrero

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Krista Guerrero

*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. We continue to observe the season of Epiphany. 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 hear the story of Jesus healing Simon Peter's mother-in-law and then healing many more while also exorcising demons.

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this morning as well, and know that you are welcome to share in the meal which is Christ present with us. If you are online, please have a communion kit or bread/cracker and wine/juice available for this time in the worship. Today we are also happy to welcome you back to worship outside here on our campus or online today via the internet. I would also invite you to let us know that you joined us for worship by sending a quick contact note to us. That is located right below the video on the website or in the comments section on Facebook or YouTube. Thank you and God bless.

PRELUDE On Eagle's Wings – Organ

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Christ, Be Our Light– ELW 715 (Stanza 1,2,4)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Refrain

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. 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.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us
agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to
the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Amen

READING Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

² The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ The Lord heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ The Lord counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶ The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music upon the harp to our God,
⁸who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.
⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.
¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}Hallelujah!

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Krista Guerrero

+ GOSPEL Mark 1:29–39

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

*Glory to you, O Lord

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

²⁹As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸Jesus answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

+ SERMON Demonslayer and Healer Pastor Mericle

+ TESTIMONY Norman Rumpf

+ HYMN OF THE DAY On Eagle's Wings –ELW 787

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,

who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. Refrain
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. Refrain
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

+ 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

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.*

PEACE

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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN I Love to Tell the Story –ELW 661 (Stanza 1,3)

1 I love to tell the story

of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

- 3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. Refrain

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
*Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BLESSINGS

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

+ SENDING HYMN Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing –ELW 886 (Stanza 1,3,6)

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears

and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

+ 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 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – Bouman

+ 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)

COVID: Gary and Sharon Bradford, Joyce and Bob Evangelista, Phil Mendez (Tracy Nishizu's uncle)

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

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 Bob Warda (Denise Jaramillo's father), Family of Paul Knudsen (Lynn Yann's brother) Family of Marcelo Rivadeneria (Diana Hernandez's family)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACTION FOOD PANTRY 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

This year we will not be cooking for the homeless. Instead the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless is asking to collect the wrapped plastic ware sets that we get with our takeout orders for them. They also would like men's underclothes in medium, large, and extra large, women's bras and undershirts/tees are also desired.



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 ((hat I should be doing four times a day.) done and walking for a half an hour. I will be having an MRI 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

High School Youth Mission Trip – Will be June 11–18, 2021, and will be located at Alamosa, Colorado. This is open to current 8th graders – 12th graders. The Cost will be \$625 with a \$100 deposit due by Feb. 21, 2021. For more information contact pastorjim@stmarks.hh.com. Information will be sent by mail in the coming week as well.



Ruth Circle will meet via ZOOM on Thursday, February 11th, at 7 pm. We will receive our invitations from Sharon Heck (562)698-0476. Our Study is in the January/February issue of the GATHER magazine. If you need a copy just give Janna (562) 712-2239 or Sharon a call.



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Get started on your Valentine's Day shopping early! Don't forget some chocolate. It is so exciting that Ten Thousand Villages, Redondo Beach, now has all of its merchandise listed on the Square site listed on this link. If you would like to make any purchases on the site, I would be glad to pick it up on any Saturday afternoon. Just make sure that you place your order before 10:00 on a Saturday, so that they can fill it and I can pick it up. And please email me at kjdevine99@yahoo.com to let me know that I need to stop in at the store. Here is the link: <https://tenthousandvillagesredondo.square.site/> USE THIS LINK ONLY. Otherwise you will be going to the national website in PA! This is an on-going offer, that I am willing to pick up your purchase any week of the month.

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Thank you for your support of fair trade!
Karla

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

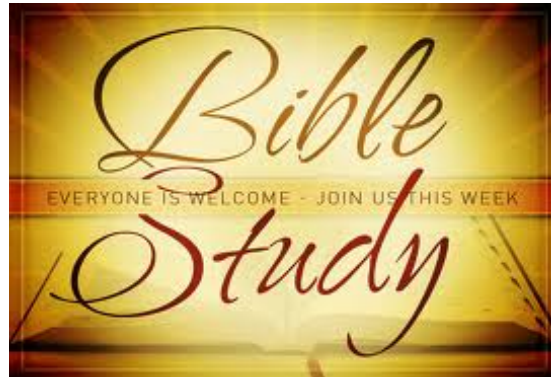
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The office will
be closed
Monday,
February 15th, Presidents' Day.

LITTLE LIBRARY

The "Little Library" is open. There are new choices. Come check it out after Sunday service or stop by during the week. Thank you, Kim Winn. The "Little Library" is located outside the church office. **Christ in Our Home is in there as well.**



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 11am – Noon

Tuesday at 8pm – 9pm

Readings – 2 Kings 2:1–12 and Mark 9:2–9

Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: February 9th, 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Bible Fellowship

Time: February 9th, 8:00 PM

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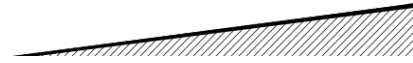
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