



## St. Mark's Lutheran Church



ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE  
January 31, 2021  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

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**NEW APP (st mark's lutheran church hh)**

### SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine

SOLOIST: Krista Reger

LECTOR: Shand Garrett

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Shand Garrett

**\*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 his question as well. This week we hear the story of Jesus teaching in a synagogue and healing a man with "unclean spirits". So our theme today is: Who Is This Jesus? Exorcist?. Since we are all connected for worship 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 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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Micheelsen

+ THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM

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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – ELW858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

### + 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.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

\*Amen.

### READING Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

ANTHEM Beloved, God's Chosen – Burkhardt

CHILDREN'S SERMON Shand Garrett

+ GOSPEL Mark 1:21–28

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

\*Glory to you, O Lord

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of the man. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

+ SERMON Exorcist? –Pastor Mericle

+ TESTIMONY Share with each other

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Healer of Our Every Ill –ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,

ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. 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.

## 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 Son of God, Eternal Savior –ELW 655

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,

grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

+ 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 Son of God, Eternal Savior – Burkhardt

+ 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 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Mark's would like to welcome all our returning and new council members for the year 2021. Thank you for your time and service. We would like to say thank you to the ones that finished their term, we are grateful to you for your time and service.

### **Executive Board**

President-Steven Chou  
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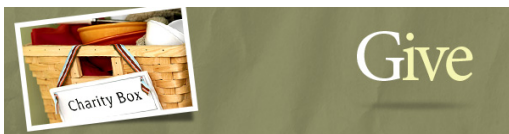
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You can also give by text to St. Mark's Church. Just text Stmarksgive to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive. We would like thank you for your generosity.

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

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
2323 Las Lomas Drive  
Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745



#### **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.

A great big thank you to the six families who, in the rain, donated enough to fill two big shopping carts. The Action Food Pantry really appreciates our donations.

#### **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.

#### **NEW MEMBER CLASS IN FEBRUARY**

We are excited to announce that there will be a new member class in February. It will be offered twice - on February 4th, at 6:30pm, and on Sunday, February 7th, at 10:30am. It will last an hour and a half. New Members will be received on February 14th, at the 9:00am worship (may be in-person or via Zoom). To sign up for one of the class times or for more information, call the church office at 626-961-2486 or Pastor Jim at 651-249-6261.

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 Feb. 21, 2021. For more information contact [pastorjim@stmarks.hh.com](mailto: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.



Invitation to  
A Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation

**TODAY**, January 31, 4:00–5:30 pm via Zoom  
Please email Sharon Heck  
at [s.heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:s.heck4peace@gmail.com) to register

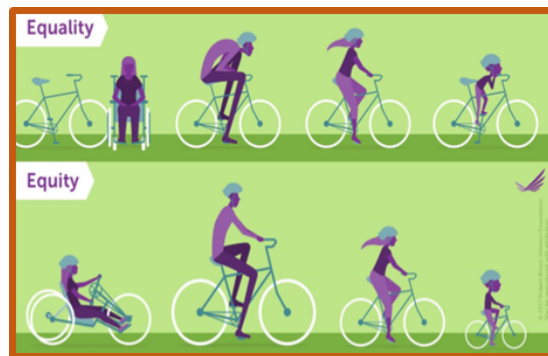
Why does poverty impact people of color disproportionately in our nation? As awareness of the realities of racism in our nation grows, Bread for the World offers this 1 1/2-hour experience, designed to introduce participants not just to the current racial wealth gap, but how it has been embedded in the fabric of the U.S. economy for centuries and continues today amidst the pandemic.

Presenters:

David Gist – Bread for the World, Senior Organizer

Regina Banks – Lutheran Office of Public Policy–CA, Director

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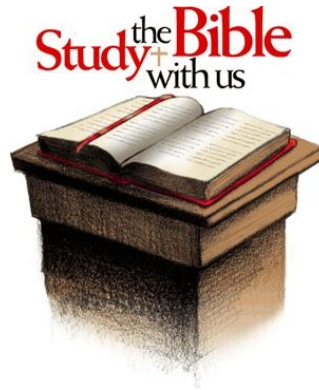
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FAIR TRADE!

Get started on your Valentine's Day shopping early!

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](mailto: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.

Thank you for your support of fair trade!  
Karla



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 – Psalm 147:1–11 and Mark 1:29–39

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

**Topic: Bible Fellowship**

**Time: February 2nd, 2021 11:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Topic: Bible Fellowship**

**Time: February 2nd, 08:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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