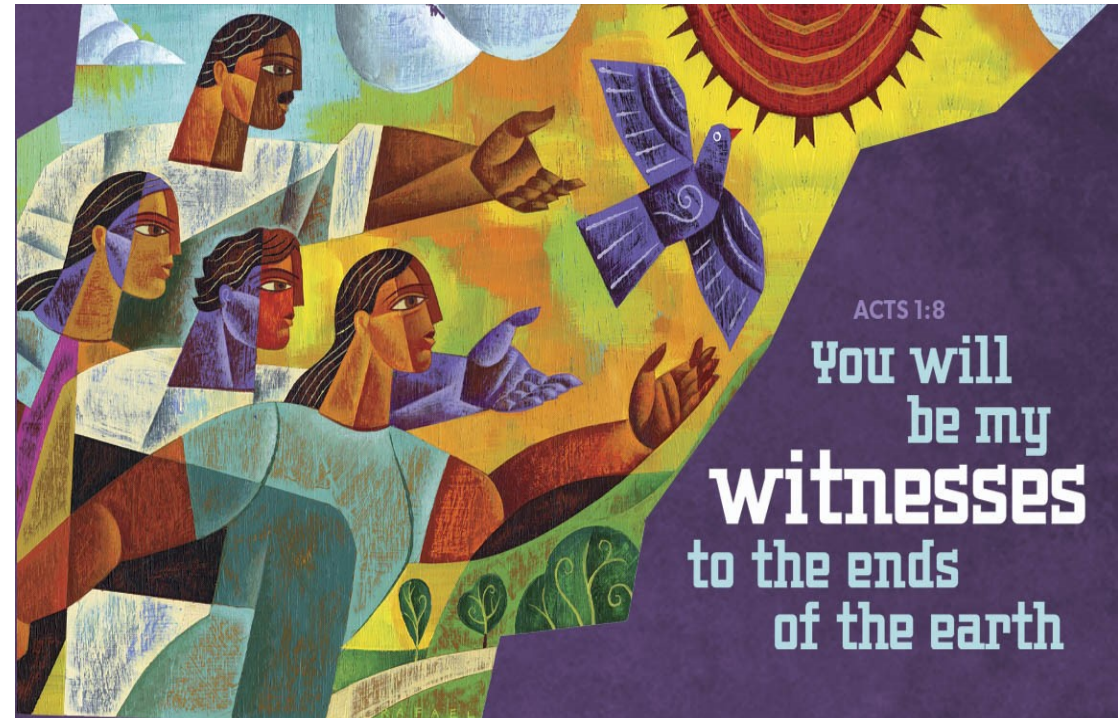


Thank you
for
joining us!



OUR MISSION

Reaching out to the community to share the Gospel through faith, fellowship, and service.

OUR VISION

Become the visible presence of Christ in this community

Ascension of Our Lord

MAY 21, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

St. Mark's Lutheran



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here! May this be a holy time for you to offer your praise to God as well as receive God's grace through word, sacrament, song, and prayer.

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card that you received and leave it 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 by making a comment.

You may contact Françoise our church Office Administrator at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com.

If you have questions, about the service or St. Mark's, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers.

Holy Communion

Today we are also celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that all who wish to receive Christ and his offer of forgiveness and new life are welcome to receive this meal. For those online, please have your bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for that point in the service. For those attending in person, if you want to receive Christ in communion you can do so in two ways: come up front and receive the bread and wine/juice or take a communion kit in the Narthex and receive the bread and juice at your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, and are in person, please know you are welcome to come forward for a blessing- just let the pastor know. If you remain in your seat, please help make room for others to pass you, if they choose to go forward to receive communion.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

GUEST MUSICIAN: Renee Gehlbach

LECTOR: Christopher Birtja

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Anna Guerriero

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Gwen Andrizzi

ALTAR GUILD: Kim Winn, Betty Castaneda

TECH: Dan O'Connell, Chris Birtja

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Phil Barnhart

USHERS: Janna Barnhart, Gary Hill, Kurt Van Riper

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD: In loving memory of Kim's father Gordon, given by Frank & Kim Winn.

Last Sundays'
Attendance

431 in-person
59 online

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+ 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.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



JUNE 5TH – JUNE 9TH

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

CHURCH PERFORMANCE WILL BE SUNDAY JUNE 11TH AT 10:00 AM

All incoming K – 6th students are invited to participate!

\$15 Participation Fee per student

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Each day, leaders will reinforce one simple Bible message 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. The required fee will help subsidize the cost of supplies and t-shirts!

Sign up today to reserve your spot and t-shirt!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/smlvbs2023>



Questions? Please contact Melissa Magdaleno (youthdirector@stmarks.ws) or Christine Birtja (cbirtja@gmail.com)

BACKPACKS

Backpacks for New Horizons: New Horizons passes out “ready for school backs packs” in July. Social Ministries is asking for donations only, so that we can purchase the supplies and have enough for the school year. We have found that Walmart Online has the best BULK prices. At this time, we have received **\$650.00, we only have \$550.00 left to meet our goal.**

If you prefer to make a backpack donation, we need the following (30 each): backpacks (store 5 Below), pink erasers, wide loose leaf paper, headphones (5 Below, approx. \$10/ each), tissues, box of 24 crayons, Fisher scissors, pencil case, box of 8 broad tip markers, box 12 colored pencils, wide ruled spiral bound notebook.

Quantity 90 of 3-pocket folders

Quantity 360 of #2 pencils

Quantity 50 glue sticks

We will need help in assembling the backpacks in July and will announce day/time.

Thank you for your help! Carolyn Collosi, ccollosi14@gmail.com

OUT TO LUNCH

May 24th--noon

Olive Garden Restaurant

17585 Castleton St.

City of Industry (north of Costco in Puente Hills Mall)

Couples, signals, men & women all welcomed.

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. Zoom links will be sent out Tuesday at 10:00 A.M.

TIMES:

Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Reading: Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39

OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, just go to the link.

Thank you for your generosity. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/34WJTS>

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.

Zelle is a way to give with no fees. Just go to your online banking, find your access to Zelle, and type in church@stmarks.ws and follow the instructions. We thank you for your generosity. You are welcome to mail in your donation, if you prefer not using the internet. Our address is: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 2323 Las Lomitas Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745



Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

WELCOME AND THEME OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran. It is a blessing to have you here today, and we hope this is an uplifting and meaningful time of worship for you. If you have children please know that they are invited to go to Sunday School after the children's sermon, and then they will return prior to communion and sit with you. The Sunday School meets in the courtyard below the sanctuary near the church office.

Throughout the Easter season, which goes through mid-May, we have been focusing on the theme, "Time to Thrive." Today is our last Sunday in the series, as we focus on Living the Mission that Jesus has for us. We are also celebrating the Ascension of Jesus to heaven.

We would ask that you complete a Contact or Visitor Card include your name (and others in your household), email address, cell phone, home phone (if you have one), and address. Information is not shared with third parties. Thank you for your help.

Blessings to you and may the Holy Spirit be your guide throughout the week.

PRELUDE

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+ GATHERING HYMN **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High** **ELW 857**

+ WELCOME/VBS PRESENTATION *Christine Birtja*

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Gwen Andrizzi*

+ WELCOME SONG **The Heart of Worship** *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering + **Word** + Meal + Sending

READING *Acts 1:1-14, pg. 993*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL *Luke 24:44-53, pg. 967*
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *Living the Mission* *Pastor Mericle*

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing** **ELW 389**
Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

+ APOSTLES' CREED *Projection Screen*

Gathering + **Word** + **Meal** + Sending

PEACE *Projection Screen*

+ OFFERING *Projection Screen*

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Take My Life, That I May Be** **ELW 685**
Stanzas 1, 5 & 6

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION *Projection Screen*

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION **Lord, Enthroned in Holy Splendor** **ELW 475**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Projection Screen*

Gathering + **Word** + **Meal** + **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ BLESSING *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING HYMN **How Great Thou Art** **ELW 856**
+ DISMISSAL & VISION *Projection Screen*
POSTLUDE *Projection Screen*

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING

Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand’s grand-nephew) - healing; Rosemary Abrego-Holmes (Frances Weigand’s niece) - healing; Li Chen Wang (Penny Chou’s mother) - broken shoulder & spine; Pastor Lee Rozen - healing; Barbara Mautino - healing; Patrick Fields (husband of school employee) - medical; Terry VanRiper—knee surgery

ILLNESS

Pat Dickerman-cancer

TREATMENTS

Tom O’Connell (Dan O’Connell’s brother) - cancer; Amy Stenberg - brain cancer (friend of Anna Guerriero & Lee Uhl); Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique’s mom) - cancer treatments; Bill McDonnell (Krista Guerrero’s boss) - prostate cancer

SURGERY: Charlie Munoz (St. Mark’s Preschool Director’s son)- knee surgery - May 24th

HOSPICE

Faye Heinrich; Marty Green-Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero)

COMFORT

Family & friends of Sunny O’Hara

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR RED FOR THE PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICE, ON MAY 28TH.

NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons needs breakfast items only.

ACTION FOOD PANTRY

Action Food Pantry needs various food items and/or donations. They also buy their eggs in bulk - this costs less, but to distribute this important protein source to their clients, they need egg cartons. Please leave your paper or plastic cartons in the Narthex for collection.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS & NEWS

Starting June 5th till July 31st.

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUES -FRI: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- ◆ Office will be closed May 29th for the Memorial Day Holiday.
- ◆ Françoise will be on vacation from June 6th till June 9th.
- ◆ Pastor Mericle will be on vacation from June 25th till July 1st.