

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
**Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**Reach Out Sunday**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**ELW 742**

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Mericle

WELCOME SONG

**Your Grace is Enough**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**WORD**

READING

Psalm 103:8-13 – Norm Rumpf

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE

*The Power of Forgiveness*

Pastor Mericle

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

**ELW 779**

**MEAL**

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**ELW 884**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**One Bread, One Body**

**ELW 496**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**ELW 836**

DISMISSAL & VISION

POSTLUDE

**SERVING TODAY**

**GUEST MUSICIAN:** Renee Gehlbach

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Gwen Andrizzi

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sharon Bradford

**ACOLYTE:** Sebastian Manale

**TECH:** Dan O'Connell, Chris Birtja

**CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS:** Frank Winn

**USHERS:** George Li, Gary Hill, Kurt Van Riper

Last Sundays'  
Attendance

261 in-person  
46 online

**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; Patrick Fields (husband of school employee) - medical; Christy Zapfel - knee replacement; Viola C. Bradshaw; Caleb Woodward (Gwen’s nephew) - accident **ILLNESS:** Pat Dickerman - cancer; Bob Mericle - lung cancer; Robert Dutil - dementia; Erin Taylor (Nathan Magdaleno’s friend) - ALS; Daniella Escalante - medical **RECOVERY:** Bob Merchant - heart surgery **TREATMENTS:** Tom O’Connell (Dan O’Connell’s brother) - cancer; Amy Stenberg (friend of Anna Guerriero & Lee Uhl) - brain cancer; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique’s mom) - cancer treatments; Bill McDonnell (Krista Guerrero’s boss) - prostate cancer **HOSPICE:** Faye Heinrich; Marty Green -Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero) **COMFORT:** Family and friends of Pastor Lee Rozen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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. Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 and Philippians 1:1-16. Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. - Noon. Tuesday evening 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**OUT TO LUNCH:** Tuesday, September 19, Noon, Nordstrom's Café, Brea Mall. RSVP Anna 626-330-7310 or email jaguerriero42@gmail.com

**NEW HORIZONS** needs breakfast items only. **ACTION FOOD PANTRY** needs various food items and/or donations. They are requesting cans of fruits. **Egg cartons are NOT needed anymore.**

**GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.** - Please take a set of “Kandi” bracelets for Engage to Go Ministries, they are in the Narthex. **Please return by October 1st.** - Thank you, Social Ministries

**MY BIBLE STEPPING STONE CLASS :** This class starts on September 24th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and continues for 2 additional Sundays. In this class for third graders and above along with a parent/guardian, students will learn how to use a Bible, how the Bible is divided up, and how to find passages in the Bible. The class will also provide a devotional reading from every book of the Bible. Bibles will be presented in a blessing at worship on October 22nd. To register go to: <https://subspla.sh/fr9jvc3/>

**THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP REACH OUT THIS WEEK**

- 1) Intentionally forgive someone.
- 2) Sign up and be a part of the Park and Rec Events Outreach Teams.
- 3) Wear your button you received and share about SMLC when asked.
- 4) Check out the posters outside of many of our ministries - what interests you and where can you help.
- 5) Give a donation, large or small, to refresh the woman's bathroom and Narthex .
- 6) Invite a classmate, neighbor, or friend to worship in the next month.

**SIGN-UP** for the Giving Thanks Potluck in the Narthex.

**THANK YOU** Melissa Magdaleno, you will be missed!

**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

**Thank you for joining us!**