

OKTOBERFEST TODAY, OCTOBER 30TH 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM

Come support our college students thru the Action Scholarship Program. Eat wonderful German food, drink beer, dance the polka, play games and have fun. This event is FREE! All donations accepted during the evening will go directly to Action Scholarship students. Student scholarships will be awarded at 7:00 PM. Your generous gifts are most appreciated. Christ Lutheran Church, 331 S. Citrus, West Covina.

OFFERINGS

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

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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 Lomas Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745

THANK YOU
FOR
JOINING US!




**THE SON OF MAN
CAME TO SEEK OUT
AND TO SAVE THE LOST**
LUKE 19:10


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

REFORMATION SUNDAY
&
THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION
OCTOBER 30, 2022, 10:00 AM

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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.



ST. MARK'S CONFIRMATION CLASS 2022

Garrett Robert Birtja

Parents: Christine & Chris Birtja

Sponsors: Daniel Durston

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

GUEST MUSICIAN: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Gwen Andrizzi

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Lynn Yann

ALTAR GUILD: Marian Locke, Kim Winn

TECH: Chris Birtja, Steven Chou

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

Last Sunday's
Attendance

195 in-person
63 online

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD; In honor of All Saints Day, given by Phil and Janna Barnhart.

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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.

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 AM

TIMES:

Tuesday at 11:00 AM - Noon

Tuesday at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Readings; Luke 20:27-38 and Psalm 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

We would appreciate it if all completed forms are returned to church by either mail or by personal delivery on Stewardship **Sunday, November 13th**.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The Social Ministries committee is again collecting canned cut green beans (not French cut) for the Action Food Pantry's Thanksgiving baskets this year. The plan is to have 2 cans in each basket and to make 300 baskets. Please help us collect the remaining 308 cans, we have **collected 292 cans so far!** Start shopping for a few at a time now. You can drop the cans off at the church office or at the Sunday service. You can make a monetary donation, and we will do the shopping. Thank you in advance to all our donors. **November 4th is the last day to donate.**

FOOD PANTRY

Please designate your donations of food for Action Food Pantry or New Horizons, and place in the basket in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be made through the website or by check - just mention it is for the Action Food Pantry or New Horizons.

New Horizons distributes food twice a month. Currently, they continue to request ANY breakfast food item(s) and ramen. Thank you for your donations. **PLEASE NO GLASS ITEMS OR EXPIRIED FOOD.**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

We will remember those from our congregation and friends who entered the communion of saints this year (November 2021 - November 2022) by lighting a candle for them. If you would like to have your loved one's name who passed away this year in the bulletin and Monitor, **please let the church office know BEFORE Thursday, November 3rd.**

SAVE THE DATE - STAR PARTY

Date: December 2, 2022

Event: Planet-fest

See: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Our Moon

Start time: 5:30 pm

+ OFFERING PRAYER

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Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving+ Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+ SENDING BLESSING

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+ SENDING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING

Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen- better health; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Jim Andrizzi - pelvic fracture; Sondra Mericle - broken hip; Monica Gerardo - hand surgery; Derek Canada (Boy Scout troop leader) - heart attack; Mark Sauer Sr. (Mark Sauer Jr. father) - pancreatic cancer; Bob Mericle - health issues; Carmelia Battle (Francoise’s sister)- hospitalized; Lisa Anderson (Arnold Anderson’s daughter-in-law); Robert Dutil (Françoise’s papa) - cervical fusion, growth removal, dementia/PTSD; Juliana Hernandez and baby Aeres Stephan De Silva (Michael & Diana daughter & grandson) -healing; Cheryl Miller (Action Food Pantry) - car accident injuries

ILLNESS

Donovan McLaughlin - cancer (Judy Willett's grandson); Pat Dickerman - cancer; Marty Green-Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero); Anne Evans - health issues/dementia; Raul Hernandez Tenorio II (Boy Scout) - stroke like symptoms; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique’s mom) - cancer treatments

TREATMENTS

Tony Hernandez (Michael’s brother) cancer & heart attack; Tom O’Connell (Dan O’Connell’s brother) - cancer; Barbara Mautino - cancer; Amy Stenberg - brain cancer (friend of Anna Guerriero & Lee Uhl)

SURGERY

Lyle Clark - bladder; Kathy Clark - heart valve (Dr. Clark’s parents); Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand’s grand-nephew) - motorcycle accident

HOSPICE

NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU?

St. Mark’s friends, Kim Winn or another Prayer Warrior will be available to pray with you after church service, if you have a prayer request or concern. This will be in the little side chapel. Please call or text with a prayer request anytime to Kim Winn (626) 676-2997.



Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! It is a joy to have you be a part of this community today, as we gather to worship God and give thanks to our Lord, Jesus. We are in the last week of our sermon series called, "Essentials." Each week we have looked at the essentials that are at the heart of Jesus' message. Today, we close with a focus on how an encounter with Jesus can change us as we hear in the story of Zacchaeus.

We have a very special worship service today, as we celebrate the Confirmation of Garrett Robert Birtja as he recommits his faith in Christ after 2 plus years of instruction. Congratulations Garrett! We also celebrate the 505th Anniversary of the Reformation of the Christian Church begun by Martin Luther.

Blessings to each of you and may the Holy Spirit refresh the path before you. Welcome!

PRELUDE

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+ GATHERING PROCESSIONAL **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **ELW 503**

+ WELCOME & GREETING *Projection Screen*

+ WELCOME SONG **Shout to the Lord** **ELW 821**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering + **Word** + Thanksgiving + Sending

FIRST READING

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

Psalm 32:1-7, pg. 496

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lynn Yann

CHILDREN'S GOSPEL SONG

Zacchaeus

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GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10, pg. 958

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

Jesus Changes You

Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
Stanza 1, 4, 8

ELW 594

THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Garrett Robert Birtja

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

A sponsor or member of the congregation present the candidate:

I present *Garrett Robert Birtja* who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

+ PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand Responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

P: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Confirmand kneels, lay on hands.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Garrett the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

P: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PEACE

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Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

+ OFFERTORY

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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