



**JAMES SERIES:
FAITH THAT
WORKS**

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021, 9:00 AM


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 have 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 comments.

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.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend Thom Johnson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Karla Devine

TRUMPETER: Nathan Wilson

LECTOR: Norn Rumpf

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Norm Rumpf

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Clark, Jane Martin

CO-DIRECTORS OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

Last Sunday's Attendance

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

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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.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES - TODAY

Great News! We will resume our in-person Ten Thousand Villages sales TODAY! You'll be able to stock up on coffee, tea, chocolate, etc. And you will now be able to use your credit card! So take inventory of what you need and support Fair Trade! St. Mark's is a Fair Trade Congregation and participating with Ten Thousand Villages helps us to keep that designation. Thank you for your support!

You may also continue to shop at the Square site. 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 AM on a Saturday, so that they can fill it and I can pick it up. And please email me at kjdeving99@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!

**Zoom Bible Fellowship with Pastor Jim
on Tuesdays
NO BIBLE STUDY**

REMINDER

Pastor Mericle will be on vacation from Wednesday, August 25th -Thursday, September 2nd. Pastor Thom (909) 802-9549 will be available for emergency pastoral matters from August 25th-31st.

Pastor Demers (626) 848-6404 will be available for emergency pastoral matters from September 1st-2nd.

Françoise's hours:

Monday (virtual) 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday (virtual) 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Wednesday (in office) 9:00 AM -1:00 PM (virtual) 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Thursday (in office) 9:00 AM -1:00 PM (virtual) 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Friday (virtual) 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

We are going back to the old ways of collecting food donations for our favorite FOOD BANK. Each month we will spotlight one kind of item which can be brought to the Narthex or church office at any time. For the month of September, we have traditionally collected PASTA & SAUCE (**no glass containers, please**). Feel free to bring anything you wish to SHARE. No more waiting for a once-a-month food drive.

PRAYER WARRIORS

St. Mark's Prayer Warriors are a text chain that has been started so that we can keep in touch and pray for any person or needs that come up immediately during the day or night. If you would like to be included please contact Diana Hernandez.

OFFERINGS

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

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. We would like to thank you for your generosity.

You are welcome to mail in your donation if you prefer not using the internet.

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VISIT TO LOST BOOKS AND LUNCH

On Thursday, September 2nd, a visit is planned to Lost Books in Montrose followed by lunch. Upon entering Lost Books you will venture through the Instagram-ready tunnel of plants and greenery to emerge into the world of Lost Books. There are hundreds plants, book-related sculptures and photo spots for you to enjoy. Lunch will be at one of the nearby restaurants. If you want to spend more time browsing you can return to the bookstore after lunch. We will meet at St. Mark's at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 2nd, to carpool/caravan. Please let Mary Rosentreter 626-825-7630 or Tracy Nishizu 626- 864-1335 know if you plan on attending, so we don't leave without you.



Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! We pray this will be a meaningful time of worship for you as we gather in the presence of God. Today we begin a new message series based on the Letter of James. Our 5 week series' theme is Faith That Works and today we look at how true worship is not just hearing the word of God but to also live the word of God - be doers.

A special welcome to those visiting with us for the first time or one of the first times. We encourage you to fill out a connect or visitor's card and place it in the offering plate later in the service, fill it out online from the website (stmarkshh.com)

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| PRELUDE | <i>O God, My Faithful God</i> | <i>Krebs</i> |
| + BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + GATHERING HYMN | Gather Us In | ELW 532 |
| + GREETING | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + PRAYER OF THE DAY | | |

Let us pray together.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering + **Word** + Thanksgiving+ Sending

FIRST READING

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

James 1:17-27 **pg. 1102**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Norm Rumpf

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the seven chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 **pg. 919**

SERMON

Pastor Thom

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God

ELW 801

+ APOSTLES' CREED

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+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

PEACE

+ OFFERTORY

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Albrecht

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Give Thanks

Projection Screen

+ OFFERING PRAYER

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+ LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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+ LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION

We believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread, wine or grape juice (the center ring of the tray, please indicate to the assistant). All baptized persons, instructed in Holy Communion are welcome to receive. If you are unsure you may remain seated in prayerful meditation or come forward to receive a blessing by placing your hand over your heart. The ushers will direct you.

COMMUNION HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+ BLESSING

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+ SENDING

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Johanna Locke, Baby Felix (son of Elizabeth Batres & Trevor Duran), Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil-Baker - lungs (Francoise's daughter), Francoise Dutil (back injury), Vernon Weigand, Krystal Barnhart

ILLNESS: Diane Pierce (Barbara Richards' friend) stroke, Chuck Pierce (Diane Pierce's husband), Nassar Sattar (Mary Rodriguez's friend) - cancer.

SAFETY & HEALTH: Health care workers and families affected by COVID19

TREATMENTS: 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; Lee Uhl – foot surgery; Nathan Zamora, age 12, recovering from brain surgery (Tracy Nishizu's friend)

HOSPICE: Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother-in-law) and Faye Heinrick

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

If you would like to help people affected by the Haitian Earthquake, Dixie Fire, or to help with refugee resettlement of Afghans, please make a special donation to St. Mark's and write Disaster Relief on it. If you want it go for a certain response, please identify which one. Thank you for your generosity.