

Blessings!



MATTHEW 3:13

JESUS CAME TO JOHN
AT THE JORDAN,
TO BE BAPTIZED

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

Baptism of Our Lord

JANUARY 8, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

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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.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

LECTOR: Norm Rumpf

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Gwen Andrizzi

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann

TECH: Shand Garrett, Dan O'Connell

CO-DIRECTORS OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Frank Winn, Ron Amon

USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Dan Guerrero, Bill Rosentreter, Renke Schroeder

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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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

DON'T FORGET TO PICKUP YOUR BOX. The boxes of offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex on January 8th. If you need your box mailed to you or if you need a box, please contact Françoise at church@stmarks.ws

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.

<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/34WJTS>

You can also give by text to St. Mark's Lutheran 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:

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**Thank you
for
joining us!**

RUTH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, January 9, 7 PM on Zoom. We will be using Session one of the W-ELCA Bible Study in the January/February Gather magazine. Janna Barnhart will lead our discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us, so email your email address to Sharon Heck and she will include you on the Zoom information email. (s.heck4peace@gmail.com) Hope to see many of you on Zoom.

TURNBULL CANYON: A ROAD UNWOUND MOVIE

January 20th 7:00 PM. You must register at <https://subspla.sh/sqh34y7/> For more information there is a flyer in the Narthex and the link is in the online bulletin.

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 am - Noon

Tuesday at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Readings; First Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

THE NIGHTINGALES OF LOS ANGELES

Sunday, January 22nd at 3:00 pm we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with music by the Chinese-American Women's Choir, The Nightingales of Los Angeles, and some very special renowned guest singers and musicians. This event is a great opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to St. Mark's.

FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, January 21st at 4: 00 PM we will be having a Pizza Party at the home of Devon & Kim Brown in Hacienda Heights, for our families with children of 6th grade and younger for some conversation and play.

SAVE THE DATE

"Get Your Motor, Runnin', St. Mark's", because we are excited to announce the return of our IN-PERSON Silent Auction on Saturday, February 25, 2023! LINKS PROVIDED IN ONLINE BULLETIN.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2023 Altar Flowers Chart is up in the Narthex. Each week two floral bouquets are displayed at the altar. A donation of \$60 will (1) cover the cost of BOTH bouquets of fresh flowers OR (2) you can choose to have an artificial arrangement displayed instead of purchasing fresh flowers and your \$30 donation will then be deposited into the Altar Flower account, and at the end of the year it will be used for altar needs. Please let us know which option you prefer with regard to your Altar Flowers donation. Thank you.



Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome in this New Year to St. Mark's Lutheran. We are glad to have you here in worship and pray this will be a time of praise, learning and reflection for you. Our theme for the beginning of this year (known as the season of Epiphany) is "On the Road with Jesus." Each week we will explore where Jesus traveled in the first year of his ministry, the message he shared and how that can impact and guide us today. This week we begin with the Baptism of Jesus.

As we begin this new year, we would really like to be able to reach out and connect with you better and so, I ask you to complete the form you received with your bulletin. For this week at least, we would ask that you include your name (and others in your household), email address, cell phone, home phone (if you have one), and address. This will help give us have information if you are visiting for the first time or to confirm and update our information if you have worshipped with us for a while. Information is not shared to third parties. Thank you for your help.

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

PRELUDE

How Great is Our God

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+ GATHERING HYMN

Open the Eyes of Our Hearts

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+ WELCOME

Projection Screen

+ WELCOME SONG

Here I Am to Worship

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43, pg. 1004

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Gwen Andrizzi

TEMPLE TALK

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17, pg. 881

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Ready of Not, Here I am!

Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

The Solid Rock

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+ APOSTLES’ CREED

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PEACE

+ OFFERTORY

I Surrender All

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+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Give Thanks

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+ OFFERING PRAYER

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+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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+ LORD’S PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+ BLESSING

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+ SENDING HYMN

Praise to the Lord Almighty

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+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

I Stand Amazed

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING

Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen - better health; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Sondra Mericle - broken hip; Derek Canada (Boy Scout troop leader) - healing; Mark Sauer Sr. (Mark Sauer Jr. father) - pancreatic cancer; Bob Mericle - health issues; Carmelia Battle (Francoise’s sister) - healing; Robert Dutil (Françoise’s papa) - healing; Emmy Swenson (Pastor Jim’s aunt) - broken hip; Sharon Bradford - surgery; Susan Wadkins - surgery; Janna Barnhart - healing; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand’s grand-nephew) - healing; Gary Bradford - neck surgery; Richard Strain - healing; Karl Wahl (cousin of Mary Ann Mericle) - healing; Kim Winn - healing; Beverly Gollhardt - recovery from eye surgery; Rosemary Abrego-Holmes—substantial health issues; Kathy Clark - heart valve (Dr. Clark’s mom)

ILLNESS

Donovan McLaughlin - cancer (Judy Willett's grandson); Pat Dickerman - cancer; Marty Green-Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero); Raul Hernandez Tenorio II (Boy Scout) - stroke like symptoms; Chelsea Shipherd- liver transplant

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); Aiden Flamenco (St. Mark’s student) - Hodgkin’s Lymphoma; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique’s mom) - cancer treatments

SURGERY

Kim Wolfe (friend of Dan O’Connell) cancer surgery

HOSPICE

Faye Heinrich

MISSED BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY’S MONITOR

Dan O’Connell - January 18th

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22nd after worship. Please join us!