



**BETTER:  
A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

**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*

***TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM***

**OCTOBER 10, 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 received and leave 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](mailto:fdutil@stmarks.ws) or email Pastor Mericle directly, [pastorjim@stmarkshh.com](mailto:pastorjim@stmarkshh.com).

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

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with Kelly, Elinor, and Josephine.*

**SERVING TODAY**

**PASTOR:** the Reverend James Mericle

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Karla Devine

**LECTOR:** Marian Locke

**CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE:** Gwen Andrizzi

**ALTAR GUILD:** Kim Winn

**CO-DIRECTORS OF USHERS:** Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

**HEAD USHERS:** Frank Winn, Ron Amon

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

Last Sunday's Attendance  101
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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:** In honor of Roberta Pruitt's Birthday, given by Phil & Janna Barnhart. In honor of new members Elinor Ahn, Josephine Ahn, Kelly Chen, Sondra Mericle, Lee Rozen, Dan O'Connell and Richard Strain, given by the St. Mark's congregation.

	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Regular Offerings	\$2,925	\$4,615	\$140,143.	\$179,985.

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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.

**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, our address is:

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**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, October 12th, at 10:00 A.M.

**TIMES:**

**Tuesday at 11am - Noon**

**NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

*Readings:* Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45

### LADIES' OCTOBER LUNCHEON

October 20, noon  
Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill  
Towne Center,  
12801 Towne Center Dr,  
Cerritos, 90703  
562-865-0202

### RUTH CIRCLE

Our Women of the ELCA Ruth Circle will meet Monday, October 11th, 7:00 pm on Zoom. We will use the Bible Study in the September/October Gather magazine titled "The Gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase." This month we are doing Session Two which is entitled: Breath of God, reviver and reformer, and Sharon Heck will lead the study. All are welcome to join us.

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Please watch for your Stewardship Packet in the mail the week of October 11th. We would appreciate it if all completed forms are returned to Church by either mail or by personal delivery on Stewardship Sunday, November 14th.

### ACTION FOOD PANTRY'S TURKEY BASKETS

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 to collect those 600 cans! Start shopping for a few at a time now. You can drop the cans **off at the drive-by FOOD DRIVE on November 13th** or make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping. Thank you in advance to all of our donors.

### FOOD PANTRY

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 August, we have traditionally collected PEANUT BUTTER (**no glass containers, please**). Feel free to bring anything you wish to SHARE. No more waiting for a once-a-month food drive.

### NEW ADDRESS ADDED TO DIRECTORY

Irmgard Ruhnke  
13250 Philadelphia Street, #419  
Whittier, CA 90601



## Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

### WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran here in Hacienda Heights. It is a blessing to have you with us today, whether here in person or joining us online. Today we continue a new 8 week series on the Letter to the Hebrews entitled, "Better." This is an opportunity to explore a Book of the Bible that is not covered too often. We have a very special worship service today as we also will be baptizing 3 people and also receiving new members. Let's celebrate these new members of Christ's family and new members to St. Mark's.*

*Please complete the Connect Card to let us know you were with us today - we are grateful for your presence at worship.*

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|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|   | PRELUDE                    | <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>  | <i>Manz</i>              |
| + | BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION |   | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + | GATHERING HYMN             | <b>For the Beauty of the Earth</b><br><b>Stanza 1, 3 &amp; 5</b>  | <b>ELW 879</b>           |
| + | GREETING                   |   | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + | PRAYER OF THE DAY          |   |                          |
|   |                            | <i>Let us pray together.</i>  |                          |
|   |                            | <b>Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.</b> |                          |
|   |                            | <b>Amen.</b>  |                          |

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FIRST READING *Hebrews 4:12-16* **pg. 1093**  
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Gwen Andrizzi*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**  
**FOR**

*ELINOR SUNAH AHN, JOSEPHINE SUNHWA AHN, AND KELLY Y. CHEN*  
*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font.*



**WELCOME**  
 Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

ACCLAMATION **You Have Put On Christ** **ELW 211**

SERMON *Pastor Mericle*

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **Take My Life, That I May Be** **ELW 685**

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION**

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS *Projection Screen*

PUBLIC INTENTION *Projection Screen*

WELCOME *Projection Screen*

PEACE

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

+ LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

+ OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* *Leavitt*

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Sing to the Lord of Harvest** **ELW 694**  
**Stanza 1 & 3**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving+ **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ BLESSING *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING **God of Grace and God of Glory** **ELW 705**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION *Projection Screen*

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* *Pelz*

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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, Pastor Lee Rozen (better health); Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend) lung cancer

**ILLNESS:** Diane Pierce (Barbara Richards' friend) stroke; Chuck Pierce (Diane Pierce's husband); Nassar Sattar (Mary Rodriguez's friend) - cancer; Noris Maldonado - Alzheimer's (Natalie Pereda's mother); Jorge Maldonado - Parkinson's (Natalie Pereda's father); Donovan McLaughlin - cancer (Judy Willett's grandson)

**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)

**HOSPICE:** Faye Heinrich

**MOURNING:** Family of Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother-in-law)

**REACHING OUT**

If you know of someone who could use a greeting card (illness, facing surgery, going through a difficult time, or miss seeing you), please submit the person's name, address and reason for the card to Tracy Nishizu @ [nnishizu@gmail.com](mailto:nnishizu@gmail.com) and she will send one out.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The altar guild is in need of new members. Several people have moved. It's quite satisfying and not a huge commitment. To learn more about it, please stay after church **TODAY**. Grab some Porto's and coffee and join Kim and me in the side chapel. Present members- - come to be updated; prospective members- - come to learn about it. Hope to see you there. Lynn Yann