

St. Mark's 33rd Virtual Silent Auction
November 5th through November 7th
"NEW YEAR, NEW LIONS" www.stmarks.ws/donate

Greetings to our St. Mark's Lutheran Church Parishioners,
Please join us for our 33rd Virtual Silent Auction! The Registration ticket for the 3-day event is only \$25.00. Go to www.stmarks.ws/donate to purchase one ticket. Your Registration allows you to visit the Auction site at any time between 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 through the closing time at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

We have an incredible array of Auction packages to bid on including Christmas-themed items, travel to the Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos at Costa Palmas, a villa in San Miguel de Allende, glamping at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, and two Big Bear cabin offers. This is a great opportunity to splurge on something special for yourself, or someone else, and support St. Mark's Lutheran School at the same time.

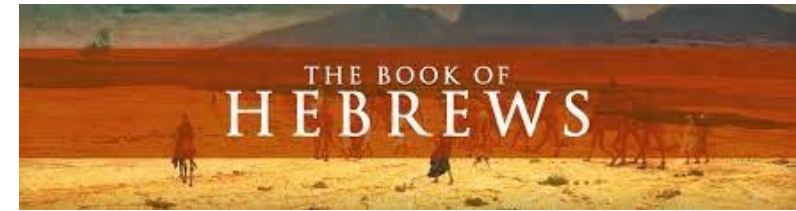
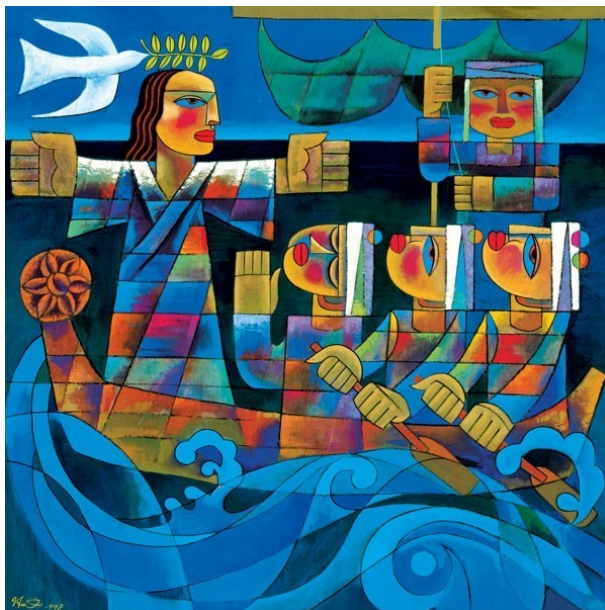
Buy your Registration ticket by November 1, 2021, and we'll place you in two raffles for \$25 Amazon Gift Cards. And we are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy watching the Video for this year's Auction. Viewing continues through the 3-day Auction event. You just might see some people you know

Please be a part of the St. Mark's community and purchase your Registration ticket today at www.stmarks.ws/donate.

Thank you.

The SML Silent Auction Team

Dr. James Qi He
(He Qi)



**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

REFORMATION

OCTOBER 31, 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 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

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Karla Devine

TRUMPETER: Nathan Wilson

CANTOR: Rylee Birtja

LECTOR: Youth Group

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Melissa Magdaleno

ALTAR GUILD: Kim Winn

TECH: Christopher Birtja , Garrett Birtja

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

Last Sunday's Attendance 90

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

	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Regular Offerings	\$2,577.	\$4,615	\$151,914.	\$193,830.

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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.

And please email me at kjdevingg@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!

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

Please watch for your Stewardship Packet, they were mailed, Friday, October 22nd. We would appreciate it if all completed forms are returned to Church by either email, mail or by personal delivery on Stewardship Sunday, November 7th.

**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, November 2nd, at 10:00 A.M.

TIMES:

Tuesday at 11am - Noon

Tuesday at 8pm - 9pm

Readings; Hebrews 10:11-25 and Mark 12:38-44

OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, just go 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:

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

2323 Las Lomitas Drive

Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745

DINNER WITH THE PASTOR

Hi St. Mark's members and friends:

One of my hopes is to develop and strengthen relationships with each of you, and I thought one way to do that was to invite you in to my home for an enjoyable meal with a few other St. Mark's friends along with myself (and Zoey). I invite you to join me on the following date below and plan for about two hours. The meal is limited to 8 people in person, so please let me or Françoise know if you are coming. Please join me! All other dates are full.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jim Mericle

The date and time is:

November 10, Wednesday @ 6:00 PM (1 space left)

November 17, Thursday @ 6:00 PM (2 spaces left)

Call to reserve a seat at the table

(651) 249-6261 (Pastor Jim cell)

(626) 961-2486 (Church office)

Or

email me at: pastorjim@stmarkshh.com

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mark's welcomes Dr. James Qi He (He Qi) for a presentation about his art and then the opening of an art exhibition of his work. (Limit 200 people)

Date: November 6, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: St. Mark's Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Parents and Children/Youth (4th grade and older) are invited to join Pastor Jim for two weeks of classes, plus bread making and then celebrate First Communion. If you have a child younger than 4th grade that would like to receive First Communion, please speak with Pastor Jim personally prior to signing up. (651) 249-6261

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 7th and 14th AT 10:20 AM - CLASSES

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 AT 10:00 AM.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Great News! We have resumed our in-person Ten Thousand Villages sales on the last Sunday of each month. 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 on a Saturday, so that they can fill it and I can pick it up.



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, whether here in person or joining us online. We continue an 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. It is also Reformation Sunday in Lutheran Churches around the world as we remember the beginning of the Protestant movement and reform of the Church when Martin Luther nailed 95 arguments (theses) in regards to Church practices and doctrines on October 31, 1517.

We invite you to complete the Connect Card that are available as you come in or in the pews Or online at stmarkshh.com/connect-card

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| PRELUDE | <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> | <i>Hicks</i> |
| + THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + GATHERING HYMN | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | ELW 504 |
| | Stanzas 1, 2 & 4 | |
| + GREETING | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + KYRIE | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + PRAYER OF THE DAY | | |

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 *Hebrews 9:11-15 & 24-28* **pg. 1096 & 1097**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

GOSPEL *Mark 12:28-34* **pg. 926**
The Holy Gospel according to Mark the twelfth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** **ELW 517**

+ APOSTLES’ CREED *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

PEACE

+ OFFERTORY *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* *Mahnke*

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

+ OFFERING PRAYER *Projection Screen*

+ THE LORD’S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving+ **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING BLESSING *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING HYMN **The Church's One Foundation** **ELW 654**
Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

+ DISMISSAL & VISION *Projection Screen*

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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; Christian Hernandez - hip; Maria Garcia & Doris Chavez (friends of Diana Hernandez) - car accident; Sarah Milano; Emmy Swenson (Pastor Jim’s aunt) - stroke.

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); Rita Hernandez (Michael Hernandez’s mother) - breast cancer; Deborah Morocco (Barbara Richards’ friend, please pray for Deborah’s family) - 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)

HOSPICE: Faye Heinrich

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Dear St. Mark Friends, This is an invitation for you to "Give Thanks" by DONATING to the Thanksgiving baskets distributed by the Action Food Pantry. They are planning on making 300 baskets, and we hope to donate 600 cans of green beans. Please bring your green beans to church. We will have collection tubs out on Sunday Nov. 7th and 14th. Checks or money donations can be made out to St. Mark's Lutheran with the memo line of Green Beans. Donations can also be dropped off at the office. The school will help us, collecting on October 26th and November 2nd. We will attempt to keep a running count, so we know how well we are doing toward achieving our goal. Thank You,
Your Social Ministries and Fellowship Committees

FOOD PANTRY

We are 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 October, we have traditionally collected SOUP & CANNED MEALS (**no glass containers, please**). Feel free to bring anything you wish to SHARE.