



# EPHESIANS

SURVIVING AND THRIVING IN A  
MESS-UP WORLD

## 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*

*TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

AUGUST 15, 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 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](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.

### SERVING TODAY

Last Sunday's  
Attendance

87

**PASTOR:** the Rev. James Mericle

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:** Karla Devine

**ALTAR GUILD:** Barbara Clark, Jane Martin

**LECTOR:** Shand Garrett

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Gwen Andrizzi

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

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

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

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD;** In honor of their granddaughter Meg, on her birthday, given by Frank and Kim Winn.

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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.*

## 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.

## 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.

## GIVING STATEMENTS

If you did not receive your Giving Statement please contact the office ([church@stmarks.ws](mailto:church@stmarks.ws)). Thank you for your generosity.

## 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 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, August 17th, at 10:00 A.M.

### TIMES:

**Tuesday at 11am - Noon**

**Tuesday at 8pm - 9pm**

*Readings; Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:56-69*

## 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.

## RUTH CIRCLE

This month we are having our ZOOM Bible Study on Monday, August 16th, at 7 p.m. All ladies are invited to join us. Our study is "Just L. I. F. E., Liberation is For Everyone". Zoom invitations will be sent out by Sharon Heck. If you wish to receive one, simply call or email Sharon. (562) 698-0476 or [s.heck4peace@gmail.com](mailto:s.heck4peace@gmail.com)

## RALLY DAY

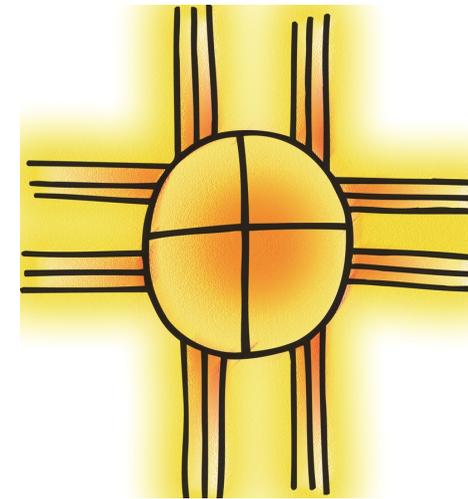
**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SERVICE STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.** Rally Sunday, August 22nd, is the kick off for the new school year, installation of school teachers and Sunday school teachers.

## LADIES' LUNCHEON

The August Ladies' Luncheon will be Thursday, August 26, at noon  
Mendocino Farms  
3317 E. Imperial Highway  
Brea, CA 92823  
(714) 924-7100  
RSVP Anna Guerriero at 626-330-7310

## TEN THOUSAND

Great News! We will resume our in-person Ten Thousand Villages sales on the last Sunday of each month, starting this month. On August 29th 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. And please email me at [kjdevin99@yahoo.com](mailto:kjdevin99@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!



## Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

### WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

*We welcome you to St. Mark's Lutheran as we gather to worship, learn, share and explore our relationship to God. Please let us know that you are with us today by completing the Contact Card you received when you walked in or that are in the pew holders. Place the completed card in the offering plate when it comes around. If you are joining us online, use the online Connect Card or leave a message in the Comments section of Facebook or YouTube.*

*Today we are also on week six of a seven-week sermon series on the Letter to the Ephesians, which Paul wrote while in prison in Rome around 60 AD to help encourage and strengthen the fledgling Christian community's faith. It still remains poignant for us today and our theme is Surviving and Thriving in a Messed-Up World. We focus on Chapter 5 and how Paul calls on us to make the most of our time in this world with wise living that is expressed from the guidance we have from the Holy Spirit that fills us. We will also be gathering for Holy Communion. Know that all who are baptized are welcomed to receive.*

PRELUDE	<i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i>	<i>Burkhardt</i>
+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION		<i>Projection Screen</i>
+ GATHERING HYMN	<b>O Day of Rest and Gladness Stanzas 1, 2 &amp; 4</b>	<b>ELW 521</b>
+ GREETING		<i>Projection Screen</i>

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray together.*

**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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FIRST READING

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

*Ephesians 5:15-20 pg. 1069*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Gwen Andrizzi

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*John 6:51-58 pg.975*

SERMON

Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**ELW 858**

+ APOSTLES’ CREED

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+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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PEACE

+ OFFERTORY

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*

*Gabrielsen*

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ  
Stanza 1 & 3**

**ELW 674**

+ LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Projection Screen*

+ 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

**Around You, O Lord Jesus**

**ELW 468**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+ BLESSING

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+ SENDING

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

**ELW 537**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

*Ore*

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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; Alex Cormack - knee replacement; Lee Uhl – foot surgery; Christa Schroeder—hip replacement

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