



**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*

*SCUBA*  
*VBS SUNDAY*  
**JUNE 30, 2024, 10:00 AM**


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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.

We invite you to let us know you are here today by completing a Connect Card or a Visitor Card in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. For those online, you can leave a comment or use the connect section on our website or App. We hope you will also let us know how this worship has touched you.

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). 562-360-9812

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

## SERVING TODAY

*We welcome Vacation Bible School Families.*

**PASTOR:** the Reverend James Mericle

**WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Graham Jackson

**VBS DIRECTOR:** Lauren Munoz along with the VBS volunteers

**WORSHIP SONG LEADER:** Leilani Rodriguez

**LECTOR:** Drake Poth, Elinor Ahn

**CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE:** VBS Children

**ALTAR GUILD:** Lori Ueda, Teri VanRiper

**TECH:** Chris Birtja, Steven Chou

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

Last Sundays'  
Attendance

55 In-person  
38 Online

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:** In honor of all God's children young and old, given by St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

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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.



Thank you  
for  
joining us!

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES - BACKPACKS**

On behalf of the Social Ministries Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations! If you are able to help, we will be filling the backpacks after church on Sunday, July 7th down by the church office. Hope to see you there!

Lori Ueda

**OFFERINGS:** You can 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. 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. You can also visit our website at <https://stmarkshh.com> or use the APP (st mark's lutheran church hh). We thank you for your generosity.



**THANK YOU!!**

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and participated in our SCUBA VBS program!  
We hope that you all enjoyed the week-long curriculum that was brought to life this week.



**Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + 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. Today is VBS Sunday, and we welcome all the children, staff and families who have been a part of this past week's exciting adventure, SCUBA! Today we will hear the kids and staff share a few of the song highlights of VBS, and the message will be highlighting that Jesus is a true friend and He invites us to value Jesus' friendship and be a real friends to others.*

*Please let us know that you are with us today by completing the Visitor or 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. After worship, those in person are welcome join us for fellowship on the patio.*

*Blessings to all of you in the name of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit!*

	VBS MUSIC VIDEOS		<i>Projection Screen</i>
+	GATHERING HYMN	<b>Thanks God</b>	<i>Projection Screen</i>
+	WELCOME		<i>Projection Screen</i>
+	WELCOME HYMN	<b>Standin' in the Need of Prayer</b>	<i>Projection Screen</i>

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray together.*

**Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

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FIRST READING

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

*Job 6:14-17*

SECOND READING

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

*Philemon 1-7*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Count Your Blessings  
One Big Family**

*VBS Children*

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to selections from John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

*The Value of Friendship*

*Pastor Mericle*

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**ELW 742**

+ APOSTLES' CREED

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Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving**+ Sending

+ PEACE

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**This Little Light of Mine**

**ELW 677**

+ 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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+ SENDING BLESSING

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+ SENDING HYMN

**Jesus Loves Me!**

**ELW 595**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

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**PRAYER LIST:**

**HEALING:** Krystal Barnhart; Norma Collosi - significant health issues; George Trapani (Sharon Heck son-in-law) - medical issues; Eugene Reitz; Christy Zapfel - heart ablation; Kathy Clark (Dr. Clark's mom) - healing; Sherri Heck Trapani (Sharon Heck's daughter) - healing; Richard Strain - healing; Françoise Dutil - medical issues; Marian Locke - eye surgery; Acelin Chan (Family of George Li) **ILLNESS:** Pat Dickerman - cancer; Bob Mericle - lung cancer; Erin Taylor (Nathan Magdaleno's friend) - ALS; Charlotte Fugate (friend of Aaron Figueroa) - Alzheimer's; Darlene Corgan (Mary Rosentreter's sister) - liver transplant, cancer; Dick Batchelor (Norm's brother-in-law) - pneumonia complications; Angie Biang Gass - cancer; Judy Willett - broken kneecap; Susan Brickley (mother of Juliana Guerriero's partner) - cancer; Martha House - cancer **TREATMENTS:** Daniella Escalante - cancer; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique's mom) - cancer; Christine Tseng (friend of Chou family) - cancer; Sue Ferrini (St. Mark's teacher) - cancer; Julie Barbosa - breast cancer (Tracy Nishizu's cousin); Dorothy Pantleo, (mother of Angela Merchant) - cancer **HOSPICE:** Faye Heinrich; Tom O'Connell (Dan O'Connell's brother)

**NEW HORIZONS**

New Horizons needs breakfast items only.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, July 8, 7PM on Zoom. The Bible Study is in the July/August Gather Magazine and is titled "After Certainty: Biblical Guide - Session 2." If the magazine does not arrive in time, Janna Barnhart can provide you with a copy of the study. Sharon Heck will lead the study, and will send out the Zoom link a few days before July 8. All are welcome, so send your email address to Sharon so she can send the Zoom link. s.heck4peace@gmail.com Hope to see you on Zoom.