

Friday Evening Worship Opportunities



Shandra and Pastor Rod Hines

Worship Experience: Praise + Daily Bread

Brief Description: Join Pastor Rod and Shandra will lead an evening of praise music and singing out. The musical session will be followed by communion at table, so you can receive your daily bread.

Location: Samuelsson Chapel

Pastor Rod and Shandra are both from Southern California. Pastor Rod has served a call at Messiah Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, and Shandra has worked alongside as a worship leader. Shandra's gift in music has led to many opportunities. Working as a Worship Pastor for over 10 years. She is also a sought-after lead vocalist. Shandra worship style is one of inclusion. She loves leading multiethnic and generational services. Rod and Shandra began their musical collaboration in worship over 25 years ago as worship leader and musical director of Lifeline Ministries Youth Praise. Rod's gift as a pianist, vocalist and teacher has taken him all over the world.

Rod and Shan have been married for seventeen years. She is also a caterer and has a passion for creating experiences through food. Rod has a passion for creating music and loves movies. Rod and Shan feel blessed to share their lives together and their love for God with others.

Natalie Larkin, Deacon (Upcoming Ordination)

Worship Experience: Walking the Labyrinth

Brief Description: Step into this ancient pathway of Christian meditation. Explore the labyrinth as a sacred space to remember, release, receive and return. Find your own rhythm to connect with Spirit as you follow the paths with unexpected twists and turns as you listen for God's guidance and wisdom within.

Location: Labyrinth (Behind Samuelson Chapel)



Natalie Larkin grew up in a Lutheran Camp in Ohio where her father was the director/pastor... She studied at Wittenberg University, CLU, PLTS and Fuller. Natalie has been a Spiritual Director for 20 years and a faculty member on the staff of Stillpoint: the Art of Spiritual Direction. She enjoys bringing the arts into spiritual formation and expression. She has also taught at-risk and mentally ill youth in alternative settings including an incarceration center. Deacon Natalie was extended a Synod Call as a Deacon in May 2023.



Rev. Matt Keadle, Pastor

Worship Experience: Remember Your Baptism

Brief Description: On this Holy Trinity weekend, be immersed in the promises of baptism with a variety of interactive, hands-on prayer stations inspired by the ELW's Affirmation of Baptism liturgy.

Location: Soiland Recreation Center

Matt Keadle grew up in Chicago and studied in Indiana, Mexico City, and Seattle before he was called to St. Mark's in 2011. In addition to leading St. Mark's, Pastor Matt also serves as the Lutheran Campus Pastor at the University of Southern California. Pastor Matt finds the greatest joy in co-creating spaces where diverse children of God of all ages can discover and claim their voice. At St. Mark's, this looks like baptizing children of all ages, building relationships and partnerships in the community, drawing on the tools of community organizing, advocating at City Hall, lighting campfires, blessing bicycles, agitating leaders, learning new songs, creating art, visiting the sick, burying the dead, and being immersed again and again in the ancient stories of faith, hope, and love.