



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.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Family Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 24, 2023, 4:30 PM

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.

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 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 or email Pastor Mericle directly, 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

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

READERS: Blake Do, Sondra Mericle, Hope Sotelo, Cinthya Sotelo

TRUMPET: Tom Mericle

POP-UP CHOIR: Norm Rumpf, Sondra Mericle, Irvin Thomas, Stacey Devening, Cinthya Sotelo, Mary Ann Mericle, Allison Sundman, Krista Guerrero

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann, Gwen Andrizzi

TECH CREW: Steven Chou and George Li

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart & Frank 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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| BIRTH READING | | <i>Luke 2:6-7 - Hope Sotelo</i> |
| CHRISTMAS HYMN | It Came Upon a Midnight Clear <i>Children's Choir stanza 1, congregation stanzas 2 & 3</i> | ELW 282 |
| CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | | <i>Pastor Jim</i> |
| ANTHEM | <i>A Little Drummer Boy</i> <i>Connor & Kara Reger & Krista Guerrero</i> | |
| PROCLAMATION GOSPEL | | <i>Luke 2:8-20</i> |
| CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | | <i>Pastor Jim</i> |
| CHRISTMAS HYMN | Joy to the World | ELW 267 |
| OFFERING | | |
| OFFERTORY RESPONSE | Away in a Manger | ELW 277 |
| OFFERTORY PRAYER | | |
| <i>(Graham begins playing silent night quietly and lights are turned out)</i> | | |
| CANDLE LIGHTING <i>(turn on candles on the bottom at Pastor's direction)</i> | | |
| CHRISTMAS LITANY | | |
| P: In the beginning there was chaos and shadows and God brought forth order and illumination | | |
| C: And God said, "Let there be Light!" | | |
| P: And the flames of Israel had been dimmed, but oil kept on burning for eight days! | | |
| C: And God said, "Let there be Light!" | | |
| P: And God saw the need for God's Light to pierce the shadows of sin and despair | | |
| C: And God said, "Let there be Light!" | | |
| P: And so, the light of a Star shone forth and the brightness of the angels proclaimed that the Light of the World has been born in the little town of Bethlehem. | | |
| C: And God said, "Let there be Light!" | | |
| P: The world was illuminated and shines bright for evermore on that silent night, holy night... | | |
| CHRISTMAS HYMN | Silent Night | ELW 281 |
| CHRISTMAS PRAYER | | |
| <i>(Lights turned up as candles extinguished)</i> | | |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| CHRISTMAS BLESSING | | |
| SENDING HYMN | Go Tell It on a Mountain | ELW 290 |
| POSTLUDE | | |

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Krystal Barnhart; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand's grand-nephew) - healing; Patrick Fields (husband of school employee) - medical; George Trapani (Sharon Heck son-in-law) - medical issues; Hugo Hsu-Chen - recovery from surgery

ILLNESS: Pat Dickerman - cancer; Bob Mericle - lung cancer; Robert Dutil - dementia & neck pain; Erin Taylor (Nathan Magdaleno's friend) - ALS; Charlotte Fugate (friend of Aaron Figueroa) - Alzheimer's; Darlene Corgan (Mary Rosentreter's sister) - liver transplant, cancer; Barbara Richards - leg surgery

TREATMENTS: Daniella Escalante - cancer treatments, surgery; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique's mom) - cancer treatments; Bill McDonnell (Krista Guerrero's boss) - prostate cancer; Christine Tseng (friend of Chou family) - cancer treatments

HOSPICE: Faye Heinrich; Marty Green -Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero); Tom O'Connell (Dan O'Connell's brother)

COMFORT: Family and friends of Vernon Weigand

DIRECTORY

It is the time of year again to update the Directory. Please contact the office at 626-961-2486 or email fdutil@stmarks.ws with any changes. Thank you for your help in this matter.

OFFERING ENVELOPES BOXES

The offering envelopes boxes will be available in the Narthex, Sunday, December 31, and Sunday, January 7th. Please do not use until 2024. Thank you.

OFFICE NEWS

Office will be closed Monday, December 25th & Monday, January 1st. Pastor will be on vacation December 26th & 27th. Françoise will be on vacation January 4th & 5th.

NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY

YEAR END OFFERINGS

If you are planning to make year-end donations which you plan on deducting on your tax return for 2023, please make sure your offering is given or postmarked by Sunday, December 31st. **We thank you for your generosity throughout the year, which will allow St. Mark's Church to continue it's missions.**

Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year** from the Finance Committee.

TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL STAFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN PROJECT CHRISTMAS WISH

Your Christmas donation is a gift of hope and happiness and your kindness is changing lives. Thank you for your incredible generosity! You have made two families very happy! Merry Christmas! Sharon Bradford, Terry Van Riper and Carolyn Collosi, Social Ministries