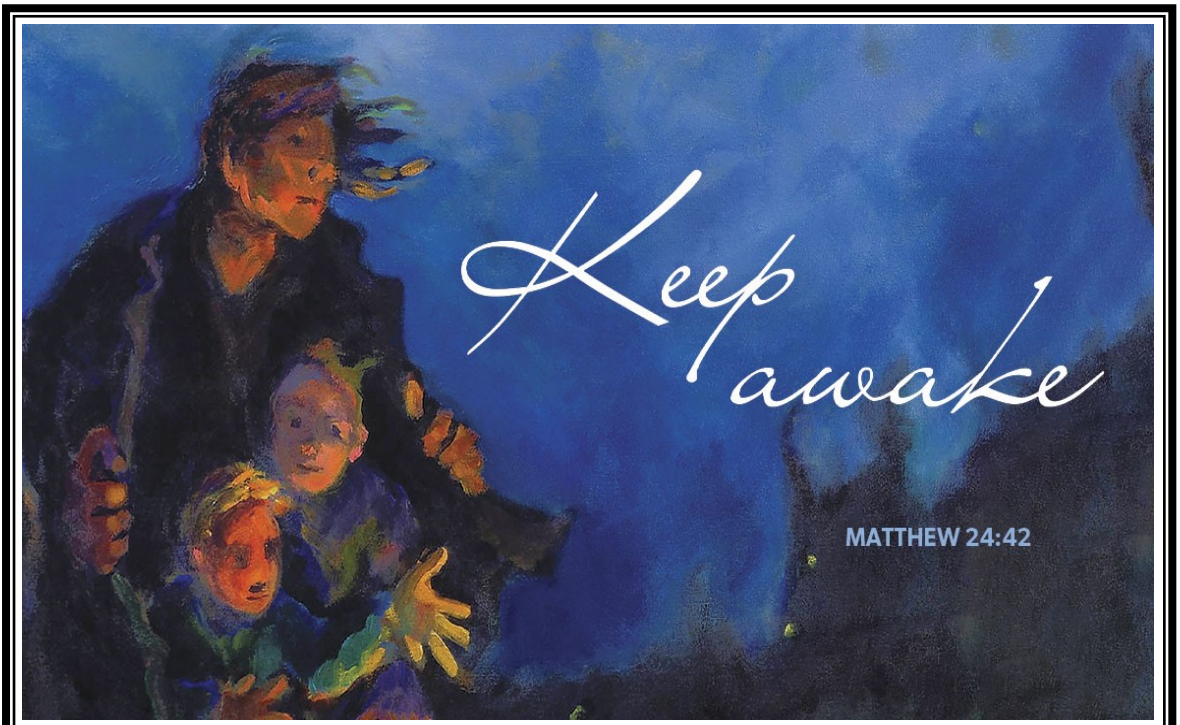


**Thanks for
joining us!**



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 10:00 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.

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.

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with
Cooper Jackson Milano & Ryder Dominic Milano.*

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

GUEST MUSICIAN: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Norm Rumpf

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Lynn Yann

ALTAR GUILD: Anna & John Guerriero

TECH: Dan O'Connell, Steven Chou

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Dan Guerrero, Emil Wolfe

USHERS: Irvin Thomas, Frank Winn

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD: We are thankful for the many blessings the Lord as given us, given by Kim & 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – We look forward to preparing for our participation in the December 11th holiday brunch immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. Each Sunday before December 11th, we will learn and practice a few songs which the Sunday School children will sing at the brunch. Please mark December 11th on your calendar for this special event as well as bringing your children to Sunday School each Sunday to practice. Betty Castaneda and Gwen Andrizzi look forward to sharing this special time with all the St. Mark's Angels.

OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, just go to the link below. Thank you for your generosity.

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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. 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. We 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 Lomas Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745

ADVENT

Our Advent theme is “Do You Hear What I Hear?” An Advent devotional is being put together for December 1st thru 25th with devotions shared by St. Mark’s members and friends. It will be available online and as a booklet by November 30th.

NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU?

St. Mark's friends, Kim Winn or another Prayer Warrior will be available to pray with you after church service, if you have a prayer request or concern. This will be in the little side chapel. Please call or text with a prayer request anytime to Kim Winn (626) 676-2997.

FOOD PANTRY

Action Food Pantry will be passing out tamales and they need bags of rice and pinto beans. **PLEASE NO EXPIRIED FOOD.**

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 at 10:00 A.M.

TIMES:

Tuesday at 11:00 am - Noon

Tuesday at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:8-17; Gospel: Matthew 1:17-25

THE 4TH ANNUAL SML COOKIE EXCHANGE/CHRISTMAS PARTY/CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Everyone is invited for appetizers and a Christmas Cookie Exchange On Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. Sign up to bring an appetizer and 3 dozen cookies. There are only three (3) spots for chocolate chip cookies, so if chocolate chip is your specialty, sign up early. Bill and Mary Rosentreter's Home, 15369 Calle de la Fuente, Hacienda Heights Sign-up to bring your favorite Christmas Cookie with Mary or Terry.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH COUNCIL BRUNCH

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Following the Sunday service on December 11th, Church Council will be hosting a Thank You breakfast. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and beverages. Reservations needed.

The Church Council extends their gratitude to:

- Betty Castaneda and Gwen Andrizzi, who tirelessly prepare for and teach Sunday School
- The congregation, for their support and love.

Please mark the date on your calendar, and sign up with Carolyn, Terry or Mary so we save you a place.



Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

WELCOME AND THEME OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! It is a joy to have you be a part of this community today, as we gather to worship God and give thanks to our Lord, Jesus. Today is the first Sunday in Advent - a season in which we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our theme is from the 1962 Christmas song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?," written and composed by Noël Regney and Gloria Shayne Baker during the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The next year, Bing Crosby recorded the song and it became a worldwide hit. Each week we will lift up a theme from the song as well as a Biblical Character for our focus. This week the focus is on "See" as we see what the Prophets foretold about the Birth of Jesus and connect Jesus's contemporary, John the Baptist.

Finally we are excited to receive Ryder Dominic and Cooper Jackson Milano in Holy Baptism this morning. Let's celebrate with them and their parents, Troy and Sarah along with family and friends on this very momentous day!

Blessings to each of you and may the Holy Spirit refresh the path before you!

PRELUDE

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| + GATHERING HYMN | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4 | ELW 257 |
| + GREETING | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + WELCOME SONG | Emmanuel | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + PRAYER OF THE DAY | | |

Let us pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering + **Word** + Thanksgiving + Sending

FIRST READING *Isaiah 7:10-16, 9:1-7, pg. 623*
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Micah 5:2-4, pg. 849*
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Projection Screen*

+ ADVENT HYMN *We Light One Candle Burning* *Projection Screen*

GOSPEL *Matthew 3:1-6, 11-12, pg. 880*
 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON See (The Prophets and John the Baptist) Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **Do You Hear What I Hear?** *Projection Screen*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
FOR
Cooper Jackson Milano
Ryder Dominic Milano
PARENTS: SARAH & TROY MILANO
SPONSORS: CHELSEA & MATT ALVARENGA
JESS BRADY & EMILO MONTES



Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the front.

WELCOME
 Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.....

Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

PEACE *Projection Screen*

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE **O Little Town of Bethlehem** **ELW 279**
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

+ LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving+ **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ BLESSING *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** **ELW 249**
Stanzas 1, 2 & 5

+ DISMISSAL & VISION *Projection Screen*

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING

Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen- better health; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Jim Andrizzi - pelvic fracture; Sondra Mericle - broken hip; Derek Canada (Boy Scout troop leader) - heart attack; Mark Sauer Sr. (Mark Sauer Jr. father) - pancreatic cancer; Bob Mericle - health issues; Carmelia Battle (Francoise's sister)- surgery; Lisa Anderson (Arnold Anderson's daughter-in-law); Robert Dutil (Françoise's papa) - nursing home; Juliana Hernandez and baby Aeres Stephan De Silva (Michael & Diana's daughter & grandson) -healing; Cheryl Miller (Action Food Pantry) - car accident injuries; Emmy Swenson (Pastor Jim's aunt) - broken hip; Eric Krissman; Sharon Bradford - surgery; Susan Wadkins - surgery; Janna Barnhart-fall; Kathy Clark - heart valve (Dr. Clark's parents); Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand's grand-nephew) - motorcycle accident;

ILLNESS

Donovan McLaughlin - cancer (Judy Willett's grandson); Pat Dickerman - cancer; Marty Green-Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero); Raul Hernandez Tenorio II (Boy Scout) - stroke like symptoms; Chelsea Shipherd- liver transplant

TREATMENTS

Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer & heart attack; Tom O'Connell (Dan O'Connell's brother) - cancer; Barbara Mautino - cancer; Amy Stenberg - brain cancer (friend of Anna Guerriero & Lee Uhl); Aiden Flamenco (St. Mark's student) - Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique's mom) - cancer treatments

SURGERY

Kim Wolfe (friend of Dan O'Connell) cancer surgery

HOSPICE

Faye Heinrich; Denice Delinsky (Melani Garrett's sister)