

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 17, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE
GATHERING HYMN **10,000 Reasons** Projection Screen
WELCOME
WELCOME HYMN **Angels we Have Heard on High** **ELW 289**
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Do family*
ADVENT HYMN **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah** **ELW 240**
Stanza 1, 2 & 3
CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Mericle

WORD

READING 1 John 4:7-12 - Marian Locke
GOSPEL John 3:16-19
SERMON *Do You Have Reservations?* Pastor Mericle
HYMN OF THE DAY **He Came Down** **ELW 253**
PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS Projection Screen

MEAL

PEACE
OFFERING
OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Savior of the Nations, Come** **ELW 263**
Stanzas 1 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
CONFESSION AND WORD OF FORGIVENESS
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION **Lamb Of God** **ELW pg. 154**
Let us Break Bread Together **ELW 471**
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
SENDING HYMN **O Come, All Ye Faithful** **ELW 283**
Stanzas 1, 3 & 4
DISMISSAL & VISION
POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: Rev James "Jim" Mericle
WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gwen Andrizzi
ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann, Gwen Andrizzi
ACOLYTE: Blake Do and Audrey Cotton
TECH: Dan O'Connell, Chris Birtja
CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Frank Winn, Phil Barnhart
HEAD USHER: Phil Barnhart
USHERS: George Li, Gary Hill, Kurt Van Riper

Last Sunday's
Attendance
84 in-person
50 online

PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Vernon Weigand; 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 **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; 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 Richard Michaels (Sondra's uncle)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT ZOOM BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR JIM ON TUESDAYS: Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. - Noon. Tuesday evening 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

NEW HORIZONS needs breakfast items only.

ACTION FOOD PANTRY needs all kinds of canned and boxed foods.

CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISING

Mistletoe will be on sale before and after the service today.

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.

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.

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.

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. We thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Theme: Advent Seasonings/Christmas Joy

December 24th - God Delivers (Cinnamon/Joy)
 Christmas Eve Worship with Communion at **10:00 am**
 Family Christmas Eve Worship with Candle Lighting at **4:30 pm**

December 31st - So...Do You Deliver? (Ginger/Share)
 Worship at 10:00 am
 Happy New Year!

Thank you for joining us!