ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

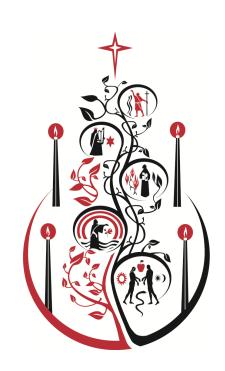
Theme: Do You Hear What I Hear?

December 24th Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 PM Focus: PEACE (Birth of Jesus) Candlelighting during service and gifts for the children.

> December 25th Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 AM Focus: LIGHT (Word) A service of Christmas Carols with Communion.

January 1st New Year's Day Worship at 10:00 AM Focus: GOODNESS (Kings and Herod) Last Chance to sing Christmas Carols and ring in the New Year

ADVENT



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

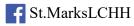
DECEMBER 18, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 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 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.

Holy Communion

Today we are also celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that all who wish to receive Christ and his offer of forgiveness and new life are welcome to receive this meal. For those online, please have your bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for that point in the service. For those attending in person, if you want to receive Christ in communion you can do so in two ways: come up front and receive the bread and wine/juice or take a communion kit in the Narthex and receive the bread and juice at your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, and are in person, please know you are welcome to come forward for a blessing-just let the pastor know. If you remain in your seat, please help make room for others to pass you, if they choose to go forward to receive communion.

Last Sundays' Attendance 72 in-person 31 online

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle GUEST MUSICIAN: Graham Jackson LECTOR: Christopher Birtja CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Krista Guerrero ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann, Gwen Andrizzi TECH: Nathan Magdaleno, Luke Rodriguez CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn HEAD USHER: Phil Barnhart USHERS: Kurt Van Riper, Gary Hill, Janna Barnhart

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Blessings!

DIRECTORY

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

FOOD PANTRY

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

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) 376-2997.

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: Isaiah 52:1-12; Gospel: Luke 2:8-20

YEAR END OFFERINGS

If you are planning to make year-end donations which you plan on deducting on your tax return for 2022, please make sure your offering is in the church office NO LATER THAN Thursday morning, 12/29/22. This will allow us to make the deposit on a timely basis. 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.

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:

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Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church! It is a joy to have you be a part of this community, as we gather to worship God and give thanks to our Lord, Jesus. Today is the fourth and final Sunday in Advent - a season in which we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our theme is from the famous Christmas song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" 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 "Proclaim" as the King in the song asks the people to listen and pray. We will explore the proclamation of the Angels to the Shepherds on that first Christmas and how the shepherds then shared that good news to others. Are we listening and sharing today?

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

PRELUDE		Projection Screen
GATHERING SONG	Shout to the Lord (2X)	ELW 821
GREETING		Projection Screen
WELCOME SONG	Do You Hear What I Hear?	Projection Screen

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

	FIRST READING The Word of the Lord.		aiah 52:1-12, pg. 669
+	LIGHTING OF THE ADVE	NT WREATH	Projection Screen
+	ADVENT HYMN	We Light One Candle Burning Stanzas 1 – 4	Projection Screen
	CHILDREN'S SERMON		Krista Guerrero
	GOSPEL The Holy Gospel according t Glory to you, O Lord.	o Matthew the first chapter.	Luke 2:8-20, pg. 835
	The Gospel of the Lord. P	raise to you, O Christ.	
	SERMON	PROCLAIM (Shepherds and Angels)	Pastor Mericle
+	HYMN OF THE DAY	Angel's From the Realm of Glory Stanzas 1, 2 & 4	ELW 275
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ł	PRAYERS OF THE CHURC	CH	Projection Screen
	PEACE		Projection Screen
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Ŧ	OFFERTORY		
+	OFFERTORY RESPONSE	Praise God From Whom All Blessin	ngs Flow ELW 884
+	OFFERTORY PRAYER		Projection Screen
+	BRIEF ORDER FOR CONF	ESSION	Projection Screen
+	WORDS OF INSTITUTION		Projection Screen
+	LORD'S PRAYER		Projection Screen
	COMMUNION	Lamb of God	ELW pg.154
	COMMUNION HYMN	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Stanzas 1, 2 & 4	ELW 282

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+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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	ANNOUNCEMENTS					
+	BLESSING		Projection Screen			
+	SENDING	Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing	ELW 270			
+	DISMISSAL & VISION		Projection Screen			
	POSTLUDE					
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h C E S S II K I C S T C O O L	ignificant health issues; Sone ealing; Mark Sauer Sr. (Mar Carmelia Battle (Francoise's Emmy Swenson (Pastor Jim' urgery; Janna Barnhart - hea ng; Anna Guerriero - hand Carl Wahl (cousin of Mary A LLNESS Donovan McLaughlin - c Green-Ponce (friend of Juliar ymptoms; Chelsea Shipherd- CREATMENTS Tony Hernandez (Micha D'Connell's brother) - cance f Anna Guerriero & Lee Ul	Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen - better h dra Mericle - broken hip; Derek Canada (I k Sauer Jr. father) - pancreatic cancer; Bol sister) - healing; Robert Dutil (François s aunt) - broken hip; Sharon Bradford - s ding; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand surgery; Gary Bradford - neck surgery; nn Mericle) - healing; Kim Winn - healing ancer (Judy Willett's grandson); Pat Dic a Guerriero); Raul Hernandez Tenorio II liver transplant el's brother) cancer & heart attack; r; Barbara Mautino - cancer; Amy Stenbe all); Aiden Flamenco (St. Mark's student) ue's mom) - cancer treatments	Boy Scout troop leader) - b Mericle - health issues; se's papa) - pneumonia; urgery; Susan Wadkins - 's grand-nephew) - heal- Richard Strain - healing; g; Frank Winn - healing ekerman - cancer; Marty (Boy Scout) - stroke like Tom O'Connell (Dan erg - brain cancer (friend			

Faye Heinrich **GRIEVING** Family and friends of Lyle Clark (Barb Clark's Dad); Family and friends of the father of Gina Cabrera (former Music Director)

Kim Wolfe (friend of Dan O'Connell) cancer surgery; Kathy Clark - heart valve (Dr. Clark's

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!!!

parent) December 27th HOSPICE

The Action Food Pantry is asking for donations of beans and rice for their Christmas Baskets. You can make checks out to St. Mark's. On the memo line please write "Christmas Baskets."