

**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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+ 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.

*Thank you
for
joining us!*

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.

<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/34WJTS>

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		<i>Projection Screen</i>
+ GATHERING SONG	Shout to the Lord (2X)	ELW 821
+ GREETING		<i>Projection Screen</i>
WELCOME SONG	Do You Hear What I Hear?	<i>Projection Screen</i>
+ PRAYER OF THE DAY		
	<i>Let us pray together.</i>	
	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.	

Gathering + **Word** + Meal + Sending

- FIRST READING *Isaiah 52:1-12, pg. 669*
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- + LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Projection Screen*
- + ADVENT HYMN **We Light One Candle Burning** *Projection Screen*
 Stanzas 1 – 4
- CHILDREN’S SERMON Krista Guerrero
- GOSPEL *Luke 2:8-20, pg. 835*
 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the first chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
- SERMON PROCLAIM (Shepherds and Angels) Pastor Mericle
- + HYMN OF THE DAY **Angel's From the Realm of Glory** **ELW 275**
 Stanzas 1, 2 & 4
- + APOSTLES’ CREED *Projection Screen*
- + PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*
- PEACE *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

- + OFFERTORY
- + OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow** **ELW 884**
- + OFFERTORY PRAYER *Projection Screen*
- + BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION *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** **ELW 282**
 Stanzas 1, 2 & 4
- + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Meal + **Sending**

- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- + BLESSING *Projection Screen*
- + SENDING **Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing** **ELW 270**
- + 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; Sondra Mericle - broken hip; Derek Canada (Boy Scout troop leader) - healing; Mark Sauer Sr. (Mark Sauer Jr. father) - pancreatic cancer; Bob Mericle - health issues; Carmelia Battle (Francoise’s sister) - healing; Robert Dutil (Françoise’s papa) - pneumonia; Emmy Swenson (Pastor Jim’s aunt) - broken hip; Sharon Bradford - surgery; Susan Wadkins - surgery; Janna Barnhart - healing; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand’s grand-nephew) - healing; Anna Guerriero - hand surgery; Gary Bradford - neck surgery; Richard Strain - healing; Karl Wahl (cousin of Mary Ann Mericle) - healing; Kim Winn - healing; Frank Winn - healing

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; Kathy Clark - heart valve (Dr. Clark’s parent) December 27th

HOSPICE

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)

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!!!

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."