

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
**Advent Seasonings/Christmas Joy 1**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE		
GATHERING HYMN	Jesus Messiah	Projection Screen
WELCOME		
WELCOME HYMN	Do You Hear What I Hear	Projection Screen
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		Carbajal family
ADVENT HYMN	Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah Stanza 1	ELW 240
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Pastor Mericle

**WORD**

READING		Genesis 1:28-31, 2:8-9 - Gwen Andrizzi
GOSPEL		John 6:35-51
SERMON	What Are You Hungry For?	Pastor Mericle
ANTHEM HYMN	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	Projection Screen
	Pop-Up Choir with congregation joining on stanza 3	
PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS		Projection Screen

**MEAL**

PEACE		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY RESPONSE	People, Look East Stanzas 1 & 3	ELW 248
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		
CONFESSION AND WORD OF FORGIVENESS		
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
LORD'S PRAYER		
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Stanzas 1, 2 & 5	ELW 257
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		

**SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
BLESSING		
SENDING HYMN	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Stanzas 1, 2 & 4	ELW 597
DISMISSAL & VISION		
POSTLUDE		

**SERVING TODAY**

**PASTOR:** Rev James "Jim" Mericle  
**WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Graham Jackson  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Terry Van Riper  
**SONG LEADER:** Rylee Birtja  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Yann, Gwen Andrizzi  
**TECH:** Chris Birtja, Garrett Birtja  
**CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS:** Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn  
**HEAD USHER:** Steven Chou **USHERS:** Dick Heinrich, Frank Winn

Last Sunday's Attendance  54 in-person 26 online
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**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; Bob Merchant - heart surgery; Janet Weston - hip replacement  
**ILLNESS:** Pat Dickerman - cancer; Bob Mericle - lung cancer; Robert Dutil - dementia; Erin Taylor (Nathan Magdaleno’s friend) - ALS; Charlotte Fugate (friend of Aaron Figueroa) - Alzheimer’s; Darlene Corgan (Mary Rosentreter’s sister) - liver transplant, cancer  
**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)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY:** Our theme is Advent Seasonings/Christmas Joy. Please be sure to pick up an Advent Calendar and Advent Devotional today.

**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.

**SEASONS AND COLORS OF THE CHURCH YEAR:** today, December 3rd at 11:30AM. This one session course introduces children and parents to what the colors in the church are all about. Adults are welcome too! There is no cost. Please join us in the chapel after refreshments.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE NARTHEX.**

**TODAY IS THE 5TH ANNUAL SML COOKIE EXCHANGE/CHRISTMAS PARTY/ CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** Everyone is invited for appetizers and a Christmas Cookie Exchange today at 4:00 p.m. Bill and Mary Rosentreter's Home 15369 Calle de la Fuente , Hacienda Heights

**CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISING:** Mistletoes will for sale before and after the service on December 10th & 17th.

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH:** Following the Sunday service on December 10th, please join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear our Children's Choir and Sunday School Children sing some beautiful songs for you and lead us in several Christmas Carols. After that, we will enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon, chicken sausage, fruit, muffins and beverages. The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Reservations needed. Please mark the date on your calendar and sign up with Terry or Mary after church today, December 3rd or register online here: <https://subspla.sh/c3npf6t/>

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet at Sharon Heck's home on Monday, December 11, 2023. 7:00 pm. Her address is 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Her phone number is: 562-858-9253 and her email address is: s.heck4peace@gmail.com. Please RSVP regarding your attendance. The devotion in the November/December Gather magazine will be discussed. Hope to see many of you on Monday, December 11th.

**ANGEL TREE:** New Horizons has given the Social Ministries Committee names of a family that could use some Christmas cheer. We have names and ideas for a mom and three children for whom we can purchase items. They will be up on a Christmas tree in the Narthex with 5 tags for each child and 4 tags for the mom. Please take a name tag , chose an item to wrap and let Sharon know after church. If several people want to purchase something together that is also great. Please return the gifts to the church office no later than Tuesday, December 12th. Any question please contact Carolyn Collosi 562-626-7405. Thank you.

**CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION DAY:** You are invited to help clean-up and beautify our church building and grounds on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. We will be clearing out old furniture and obsolete items from the buildings, removing and planting around the Little Library near the office, dusting the Narthex and sanctuary, cleaning the upstairs and making it all ready for Christmas. Let’s fellowship and enjoy this time together!

**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.

**Thank you for joining us!**