# MERRY CHRISTMAS





#### **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

Do You Hear What I Hear?

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Family

Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 24, 2022, 4:30 PM



#### 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.

For those worshiping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card that you received and leave it in the offering plate. For those who are worshipping with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube by making a comment.

You may contact Françoise our church Office Administrator at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com.

If you have questions, about the service or St. Mark's, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers.

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**PASTOR:** the Reverend James Mericle

GUEST MUSICIAN: Renee Gehlbach, Miguel Martinez

**READERS:** Marian Locke, Sondra Mericle, Hope Sotelo, Lynn Yann

**OBOE:** Sydney Chou **TRUMPET:** Tom Mericle

**POP-UP CHOIR:** Norm Rumpf, Sondra Mericle, Kim Brown, Irvin Thomas, Stacey Devening Cinthya Sotelo, Terry Van Riper, Mary Ann Mericle, Tom Ling, Jim Luersen, Allison Sundman

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann, Gwen Andrizzi

CO-DIRECTORS OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, 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.

# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Theme: Do You Hear What I Hear?

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

January 1st
RECORDED SERVICE ONLY
New Year's Day Worship
Focus: GOODNESS (Kings and Herod)

#### **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.

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES BOXES**

The offering envelopes boxes will be available in the Narthex, Sunday, December 25th, and Sunday, January 8th.

#### **OFFICE NEWS**

The office will be closed Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd. Pastor Mericle will be on vacation December 28th – 30th. Please contact Pastor Demers for pastoral care 626-848-6404.

#### **NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY**

#### 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.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 22, 2023.

#### **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 Lomitas Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745



#### WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Merry Christmas and welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran in Hacienda Heights, CA. We are blessed to have you join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus! Our service has been designed with families in mind. During this Advent and Christmas season, our theme is "Do You Hear What I Hear?" It was written during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 and was a call for peace to prevail and reminding us that in Jesus we find true peace. You are encouraged to join in singing carols, listening to the readings, messages, participating in the lighting of candles and the singing of "Silent Night!" The candles are LED battery operated and switch on and off on the bottom. Please follow Pastor Mericle's directions. After the service, please return them to the baskets as you exit.

We also would ask each family/individual to fill out the contact card so we may know you have joined us this evening. These may be placed in the offering plate along with any offering you may share. Thank you so much and Have a Merry Christmas! Peace and Goodwill to All!

PRELUDE

Christmas Carol selections Once in Royal David's City arr. by Dan Coates arr. Weldon Whipple

**GATHERING HYMN** 

Hark! The Herald Angels

ELW 270
Pastor Jim

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

- P: O People of God, do you see what I see?
- C: We see a star with a tail as big as a kite pointing us to the Holy Child.
- P: O People of God, do you hear what I hear?
- C: We hear the ringing through the sky and the singing of this night, calling us to hear the Good News of great joy!
- P: O People of God, do you know what I know?
- C: We know with the Shepherd and the Wise Men that God became one of us, Emmanuel, even shivering in the cold.

P: O People of God, let us pray for peace everywhere through the Savior that has come to us.

C: He will bring us goodness and light. He will bring us goodness and light.

THEME SONG **Do You Hear What I Hear?** Projection Screen

PROPHECY READING (Marian Locke) Isaiah 7:10-16, pg. 623

CHRISTMAS HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257

Stanzas 1 & 5

ANNUNCIATION READING (Sondra Mericle) Luke 1:26-38, pg. 933

POP-UP CHOIR HYMN What Child is This?
Pop-Up Choir

BETHLEHEM READING (Lynn Yann) Luke 2:1-5, pg. 935

CHRISTMAS HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279

Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

BIRTH READING (Hope Sotelo)

Luke 2:6-7, pg. 935

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Jim

CHRISTMAS HYMN Away in a Manger ELW 277

PROCLAMATION GOSPEL Luke 2:8-20, pg. 935

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Pastor Jim

CHRISTMAS HYMN First Noel Projection Screen

Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

OFFERING O Come All Ye Faithful

**CANDLE LIGHTING** 

**CHRISTMAS LITANY** 

P: In the beginning there was chaos and shadows and God brought forth order and illumination

C: And God said, "Let there be Light!"

P: And the flames of Israel had been dimmed, but oil kept on burning for eight days!

C: And God said, "Let there be Light!"

P: And God saw the need for God's Light to pierce the shadows of sin and despair

C: And God said, "Let there be Light!"

P: And so, the light of a Star shone forth and the brightness of the angels proclaimed that the Light of the World has been born in the little town of Bethlehem.

C:And God said, "Let there be Light!"

P: The world was illuminated and shines bright for evermore on that silent night, holy night...

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night!

**ELW 281** 

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lights turned up as candles are extinguished

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

**ELW 267** 

POSTLUDE Go Tell it on the Mountain

arr. Colin Curtis

# 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; Gary Bradford - neck surgery; Richard Strain - healing; Karl Wahl (cousin of Mary Ann Mericle) - healing; Kim Winn - healing; Frank Winn - healing

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#### **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

#### **TRÉATMENTS**

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; Lisa Anderson - neck surgery December 29th

#### 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)