

# 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

St. Mark's Lutheran



Church & School

## 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 worshipping 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](mailto:fdutil@stmarks.ws) or email Pastor Mericle directly, [pastorjim@stmarkshh.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<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](mailto: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 Lomas 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**

## CHRISTMAS WELCOME

Pastor Jim

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

