

*Thank you  
for  
joining us!*

*Blessings!*

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*

*"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

DECEMBER 11, 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 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](mailto:fdutil@stmarks.ws) or email Pastor Mericle directly, [pastorjim@stmarkshh.com](mailto: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.

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| Last Sundays'<br>Attendance<br>54 in-person<br>35 online |
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## SERVING TODAY

**PASTOR:** the Reverend James Mericle

**GUEST MUSICIAN:** Graham Jackson

**SOLOIST:** Rylee Birtja

**LECTOR:** Rylee Birtja

**ACOLYTE:** Savannah Manale

**CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE:** Gwen Andrizzi

**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Yann, Gwen Andrizzi

**TECH:** Dan O'Connell, Shand Garrett

**CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS:** Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

**HEAD USHERS:** Frank Winn, Ron Amon

**USHERS:** Janna Barnhart, Phil Barnhart, Dan Guerrero, Steven Chou

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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 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Theme: Do You Hear What I Hear?**

**December 18th - Worship 10:00 AM**  
**Focus: PROCLAIM (Shepherds and Angels)**  
**Parents are invited to a short meeting**  
**after worship with Pastor Jim.**

**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**

**St. Mark's Church Council Brunch  
Do You Hear What I Hear?  
Celebrating Christmas Around the World**

Following today's Sunday service, the Church Council is hosting a Thank You breakfast. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, and beverages.

**RUTH CIRCLE**

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, December 12, 2022, 7:00 PM at the home of Sharon Heck. The address is: 6032 Comstock Ave., Whittier, CA 90601. Her phone number is: 562-858-9253. We will discuss the Advent Devotion in the November/December Gather Magazine beginning on page 38. It is titled "Good Things Come in Small Packages" and Sharon Heck will lead the discussion of Week 1: The "More Myth," and Week 2: "The Appearance Illusion." All are welcome to attend.

**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 + Thanksgiving + 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 third 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 "Know" and the message given to Mary and Elizabeth as they know in their hearts the important role God has for them.*

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

**PRELUDE**

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+ **GATHERING HYMN**

**Jesus Messiah**

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+ **GREETING**

*Projection Screen*

+ **WELCOME SONG**

**Do You Hear What I Hear?**

*Projection Screen*

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray together.*

**Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

Gathering + **Word** + Thanksgiving + Sending

FIRST READING *Psalm 98, pg. 540*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Mary Did You Know? Mark Lowry*  
*Rylee Birtja*

+ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Projection Screen*

+ ADVENT HYMN **We Light One Candle Burning** *Projection Screen*  
**Stanzas 1-3**

CHILDREN'S SERMON **I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy** Gwen Andrizzi

GOSPEL *Luke 1:26-56, pg. 933*  
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the first chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Know (Mary and Elizabeth) Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **What Child is This?** **ELW 296**

+ APOSTLES' CREED *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

+ LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

PEACE

+ OFFERTORY

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Give Thanks** *Projection Screen*

+ OFFERING PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving+ **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING BLESSING *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING HYMN

**Joy to the World**

**ELW 267**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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POSTLUDE

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**PRAYER LIST:**

**HEALING**

Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Pastor Lee Rozen - better health; Norma Collosi - significant health issues; Jim Andrizzi - pelvic fracture; 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) - PTSD/dementia; Juliana Hernandez and baby Aeres Stephan De Silva (Michael & Diana's daughter & grandson) -healing; Cheryl Miller (Action Food Pantry) - car accident injuries; Emmy Swenson (Pastor Jim's aunt) - broken hip; Eric Krissman; 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

**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 Wynell Baker (Kenna Dutil-Baker's grandmother); Family and friends of David Lau (Cindy Lau's father and Sampson Tang's father-in-law)

**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."

**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.