

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Annie Bourque	Larry Lechner	Karin Offik
Margo Dodson	Mary Leo	Frank Ontiveros
Ciera Elledge	Jeannette Maldonado	Debbie Rutecki
Bobbi Elser	Karan McQuiston	Mija Stockman
Vicki Eversmeyer	Charlie Musitano	

*If you would like the St. Mark's Prayer Chain to pray for your concern, please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Brenda Holsopple.*



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**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**December 24, 2023**

**Full Festival Candlelight Worship**

Christmas Eve



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community.*

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Merry Christmas! We are glad to have you worship with us this day!  
Please let us know you are here by signing in on the white Pew Pads. You may also add a prayer request and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional & Gathering Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vv. 1, 3, 4) Hymn 283

Greeting

Canticle of Praise *Angels We Have Heard on High* 10am Handbells  
*Et in Terra Pax* 6:30pm SSA Choir

Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

Children's Message

*All children and their parents are invited for a brief message.*

First Lesson Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (v.1) Hymn 270

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible p. 555)

Psalm 96 Cantor | **Congregation**

Second Lesson Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v.1)

Second Scripture Reading: Titus 2:11-14 (Pew Bible p. 969)

*Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation*

Gospel Processional & Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible pp. 832-833)

Gospel Recessional

*Please be seated*

Sermon Pastor Will Starkweather

*Silence for reflection on the Word.*

## POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN HONOR

Rodney & Phyllis Hutchins in celebration of Christmas

Patty Sykstus in honor of Meg Jones

## POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN MEMORY

Cathy Cramer in memory of Alice Blom and Ralph Cramer

Norwood, Carol and Patti Cutter in memory of Lester and Frances Cutter

Norwood & Carol Cutter in memory of Fred and Betty Kaczmarowski

Vicki Eversmeyer in memory of her mother, June Barber

Wayne & Polly Falkenberg in loving memory of Katy Schroer

Peg Skrenes in memory Earl R. Graves, Edith M. Graves, Norman S. Skrenes,

Betty W. Skrenes, Norman D. Skrenes and Kevin Skrenes

Patty Sykstus in memory of Ron & Diane Sykstus

Heather White in memory of John L. Miley

*Poinsettias may be taken home following the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our Visitors!** We are so pleased to have you join us in the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ! We invite you to sign in on the white Pew Pads. You may also add a Prayer Request, and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

**Church Office Hours** - The Church Office will be closed the week after Christmas, December 25-January 1. If you have a Pastoral Emergency, you may contact Pastor Will at 706-615-2086.

**Chrismons** - If your child did not receive a Chrismon, please see Traci.



**Online Giving** - If you prefer to give online, please use this QR code.

**Worship next week** - Contemplative/Renewal "Dwelling in the Word" worship service at 10am on December 31.

**Looking ahead!** Here are some fun things coming up in January & February!

- ◆ WELCA Officer Installation, Sunday, January 7
- ◆ Confirmation Retreat, January 12-14
- ◆ Free Spirit, Thursday, January 18
- ◆ WELCA Epiphany Tea, Saturday, January 27
- ◆ St. Mark's Night at the Huntsville Havoc Hockey game, Saturday, January 27
- ◆ Pastor Will Starkweather Installation, Saturday, February 3 at 11 am.



*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Hymn of the Day

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (vv. 1-3)*

Hymn 279

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you.**

*Please extend a greeting of welcome and a word of grace to those around you.*

*Please be seated*

MEAL

Offering  Please use QR code for online giving.

*Et in Terra Pax*

10am SSA Choir

*Angels We Have Heard on High* 6:30pm Handbells

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Communion Invitation Litany Celebration of Holy Communion

*Please be seated.*

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers as we commune together. Also, please know you are welcome to receive a blessing instead of partaking in communion as a reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and grace for you. These are the gifts of God for all.*

Communion Songs	<i>The First Noel</i>	Hymn 300
	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	Hymn 282
	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	Hymn 294

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## Prayer after Communion

### SENDING

## Blessing

*Candles are lit.*

Sending Hymns	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night!</i>	Hymn 281
	<i>Joy to the World (vv. 1-3)</i>	Hymn 267

*A moment of silence & reflection - Please extinguish your candles.*

## Dismissal

Postlude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	arr. Norman Dello Joio
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*The Altar Arrangements are given by Michael & Susan McCall in celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

### 10:00am Service Participants:

Assisting Minister: Susan Wright

Acolyte: Payton Sieja

Lector: Leah Gradl

Lay Communion Asst.: Lauren Altman, Haiden White, Alex Vandevreire,  
Kinsley Satterfeal

Greeters/Ushers: Tim Sieja, Andy Sieja, Klaus Dahl

Tech Volunteer: Deb Williams

Crucifer: Lauren Altman

Bible Bearer: Kinsley Satterfeal

Torch Bearers: Madelyn & Carolyn Vandevreire

Banner Bearers: Haiden White & Alex Vandevreire

### 6:30pm Service Participants:

Assisting Minister: Larry Partesotti

Acolyte: Tabitha Rinyu

Lector: Dane Williams

Lay Communion Asst.: Tabitha Rinyu, Owen Foreman, Reagan Polzin, Needed

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price

Tech Volunteer: Andrew Caple

Crucifer: Owen Foreman

Bible Bearer: Reagan Polzin

December 17 Worship Attendance: 164

Sunday Learning: Adults-19; Children-22

Wednesday Advent Worship Attendance (12/13): 61

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