

Service Participants

Asst. Minister: Lara Sieja

Lector: Robert Burkhardt

Greeters/Ushers: Larry Partesotti & Craig Satterfeal

Lay Communion Asst.: Payton Sieja, Robert Burkhardt, Connor & Cassidy Hackenberg

Acolyte: Payton Sieja

Tech Volunteer: Andy Sieja

Coffee Fellowship: Kris Strope

November 26 Worship Attendance: 93; Sunday Learning: Adults-14; Children-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting - TODAY immediately following worship. There will also be a potluck lunch, Christmas Tree decorating, and Hospital Ministry!

Tweeners & Quarters - Will meet on Friday, December 8 to visit the Tinsel Trail at Big Spring Park. Look for email with more details about where to meet, etc!

Mom Bags - In cooperation with Manna House, we are providing Christmas gifts for moms. Please see newsletter for instructions on what to include in your gift. There are also "shopping lists" on the "Serve Others" bulletin board near the narthex. Our goal is 125 assembled gifts bags; due by Wednesday, December 13.

Advent Worship/Meal - This Wednesday, December 6, will be our first midweek Advent Meal and Worship. Meal at 5 pm; Worship at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship - We will have two Christmas Eve Worship services: 10 am and 6:30 pm.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve! You may sponsor and dedicate a poinsettia for Christmas Eve. Each plant is \$12; please use a Flower Envelope or go to our 'Giving Page' on the St. Mark's website. You may take your plant home after the 6:30 pm service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Annie Bourque

Vicki Eversmeyer

Jeannette Maldonado

Debbie Rutecki

Margo Dodson

Terry Gano

Charlie Musitano

Peg Skrenes

Ciera Elledge

Larry Jung

Karin Offik

Mija Stockman

Bobbi Elser

Larry Lechner

Frank Ontiveros

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



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent



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

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10:00 am Worship

We are glad to have you worship with us this morning! 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 *Creator of the Stars of Night* arr. Richard Warner

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise

Gathering Hymn *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* Hymn 244

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

WORD

Children's Message/Lighting of Advent Wreath
All children and their parents are invited for a brief message.

Advent Song *Waiting in Silence*

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 606)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (Pew Bible p. 926)

Please rise

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-37 (Pew Bible p. 826)

Please be seated

Sermon Pastor Will Starkweather

Silence for reflection on the Word

Please rise

Hymn of the Day *Come Now, O God*

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering Song *Even So Come*

Please rise

Offertory Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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 Music *Be Known to Us*
Waiting for Bethlehem's Light Choir
For Everyone Born

Please rise

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song *The Blessing*

Dismissal

Postlude

*The Altar Arrangements are given by
Judy Stevens in memory of Butch Stevens and their 62nd wedding anniversary;
and by Ed & Pat Lichtner in celebration of their 69th wedding anniversary.*



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