



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: Transfiguration

Prelude: Shine, Jesus, Shine arr. David Blackwell

Welcome | Mission Moment | Gathering Hymn: **Shine, Jesus, Shine** ELW 671

Confession and Forgiveness | **Joyous Light of Glory** ELW 230 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Psalm 36:5-10 *Pew Bible p.443*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.171 | Luke 9:18-36 *Pew Bible p.842*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **How Good, Lord, to be Here!** ELW 315

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **God of Wonders**

Communion Liturgy with **Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy**

Distribution: **Reckless Love** | This is My Word; Choir

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Everlasting God**

Dismissal | Postlude: We Are Marching in the Light of God arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Shandry Peugeot | Lector: Diana Rhodes | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Paul Gradl & Tim Sieja | Tech Volunteer: Todd Phillips

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear & Diana Rhodes

Coffee Host: Andy Sieja

St. Mark's Celebrates Open Communion

which means none are turned away from Christ's table. We believe Christ is fully present in the bread and wine, and no less present in our gluten-free and alcohol-free options. If you wish instead to receive a blessing, you may signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.

We Welcome the Joy, Laughter, Sights, and Sounds of Children in Worship!

There are children's activity bulletins and worship activity bags available - just ask our ushers. If a moment out of the sanctuary is needed, a toy-filled nursery and changing table are available too, however, we ask that an adult family member stay present at all times.

Transfiguration

The last Sunday in the season of Epiphany is Transfiguration Sunday. We hear the story of Jesus taking Peter, James, and John up the mountain, where he is changed in front of them. His skin begins to shine and his clothes become dazzling white. In that moment, we, along with the disciples, get a glimpse of the glory of God revealed in Jesus. It is a powerful moment of confirmation that Jesus is who he says he is and that his word can be trusted. But the Transfiguration also marks a turning point in Jesus' ministry and in the life of the Church; coming down from the mountain, Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem, and we walk with him on the way of the cross as we enter into the season of Lent. It is not on the mountaintop, but rather at the cross, where we see most clearly who Jesus is and how great is his love.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Bruce & Jennifer Mullin in celebration of their anniversary; and by the Ontiveros & Sosebee Family in celebration of Peg Skrenes' Birthday!

Ready to Get Online?

Wi-Fi is available using the SMLC Guest network with password: GrowingTogether

By the Numbers: February 23, 2025

Attendance

In Person Worship: 138 | Online Views: 46

Child & Youth Sunday School: 28 | Adult Sunday School: 26

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$12,506.50 | YTD: \$99,827.00 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

For your convenience, online giving can be accessed through this QR Code:



This Week We are Praying for...

The ongoing threats to and removal of funding for our nation's many support systems, and those vulnerable populations that find themselves even more at risk due to the lack of crucial aid | All of those struggling to find adequate reproductive care, especially anyone facing health challenges and life threatening emergencies | The upcoming busy-ness of the Lenten season and all those who prepare for it, especially the St. Mark's staff | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Don, Ciera, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Mija, and Kim.

A Prayer Ministry email filled with joys, concerns, and sorrows sent weekly on Wednesday; if you would like to receive this email, please contact prayer@stmarkshsv.org Prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate.

Mission Moment Follow Up– Worship Assistants

Each Sunday's worship service includes approximately 30 volunteers before, during, and after the service! There's a place for everyone to serve and an opportunity for any talent or skill set – from lector, to greeter, to choir, to altar guild and so many things in between! Check out the bulletin board in Communication Central for more details and to sign up.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

Our Lenten season kicks off with Ash Wednesday, March 5 services at 12 & 6:30pm. We also invite you to join us for a new Lenten mid-week experience! On Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9, we will gather around the table to share a meal and worship together in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be at 6pm and flow into worship at 6:30. If you would like to help with dinner, a sign-up is available in Communication Central.

Welcome to our Newest Staff Member!

We're so excited to have our new Office Assistant, Niki Maldonado, join us at the front desk starting tomorrow! Please stop by and give her a warm St. Mark's welcome!

Thursday Reading Group

Beginning again on March 6, with a new book, our Thursday reading group meets, via Zoom, at 6:30pm. (Look for the Zoom link in Monday emails) Our book selection: *The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo: A Child, An Elder, and the Light from an Ancient Sky* by Kent Nerburn.

Summer Camp Registration

Already making summer plans? Consider adding a summer camp (or two!) to your calendar! For 6th grade - college sophomores, spend a week at AFFIRM (June 15 -20), a youth event of the ELCA Southeastern Synod that St. Mark's youth and staff attend each year. For kiddos aged 4-11, St. Mark's offers TWO different day camps (June 23 – 27 AND July 14 -18) full of crafts, service projects, Bible stories, games, silly songs, and more! Scan this QR code to register and learn more!



What's Next? - Sign Up in Communication Central

Check out the sign up board for info on upcoming events. Something new and exciting is always on the horizon! Supper Club, Faith & Fiction, WELCA, Free Spirits, and more!

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