



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



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

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In Worship Today...

Do Not Doubt, But Believe

Prelude: Joyful is the Dark arr. Aaron David Miller

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Christ is Risen Indeed**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | **This is the Feast** ELW p.149 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Psalm 30 *Pew Bible p.439*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.151 | John 20:19-31 *Pew Bible p.883*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **That Easter Day with Joy was Bright** ELW 384

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Jesus, Friend of Sinners**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Distribution: **Wisdom's Feast** ELW 518

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Freedom**

Dismissal | Postlude: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen arr. Keith Kolander

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Deb Williams | Lector: Denise Williamson | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Greeter: Karen Cunningham | Ushers: Jim French & Norwood Cutter

Tech Volunteer: Grace Billman

Communion Assistants: Zach Gastler, Denise Williamson, Carrie Horst, Phyllis Hutchins

Coffee Host: Les Billman

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.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We gathered a week ago to celebrate the resurrection in grand fashion on Easter Sunday. But Easter is more than just a day; like Christmas, Easter is a season. The Easter season runs seven weeks, from Easter Sunday until the day of Pentecost- referring to the 50th day after Easter. During this time, we typically hear a few stories about Jesus' appearances to his disciples after the resurrection, as well as dwelling in stories that remind us what the promise of eternal and abundant life in Christ means for us. Christ is risen and we too shall rise! Alleluia!

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Barb Reinartz in honor of loved ones and by Bob & Gwen Dornbos in Celebration of her 70th Birthday!

By the Numbers: Holy Week & Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Attendance Maundy Thursday, April 17:

In Person Worship: 89 | Online Views: 44

Attendance Good Friday, April 18:

In Person Worship: 61 | Online Views: 43

Attendance Easter Sunday, April 20:

In Person Worship: 357 | Online Views: 99

Lenten Wednesday Offerings for The Red Cross

Total: \$2,107

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$18,040 | YTD: \$212,947 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

The beautiful diversity of intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities, and for the gifts of neurodivergence | The memory and witness of Pope Francis, and for the Roman Catholic Church in this time of mourning and discernment | All victims of gun violence, especially at Florida State University | St. Mark's Greeter Ministry as they share hospitality with those friends who come through our door- old and new! | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Syona, Teresa, Ed, Jeanne, Taryn, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Margot, Susan, Jim, Elwin, and the Family and Friends of Dorothy Billman.

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.

Welcome Pastor Bill Schroeder!

We welcome Pastor Bill this morning while Pastor Will is helping teach confirmation camp for the Southeastern Synod in Covington, Georgia.

Food Ministries Pep Rally - Sunday, May 4

Our Food Ministries feed hundreds of people every month, and we are actively growing our largest programs. Join us for a pep rally after next Sunday's service to celebrate five years of growth (we'll have data!), thank our program leads, and learn how you can get involved. Details are available in our May newsletter and Member Resources.

New Worship Time Beginning May 25

Worship will be at 9:30am with Learning to follow at 11. Summer learning opportunities will feature a discussion and reflection on the day's scripture led by Pastor Will, along with fun summer activities for the kiddos! Keep an eye out for a full slate of classes starting in the fall with worship and Sunday Learning continuing at these same times.

New Member Class

All prospective new members are invited to attend a new member class on Tuesday, May 13 from 6 – 7:30pm in Room 8. Join us for some orientation, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers. Please be prepared to fill out a brief questionnaire for family information, i.e. birthdays, baptisms, address, etc.

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!



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