



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter***

May 4, 2025



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

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# ***In Worship Today...***

## ***Seven Chosen to Serve***

Prelude: Woman Weeping in the Garden arr. David Sims

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Glorious Day**

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

Children's Message

Acts 6:1-7 *Pew Bible* p.889

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.151 | Luke 12:32-34 *Pew Bible* p.847

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Here I Am, Lord** ELW 574

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Christ is Risen Indeed**

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

Distribution: **Because He Lives (Amen)**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Blessing and Sending of Seniors

Sending Song: **Lord, You Give the Great Commission** ELW 579 vv1,2,5

Dismissal | Postlude: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing arr. John Leavitt

## ***Worship Assistants***

Assisting Minister: Robert Burkhardt | Lector: Crystal Peden | Acolyte: Annika Williams

Greeter: Rudy Will | Ushers: Rob Caple & John Peugeot

Tech Volunteer: Kim Caple

Communion Assistants: Annika Williams & Jed Deason

Coffee Host: Dennis Fakes

## ***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.

## *Set Apart to Serve*

In our reading from Acts, we hear about a group of people who were set apart to serve in a different way than the apostles. We still have church leaders who are called in different ways today. The ELCA ordains two kinds of leaders in the Church: Ministers of Word and Sacrament (pastors), and Ministers of Word and Service (deacons). Both are called to preach the Word of God and lead the people of God in public ministry. For pastors, the most visible way this happens is in worship, especially in the administration of the sacraments (communion and baptism). Deacons, on the other hand, are often called to specialized ministries, such as youth leadership, hospital chaplaincy, prison ministry, social work, or other faith-based work. The work of pastors and deacons sometimes overlaps, but they are called in different ways. It isn't just rostered leaders who do the work of ministry; pastors, deacons, lay staff, and volunteers do this Gospel work in our communities. The Spirit works through us all in different ways, and we all have gifts we can use for the Kin-dom of God!

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Tom & Heather White (and family!) in celebration of the church's graduating seniors!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, April 27*

### Attendance:

In Person Worship: 124 | Online Views: 43

Children & Youth Sunday School: 21 | Adult Sunday School: 22

### General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$7,693 | YTD: \$220,639 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



## *This Week We are Praying for...*

Sustainability of our planet and the life it supports, and against earth's exploitation | Migrants, travelers, and those who are deported or detained | The St. Mark's Food Ministries and our local partners, their leaders, and teams as they work to mitigate food insecurity in our community | Continued blessings on our high school seniors as they journey forward into their futures: Owen Foreman, Charles Ise, Emily Lear, Rei Palmer, Sophia Petersen, Piper Roome, Julia Sharpe, Abigail Still, Alex Vandeveire and Haiden White | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Teresa, Ed, Jeanne, Taryn, Susan, Luca, Keith, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Jim, Margot, Elwin, Syona and the Family and Friends of Curt Medalen.

*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](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) Prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate.*

## *Food Ministries Pep Rally - Today!*

Our Food Ministries feed hundreds of people every month, and we are actively growing our largest ministry. Join us for a pep rally today after Sunday service to celebrate five years of growth (we'll have data!), thank our program leads, and learn how you can get involved. Access the meeting agenda on our website via Member Resources.

## *Contemporary Music Survey*

Praise Team may be going on pause, but now is your chance to help shape Summer Worship Music with this hymn-sing style survey for our contemporary worship music. Use this QR code- or find the link in the Monday email (before May 12!) to let us know your favorites, so they can be featured in worship!



## *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.

## *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.

## *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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