



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 75 Years*

# *Reformation Sunday*

October 26, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Continue in My Word and You Will Know the Truth*

Prelude: Gather Us In arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism | \*Processional Hymn: **A Mighty Fortress is Our God** ELW 504

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Romans 3:19-28

\*Gospel Processional with **Alleluia** | John 8:31-36 | Gospel Recessional

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying**

Prayers of Intercession

Service of Confirmation for Jonathan Kevin Lear III & Daniel Grayson White

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** *Choir*

Offertory Response: **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God; Worthy of Your Name; For Everyone Born**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn: **The Church's One Foundation** ELW 654 vv1,2,4,5

Dismissal | Postlude: **Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** arr. Donald Busarow

\* *Worship this morning will include the use of incense*

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Robert Burkhardt | Lector: Larry Partesotti

Thurifer: Oliver Sieja | Acolyte: Marielle Peugeot | Crucifer: Josh Cutter

Torch Bearers: Edith Sieja & Annika Williams | Bible Bearer: Grace Billman

Communion Assistants: Marielle Peugeot, Josh Cutter, Grace Billman, & Oliver Sieja

Greeter: Karen Cunningham | Ushers: Rodney & Phyllis Hutchins | AV Tech: John Peugeot

## *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 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.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Tom & Heather White in Celebration of Daniel & Trey's Confirmation and Mason's Birthday!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, October 19, 2025*

### Attendance:

In Person Worship: 135 | Online Views: 46 | Sunday Learning: 65

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$11,762 | YTD: \$551,574 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



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

Government employees and those who rely on federal programs | Our confirmands as they affirm their baptismal promises | The safety of children and those trick or treating that they may find more treats and less tricks | The work of the Holy Spirit renewing the alive and ever reforming Church | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Hugo, Patti, Charlene, Ed, Kurt, Susan, Gisela, Glenda, Matt, Bonnie, Suzy, Frank, Peg, and Jessie.

## *Prayer Requests*

A Prayer Ministry email with joys, concerns, and sorrows is sent weekly on Wednesday. Email [prayer@stmarkshsv.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) if you have any prayers to lift up or would like to receive this email. You may also write your prayer requests on a pew pad and place them in the offering plate.

## *Welcome Visitors- We're so glad you're here with us!*

Our greeters and ushers are ready to help answer any questions before or during worship in the hallway and gathering space outside the sanctuary. Restrooms and the nursery are past the gathering space out the North doors of the sanctuary. If you would like to stay in touch with St. Mark's, please write down your contact information on the pew pad and put it in the offering plate or fill out our online visitor form using this QR code also available in our St. Mark's welcome bag!



## *Ready to Get Online?*

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

## *New Adult Sunday Learning Class*

Coming in November! A new short-term class will be meeting and discussing the book, *Food Theology* by Kellie Lisi (Yes, that Kellie!) and Martin Lohrmann. Beginning November 2 and meeting in the Gathering Place, all are encouraged to read the first two chapters before the first class. Some books have been pre-purchased for ease, please see Lara Sieja.

## *Family Trivia Night - A 75th Anniversary Event*

Join us on Saturday, November 15 at 5pm for a fun evening of trivia all about St. Mark's, Lutherans, German culture and more! The menu includes German favorites like bratwurst and pretzels, as well as other deliciousness! Most of the main dishes will be provided, but there is an online sign up for desserts and extra sides. If you plan on coming, let us know by signing up in Communication Central!

## *Holiday Food Drive*

It's that time again! We are joining with four other Lutheran churches in the area to prepare 100 holiday food bags for our neighbors in need. Each bag will contain a ham and other ingredients to complete a holiday meal. St. Mark's is asked to donate 100 hams (3-5 lbs. each - preferably not canned). Donations can be placed in the downstairs freezer - look for signs. Please make your donation by Sunday, November 16. All are invited to pack the bags (Nov. 23 at 2pm) and distribute (Nov. 24 - 26 starting at 9am).

## *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, and more!

## *Share Your St. Mark's Memories!*

As we prepare for our upcoming anniversary, the 75th Anniversary Committee is looking to gather cherished memories and stories of your time here at St. Mark's. Whether you've been with St. Mark's since the beginning, just became a member recently, or anything in-between, we would love to hear from you! Please take some time to fill out our QR code form below.

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