



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Jesus Speaks Blessings

Prelude: Oh Jesus, I Have Promised arr. Aaron David Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: **Even So Come**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Kyrie | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Isaiah 58:3-12 | Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel Acclamation with **Alleluia** | Luke 6:20-36

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **For All the Saints** ELW 422 vv1-3,6

Litany of Remembrance | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: In the Morning, Joy *Choir*

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

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

Distribution: **Be Known to Us** | 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus *Handbells*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Graves into Gardens**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Joan Bloomberg | Lector: Diana Rhodes | Acolyte: Annika Williams

Communion Assistants: Annika Williams & Katie Roome

Greeter: Rudy Will | Ushers: Dave Foreman & Steve Williams | AV Tech: Deb Williams

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 Terry & Karen Szymczyk in celebration of their 17th Anniversary and by the Ratcliff Family in Celebration of Gwen's Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, October 26, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 185 | Online Views: 67 | Sunday Learning: N/A

General Offerings

Last Week: \$12,875 | YTD: \$564,449 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Food pantries, community meals, and all feeding ministries and programs who help our siblings who face hunger and food insecurity, especially those who rely on SNAP benefits | Federal employees, contract workers, and all facing hardship due to the ongoing government shut down | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Hugo, Patti, Charlene, Ed, Kurt, Susan, Gisela, Glenda, Matt, Bonnie, Jeanne, Brenda, 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 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. We will need help distributing bags (Nov. 24 – 26 starting at 9am) sign up in communication central!

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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