



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Here is Your God

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Song: **Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Greeting | Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath | **While We Are Waiting, Come**

Isaiah 35:1-10 | Scriptural Introit: In the Bleak Midwinter | Matthew 11:2-11

Homily | Children's Play | Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow | Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: **What Child is This?**

Prayers of Intercession | Sharing of the Peace | Offering: Noel

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

Thanksgiving for the Word Prayer | Lord's Prayer | Benediction

Sending Song: **The Twelve Days of Christmas** | Dismissal

Who's Who in the Cast and Crew?

Narrators: Zach Gastler, Edith Sieja, Ben Sieja

Star: Elizabeth Smith | Shepherd: Teddy Wirtz, Theo Kauffman

Sheep: Alice Ratcliff, Gwen Ratcliff | Angel: Zoey Ols, Ruthie Ols, Ryan Starkweather

Wise Persons: Oliver Wright, Annika Williams, Rafe Miller

Camels: Samuel Smith, Michael Taylor, Lilah Miller

Gold: Millie Kauffman | Frankincense: Mason White | Myrrh: Titus Miller

Innkeeper: Taryn Miller | Joseph: Tess Gradl | Donkey: Evelyn Taylor

Cow: Sylvia Smith | Manger: Daniel White | Mary: Lizzie Carter | Baby Jesus: Valerie Peugeot

Worship Readers

Edith Sieja, Zach Gastler, Ben Sieja, Valerie Peugeot, Dax Gradl, Zander Gastler,

Martin Taylor, Lilah Miller, Payton Sieja, Elizabeth Smith, Tess Gradl, Daniel White,

Ryan Starkweather, Mason White, Sylvia Smith, Zander Gastler, Annika Williams, Titus Miller

Youth Musicians

In the Bleak Midwinter: Lilah, Afton, & Taryn Miller

Noel: Ryan Starkweather

Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Taryn Miller | Greeter: Ellie Lienau

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

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 Rob and Kim Caple in loving memory of Rob's Parents' Anniversary.

By the Numbers: Sunday, December 7, 2025

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 160 | Online Views: 68 | Sunday Learning: N/A

Advent Wednesday, December 3, 2025

In Person Worship: 66 | Online Views: 17

General Offerings

Last Week: \$17,890 | YTD: \$671,785 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Those who cannot find peace or joy this season | All victims of violence, exploitation, and abuse | Access for all to affordable and reliable healthcare | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Patti, Ed, Gisela, Glenda, Ted, Peggy, Amber, Milton, Roger, Frank, Hugo, and the friends and family of Mary Ann Williams.

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

December 2025 Events



**3, 10, & 17
DEC**
5 & 6:30PM

**Midweek
Advent Meal
& Service**



PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A 9X13 CASSEROLE DISH IN COMMUNICATION CENTRAL! PASTAS, CASSEROLES, SANDWICHES, SALADS (THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!)

YOU ARE HERE!

**7
DEC**
11AM

**Congregational
Meeting**



**14
DEC**
9:30AM

**Children's
Program**

**14
DEC**
2PM

**Christmas
Caroling at
Magnolia Trace**



DON'T FORGET TO SPONSOR A CHRISTMAS CANDLE! EACH CANDLE IS \$12. PURCHASE WITH ONE OF THE 'CANDLE' ENVELOPES IN THE NARTHEX, AND OFFICE OR ONLINE THROUGH THE ST. MARK'S ONLINE GIVING PAGE.

**18
DEC**
6:30PM

**Blue
Christmas
Worship**

MOM BAGS ARE DUE DEC. 14! PLEASE INCLUDE A SELECTION OF 7-8 ITEMS IN YOUR BAG. RECOMMENDED ITEMS INCLUDE SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER; BODY WASH AND LOTION; NAIL POLISH; JAR CANDLES; JEWELRY; ACTIVITY BOOKS; PERFUME; POCKET HAND LOTIONS OR SANITIZERS; MAKE-UP; SCARVES; AND GLOVES.

**24
DEC**
6:30PM

**Christmas
Eve
Worship**

**24
DEC**
11PM

**Christmas
Eve
Worship**



OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 24 - JAN. 2! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**28
DEC**
9:30AM

**Lessons
& Carols**

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