



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 4, 2026



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

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In Worship Today...

The Gospel's Promise Extends to All

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Sing of God Made Manifest**

Confession & Forgiveness | **This is the Feast**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel Acclamation with **Alleluia** | Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **As with Gladness Men of Old**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **The First Noel**

Offertory Response: **Jesus, the Light of the World** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **What Star is This, with Beams so Bright**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Julie Starkweather | Lector: Denise Williamson | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Communion Assistants: Zach Gastler & Denise Williamson

Greeter: Jennifer Mullin | Ushers: Leah Gradl & Andy Sieja | AV Tech:

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given to the Glory of God. And last week, December 28, by Peg Skrenes in memory of her Wedding Anniversary.

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.

By the Numbers: December 21-31, 2025

Advent Wednesday, December 17, 2025

In Person Worship: 75 | Online Views: 19

Blue Christmas, December 18, 2025

In Person Worship: 38 | Online Views: 23

December 21 Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 162 | Online Views: 71 | Sunday Learning: 29

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025

6:30pm In Person Worship: 284 | Online Views: 95

11pm In Person Worship: 62 | Online Views: 25

December 28 Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 97 | Online Views: 37 | Sunday Learning: N/A

General Offerings

Week ending 12/21: \$17,795 | Week ending 12/28: \$38,238 | Ending 12/31: \$6,974
2025 EOY: \$755,062 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



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

This Week We are Praying for...

An end to war, conflict, and violence especially in Gaza, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, Thailand and Cambodia, and China and Taiwan | A blessing of peace and love as we enter into the new year | Continued celebrations of the 12 Days of Christmas, as well as for the close of Yule & Kwanza celebrations | All who rely on affordable child care, who seek accessible health care, or who rely on food assistance | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Matt, Bonnie, Milton, Roger, Bob, Suzy, and Frank.

Mitzvah Day- January 18

A mitzvah often refers to a good deed, an act of kindness, or a way of connecting with God. To that end, Temple B'nai Sholom, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Huntsville, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church are joining together make a mitzvah! On January 18, from 11:30am - 4pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Huntsville, we'll spend the afternoon working side by side to support our wider community, along with partners from WellStone and the Humane Society. A pizza lunch (a suggested donation of \$5 per family is appreciated) and opportunities for children and youth will be available.

St. Mark's Family Cookbook

As a fun family project for the 75th anniversary, we are putting together a cookbook featuring family-favorite recipes, stories, and pictures. We invite you to share a little about your home family with our church family. And pictures! They can be of your dish, your family, or something related to the story you tell. Submit your recipe and stories online or by filling out a paper form and returning it to the church office. If you have any questions, ask Traci.

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!

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