



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 75 Years*

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

January 25, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Jesus the Prophet*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Song: **House of the Lord**

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

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Isaiah 9:1-4 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Acclamation with Alleluia | Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **The Summons**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Forever and Amen**

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

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

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** | **Who You Say I Am**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Palmer | Lector: Madeline Wirtz | Acolyte: Lizzie Carter

Communion Assistants: Lizzie Carter, Kathy Corpus, Polly Falkenberg, Lauren Altman

Greeter: Eric Schwartz | Ushers: Dax Gradl & Dave Foreman | AV Tech: Crystal Peden

## *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 flowers on our communion table today are given by Mike & Susie McCall in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, January 18, 2026*

### Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 136 | Online Views: 55 | Sunday Learning: 29

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$13,898 | YTD: \$39,897 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



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

Peace and resolution in Minneapolis, and for safety for all who live there | Deescalation of tensions surrounding Greenland and international relations | Those facing winter storms and extreme cold across the United States | Safety, dignity, and justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Carol, Teri, Glenda, Ed, Pat, Suzy, Frank, Bonnie, and Myra.

## *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

## *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, please talk to Traci.

## *St. Mark's Photo Directory*

As part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, we are putting together a new photo directory! Please sign up (using the QR code or link in Member Resources) for a time to get your picture taken - if you need assistance in signing up for a time slot, please contact the church office. We will be accepting photo submissions as well. If you have had your picture taken professionally within the last 5 years and would like to submit a photo, please email Shelby.



## *New Member Class*

On Sunday, February 1, 2-3:30pm in Room 8 in the Sunday School hallway, we will offer a new member class. All those who are interested in joining St. Mark's are invited to attend. Join us for some Lutheran basics, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers. Please be prepared to fill out a brief questionnaire of family information, i.e. birthdays, baptisms, address, etc. There is a sign-up in Communication Central to let us know you will be attending – we are so excited to have you join us!!

## *75 Hours of Prayer*

St. Mark's is celebrating 75 years of impactful partnerships with local non-profits and charitable institutions through 75 hours of continuous prayer for these organizations and the work they do for our community. Starting at 6:30am on Thursday, February 12 and culminating in worship on Sunday, February 15, this is an event of both individual and united prayer. Resources detailing the organizations we'll be praying for as well as ways in which to pray for them will be coming soon. The chapel will be available during the 75 hours as a prayerful space for anyone who would like to use it, but we encourage you to pray when and however you would like!

## *St. Mark's Staff*

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