



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Jesus the Fulfillment

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 58:1-9a | 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Acclamation with Alleluia | Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Christ, Be Our Light** ELW 715

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Forever & 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: God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again *Choir*

Dismissal | Postlude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Joel Raney

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Steve Williams | Lector: Gisela Rieger | Acolyte: Taryn Miller

Communion Assistants: Taryn Miller, Trey Lear, Doug Bloomberg, Jennifer Palmer

Greeter: Kim Caple | Ushers: Craig Satterfeal & Don Sieja | AV Tech: Payton Sieja

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 Jim & Betty French in memory of their parents and by Andy & Brianna Sieja in celebration of Oliver's 17th Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, February 1, 2026

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 128 | Online Views: 65 | Sunday Learning: 58

General Offerings

Last Week: \$11,376 | YTD: \$60,262 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

An end to violence and especially political violence | Protection, compassion, and dignity for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers | All facing winter weather and storms, especially those still without power | All who join in prayer for the 75 Hours of Prayer event this week as well as for our community partners who we lift up in prayer as we celebrate 75 years of impactful partnerships | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Teri, Ron, Carol, Madeline, Meg, Niki, Suzy, Frank, and the friends and family of Elfriede Duke.

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

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. A booklet detailing the community organizations we'll be praying for and a prayer guide are both available in the Narthex (table across from coffee station) and online on the Member Resources page of the website. 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 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.

Saved & Sent: A Lenten and Holy Week Worship Series

Join us for worship this Lenten and Holy Week season as we discover time and time again how God saves us by His grace and sends us for His mission in the world. We begin our journey on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with worship at noon and 6:30pm (imposition of ashes at both, communion only at 6:30pm) crying "Hosanna, Save us Lord!" as we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return. Throughout the 6 weeks of Lent, we'll focus on the same scripture twice each week, Sundays through a lens of God saving us and Wednesdays seeing how we are sent to tell others of this salvation. Wednesday mid-week worship will begin February 25 with dinner at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall and worship at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to help with Lenten suppers, please sign up in Communication Central or online using the link in the Monday email.

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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