

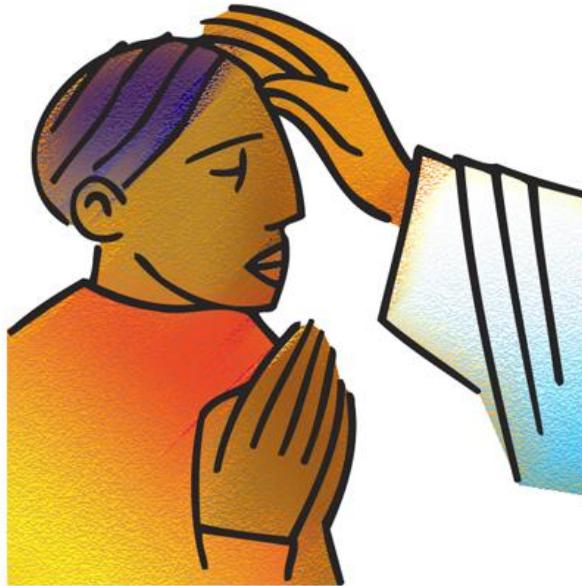


**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 75 Years*

*Ash Wednesday*

February 18, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# ***In Noon Worship Today...***

## *Hosanna, Save Us Lord: From Dust to Dust*

Prelude: My Song is Love Unknown arr. Patricia Kayser

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **My Song is Love Unknown**

Prayer of the Day

Psalm 51:1-17 | Lenten Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Restore in Us, O God**

Invitation to Lent | Confession of Sin | Imposition of Ashes

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Come, Bring Your Burdens to God**

Offertory Response: **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** | Offertory Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

Benediction | Sending Hymn: **Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church ELW 321**

Dismissal | Postlude: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed arr. Robert Bucklee Farlee

# ***In 6:30pm Worship Today...***

## *Hosanna, Save Us Lord: From Dust to Dust*

Prelude: My Song is Love Unknown arr. Patricia Kayser

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **My Song is Love Unknown**

Prayer of the Day

Psalm 51:1-17 | Lenten Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Restore in Us, O God**

Invitation to Lent | Confession of Sin | Imposition of Ashes: **Sign Us with Ashes**

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Come, Bring Your Burdens to God**

Offertory Response: **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** | **Worthy of Your Name**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church ELW 321**

Dismissal | Postlude: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed arr. Robert Bucklee Farlee

## *Noon Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Phyllis Hutchins | Lector: Kathy Corpus | Acolyte:

Greeter: Ellie Lienau | Ushers: Bob Dornbos & Jim French

## *6:30pm Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Joan Bloomberg | Lector: Gwen Dornbos | Acolyte: Ryan Starkweather

Communion Assistant: Ryan Starkweather

Greeter: | Ushers: Todd & Margie Phillips | AV Tech: Denise Williamson

## *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.

## *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, 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. If you would like to help with Lenten suppers, please sign up in Communication Central or online using the link in the Monday email.

## *Save the Dates – Lent, Holy Week, and Easter*

Lenten Wednesdays February 25 through March 25 with Dinner at 5pm and Worship at 6:30pm

Palm Sunday Worship: March 29 at 9:30am

First Communion Class: March 29

Seder Meal & Celebration of Our First Communicants: April 2 at 5:30pm

Maundy Thursday Worship: April 2 at 7pm

Good Friday Worship: April 3 at 2pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship: April 3 at 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship: April 5 at 9 & 11am

Easter Sunday Breakfast: April 5 from 9:30-11:30am

## *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!



## *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.



## *Community Free Lunch*

St. Mark's is providing a free lunch to the community on Tuesday, April 14 from 11am – 1pm...just because! Stop by for a hot dog, sides, and a drink. Sit and eat in the sunshine or if you're in a hurry, get it to go. All for free - while supplies last. We will be looking for volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up – stay tuned for a 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!

## *Ready to Get Online?*

Wi-Fi is available using the SMLC Guest network with password: GrowingTogether

## *St. Mark's Staff*

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