



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Saved from Confusion

Hymn Sing Sunday! Our music will be picked out of a basket during worship. Make sure you place your favorite selections (from the red ELW hymnal) in the basket before worship.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Hymn Sing**

Service of Baptism for Charlotte Grace Busse with **You Have Put on Christ**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Genesis 12:1-4a | Romans 4:1-5a, 13-17

Lenten Gospel Acclamation | John 3:1-17

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Hymn Sing**

Prayers of Intercession | Welcoming of New Members

Austin & Becca Alderton with Stella and Lila | Peggy Muller

Andrew Ols & Amy George with Zoe and Ruthie

Ben & Becca Phillips with Kate, Mary, and Jack

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Hymn Sing**

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

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

Distribution: **Hymn Sing**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Hymn Sing**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

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

Communion Assistants: Annika Williams & Diane Dahl

Greeter: Julie Starkweather | Ushers: Eric Schwartz & Andy Sieja | AV Tech: Jim Law

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.

Sponsor Easter Flowers

Would you like to sponsor a potted plant to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning? Plants will vary depending on availability; past flowers have included tulips, a variety of lilies, hyacinths, and geraniums. Each sponsorship is \$15. Please pay online via St. Mark's giving site or with cash/check turned into the church office; **all flower sign-ups and dedications must be on the sign-up sheet in Communication Central.** Everyone is welcome to take their plants home following the 11am worship service on Easter morning.

By the Numbers: Sunday, February 22, 2026

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 147 | Online Views: 47 | Sunday Learning: 52

General Offerings

Last Week: \$15,363 | YTD: \$100,297 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

With celebration for Charlotte's baptism & our new St. Mark's family members | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Matt, Jeanne, Carol, Jennifer, Debbi, Judy, Paula, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Joe, and Kurt.

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

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. 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 worship at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Free Spirits – A 75th Anniversary Special Event

Come and celebrate the history and ministry of Free Spirits! We'll reminisce our good times together, taking a look back at over thirty years of meals, activities, and speakers. The menu will consist of Free Spirits favorites starting with a delicious meat loaf. Join us on Thursday, March 19 at 11am; please sign up in Communication Central.

WELCA Cluster Gathering

All women of St. Mark's are invited to the upcoming WELCA cluster, bringing together ELCA women from all over Alabama. This year, St. Mark's will be hosting and we will meet on Saturday, March 14, from 9:30am - 1:30pm. There will be a continental breakfast, worship service, lunch, fellowship program and an activity. Please sign up in Communication Central if you would like to join in the fun!

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.



St. Mark's Land's End Store

St. Mark's has partnered with Land's End and created an online store for you to purchase quality clothing items with St. Mark's logos! Polo shirts, pull-overs, button down shirts, jackets, and more! Make your clothing selection and then choose which St. Mark's logo (75th anniversary or standard) you'd like to have embroidered on it. Access this online store by going to stmarkshsv.org/store. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Shelby.

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