



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Saved from Blindness

Prelude: My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. Karl Osterland

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Amazing Grace** ELW 779

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

1 Samuel 16:1-13 | Ephesians 5:8-14

Lenten Gospel Acclamation | John 9:1-41

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Be Thou My Vision**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: Come Find His Rest *Choir*

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

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

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** | **Jesus, Friend of Sinners**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **The Blessing**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Susan Wright | Lector: Diane Dahl | Acolyte: Taryn Miller

Communion Assistants: Taryn Miller & Gisela Rieger

Greeter: | Ushers: Mike Price & Diana Rhodes | AV Tech: Andrew Caple

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, March 8, 2026

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 121 | Online Views: 42 | Sunday Learning: 47

General Offerings

Last Week: \$13,501 | YTD: \$126,155 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Peace, wisdom, and compassion in the world with an end to war, conflict, and uncertainty | All who face legislative challenges to their civil rights, especially transgender individuals | Those grieving civilian deaths and US service member deaths in Iran | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Kathy, Matt, Teri, Ron, Judy, Carrie, and Frank.

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 be 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place the Sunday before Easter: March 29 at noon (after Sunday School). We'll meet at California Street Park (708 California St), or in case of rain, in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for ages 0 - 5th grade. A picnic lunch and prizes will be provided! Bring your empty basket! Also, if there is anybody willing to help set up and hide eggs, we'll be doing that during Sunday School hour - please contact Stephanie Smith with any questions.

Seder Meal

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, beginning promptly at 5:30pm, join us for our version of a Passover Seder, a ritual meal in celebration of the Last Supper (and our first communicants!) In addition to more traditional elements like wine, unleavened bread and haroseth, the menu will include marinated chicken or roasted lamb, side, and salad. Tickets for the event must be pre-purchased. Cost: \$10 each. Tickets are available through March 29 in the church office during office hours, online, and in the narthex on Sundays.

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 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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