



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Behold the Wounds

Prelude: Surely Goodness and Mercy

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** *ELW 365*

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation | John 20:19-31

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** *ELW 631*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Oh, How I Love Jesus**

Offertory Response: **The Doxology** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **Bread of Life from Heaven** *ELW 474*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Standing on the Promises**

Dismissal | Postlude: When We All Get to Heaven

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Dane Williams | Lector: Janna Roome | Acolyte: John Michael Brown

Communion Assistants: John Michael Brown, Diane Dahl, Jed Deason, Crystal Peden

Greeter: Ellie Lienau | Ushers: Terry Szymczyk | AV Tech: Grace Billman

Worship Accompanist: Gwen Dornbos

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 Jason, Kayla, & Everett Hyder in Memory of Elsie Rae Culbert and the Satterfeal Family in Celebration of Brianna & Sesalie's Birthdays!

By the Numbers: Holy Week 2026

Maundy Thursday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 84 | Online Views: 30

Good Friday Attendance:

2pm In Person Worship: 33 | 7pm In Person Worship: 72 | Online Views: 36

Easter Sunday Attendance:

9am In Person Worship: 204 | 11am In Person Worship: 134 | Online Views: 120

General Offerings

Last Week: \$24,791 | YTD: \$182,800 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Peace and reconciliation among the nations | All affected by rising fuel and food costs and access | All of the St. Mark's volunteers who will reach out to our community this week sharing lunch and love with them on Tuesday | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Matt, Ciera, Paula, Ivan, Suzy, Frank, and Joe.

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

Taste & See Workshop – Saturday, April 25

Join us for a special workshop on stewardship, facilitated by Pastor Jonathan Hemphill on April 25 from 10am - Noon. This event includes scripture, thought-provoking discussion, and practical exercises for congregations and committees. Rather than focusing on budgets or a once-a-year pledge drive, we are invited to see stewardship as a year-round expression of gratitude for all that God has given us. If you would like to participate in this workshop, please RSVP no later than Monday, April 20 using the QR code.



New Member Class

On Sunday, May 3, 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!!

Affirm June 14-19 at LaGrange College

AFFIRM is a summer youth event of the ELCA Southeastern Synod. AFFIRM nurtures faith, equips youth leaders for today and tomorrow, and trains youth in discipleship skills. This event is for students who have completed grades 6-12 and for college freshman and sophomores interested in exploring a call to youth ministry. Register today at [sesyouth.org/affirm!](http://sesyouth.org/affirm)

Summer Day Camps

Registration is live for St. Mark's Summer Day Camp, happening July 6-10 for kids ages 4-11. From 9am - 4pm (with a half day on Friday), this year's theme is "Wild Things." The week will be filled with untamed fun and excitement as we explore the wonders of God's wild creation. Each day will include lots of nature-themed opportunities to learn, grow, and play together. Register today at [stmarkshsv.org/summer!](http://stmarkshsv.org/summer) Reach out to summercamps@stmarkshsv.org with any questions.

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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