



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Eating with the Risen Christ

Prelude: Joyful is the Dark arr. Aaron David Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song: **Glorious Day**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Canticle of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation | Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Broken Vessels**

Offertory Response: **I Know That My Redeemer Lives** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **New Wine**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Freedom**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Diana Rhodes | Lector: Jennifer Palmer | Acolyte: Ryan Starkweather

Communion Assistants: Ryan Starkweather & Jennifer Palmer

Greeter: John Peugeot | Ushers: Klaus & Diane Dahl | AV Tech: Rob 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on our communion table today are given by Rudy Will & Dana Osborne in celebration of their Anniversary and by Marilyn Shanabrough in memory of her daughter, Wendy.

By the Numbers: Sunday, April 19, 2026

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 109 | Online Views: 71 | Sunday Learning: 45

General Offerings

Last Week: \$17,361 | YTD: \$200,161 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

The diversity and gifts of the human family that we may celebrate and lift up every voice | Rescue, recovery, and rebuilding work after storms, tornadoes, and flooding across the Midwestern US | Christian unity and courage in seeking and speaking peace | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ciera, Paula, Ivan, Greg, 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)

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.



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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