



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 75 Years*

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

May 3, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life*

Prelude: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Opening Song: **Glorious Day**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 7:55-60 | 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Acclamation | John 14:1-14

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life** ELW 816

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: **Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table** | **New Wine**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Blessing & Sending of Seniors

Sending Song: **Freedom**

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Deb Williams | Lector: | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Communion Assistants: Zach Gastler & Shandry Peugeot

Greeter: Leah Gradl | Ushers: Margie & Todd Phillips | 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.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers on our communion table today are given by The Price Family in Celebration of Robert Fallon's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and by the family of Emma Lou Demirjian in her memory.

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, April 26, 2026*

### Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 157 | Online Views: 40 | Sunday Learning: 46

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$11,725 | YTD: \$218,867 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



## *This Week We are Praying for...*

Our seniors: Hope, Afton, & Kinsley, that we celebrate today that they may flourish as they enter into their futures | The wellbeing of our planet, and for human hearts, minds, and wills to work for its health | Healing, resilience, and rebuilding in Midwestern communities recovering from tornadoes, and for all living in areas facing wildfires and wildfire risk | An end to gun violence, and for all victims of gun violence | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ciera, John, Ivan, Mike, Ulysses, Suzy, Frank, Joe, and the friends and family of Emma Lou Demirjian.

## *Prayer Requests*

A Prayer Ministry email with joys, concerns, and sorrows is sent weekly on Wednesday. Email [prayer@stmarkshsv.org](mailto: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

## *New Member Class- Today!*

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!!

## *75th Anniversary T-shirts for Sale – Two Weeks Left!*

We have an official 75th Anniversary shirt that will be on sale from April 26 - May 17. ~\$20/each; purchase your shirts online at [stmarkshsv.org/tshirts](http://stmarkshsv.org/tshirts) or pay with cash or check using one of the envelopes available in Communication Central or the church office.

## *Congregational Meeting & Birthday Bash - Sunday, May 17*

Save the date for our next congregational meeting on Sunday, May 17 following worship. In addition to electing Church Council officers, we'll serve lunch, celebrate birthdays, and share important updates. Visit Member Resources online for the official notice of the meeting and the slate of officers. Contact Andrew Wirtz, Nominating Committee Chair, if you're interested serving. Beyond this slate, we'll have additional opportunities later in the year.

## *Let's Make Music!*

Calling all music makers of any age- whether you're interested in sharing a piano/vocal/instrumental solo; accompanying worship hymns; joining the praise team; or making music with choir and handbells. We want you to come make music at St. Mark's! Summer is the perfect time to offer up any solo and small group music while some of our larger ensembles take a quick break. Or mayhaps you've been wondering what it's like to accompanying your favorite hymn on the piano or organ?? There's a great big beautiful tomorrow shining at the end of every day and tomorrow's music is just a day away! Contact Patrick for more details or to get involved!

## *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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