



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Christ Our Advocate

Prelude: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice arr. Hildebrand

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Opening Song: **Way Maker**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 17:22-31 | 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Acclamation | John 14:15-21

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** ELW 594 vv1-4

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: He Never Failed Me Yet *Choir*

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

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

Distribution: **Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table** | **Gratitude**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **All the People Said Amen**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Julie Starkweather | Lector: Grace Billman | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Communion Assistants: Edith Sieja, Grace Billman, Denise Williamson, Oliver Sieja

Greeter: Ellie Lienau | Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price | AV Tech: Andy Sieja

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 David & Julie Foreman in memory of Frances Foreman.

By the Numbers: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 143 | Online Views: 33 | Sunday Learning: 33

General Offerings

Last Week: \$25,809 | YTD: \$244,676 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Peace for those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and comfort for all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children | All who live with mental illness, and for all those who support them | All affected by extreme weather conditions as they rebuild from the damage and loss | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ciera, John, Ivan, Mike, Ulysses, 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

75th Anniversary T-shirts for Sale – One Week 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 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.

Celebration & Sending for Traci

Join us on June 7 as we celebrate and thank Traci for her 17 years of faithful service to St. Mark's. We will have a Blessing and Sending during worship and then, following Sunday Learning, at 11:30am a special lunch (with an ice cream bar!) We are so grateful for the impact she has made in our church community and invite you to come share your appreciation as we send her off with love and well wishes.

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 maybe you've been wondering what it's like to accompany 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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