



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 75 Years*

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

May 17, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Christ's Prayer for His Disciples*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Opening Song: **Glorious Day**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 1:6-14 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation | John 17:1-11

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho *Handbells*

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 | Benediction

Sending Song: **Freedom**

Dismissal | Postlude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Joel Raney

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Lara Sieja | Lector: Dax Gradl | Acolyte: Annika Williams

Communion Assistants: Annika Williams & Doug Bloomberg

Greeter: John Peugeot | Ushers: Madeline Wirtz & Larry Partesotti | AV Tech: Payton 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 Steve & Deb Williams in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and by Jim & Carol Tevepaugh in Celebration of their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, May 10, 2026*

### Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 143 | Online Views: 65 | Sunday Learning: 34

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$8,010 | YTD: \$252,686 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



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

The work of St. Mark's as we celebrate another year with a new annual report, and a congregational meeting | Peace and reconciliation among the nations and for those immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers | Justice for all missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, for healing for those who mourn them, and for persistence to those who raise awareness and work to dismantle racism and misogyny | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ciera, Helga, Ivan, Mike, Karen, John, Suzy, Frank, Joe and The Dufour Family.

## *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

## *75th Anniversary T-shirts for Sale – Today Only!!!*

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 – Today, 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!

## *Summer Day Camp*

Looking for summer plans? Come to Summer Day Camp at St. Mark's, 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](mailto:summercamps@stmarkshsv.org) with any questions.

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