



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024



***Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community***

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In Worship Today...

Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible p.895

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Pew Bible p. 935

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible pp. 829-830

Music

Glorious Day

Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

Christ is Risen Indeed

Fantasy on Hyfrydol; Handbells (10am)

Lift Your Voices; Choir (10am)

Because He Lives

Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! ELW 377 vv1-3

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds arr. Aaron Shows
Liturgical music from ELW Setting 4, Mass of Joyful Praise
& Mass of the Rock

Communion

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.

6am Worship Participants

Poetry Reader: Wyatt Billman

Assisting Minister: Deb Williams

Lector: Kris Strobe

Acolyte:

Communion Assistants: Phil Ager
& Kristen Maddox

Greeters/Ushers: Marlin Williamson
& Steve Williams

Tech Volunteer: Denise Williamson

Coffee Host: Les Billman

10am Worship Participants

Poetry Reader: Piper Roome

Assisting Minister: Raziq Yaqub

Lector: Carol Tevepaugh

Acolyte: Trey Lear

Crucifer: Reagan Polzin

Bible Bearer: Owen Foreman

Torch Bearers: Abigail Still & Julia Sharpe

Communion Assistants: Reagan Polzin,

Owen Foreman, Abigail Still, Julia Sharpe

Greeters/Ushers: Don Sieja, Terry Szymczyk,
Andrew Wirtz

Tech Volunteer: Rob Caple

Flowering of the Cross

We flower a cross on Easter morning in celebration of new life in Christ. On Good Friday, the empty cross is brought into the sanctuary and laid with a crown of thorns. On Easter, the crown has been removed and the cross will be filled with live flowers as an illustration of the life, joy, and beauty found in the risen Lord. With a desire for all to participate, you are invited to use the flowers you brought or the ones provided to decorate the cross as you go to communion.

Where's Jesus?

Something feels like it's missing in our Gospel reading this morning: Jesus! The women find the tomb empty, and a young man (an angel?) tells them that Jesus has risen. But they don't actually see Jesus. Mark's Gospel even has two additional "endings" thought to be written by later authors who found the original ending in verse 8 to be, perhaps, incomplete or unsatisfactory. So why don't we see Jesus? It could be for the benefit of readers like us, who also take the news of the resurrection on faith; we don't see the resurrected Jesus in his body either. But more than that, I think Mark understands something deeply important about the resurrection: the Empty Tomb is not the end of the story, but the beginning. If the story feels incomplete, that's because it is. The tomb is still empty. Christ is still risen. And we will see him. Alleluia! Amen!

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our communion table are given today by the Reinartz & Yarbrough Families in Honor of Our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

By the Numbers: Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 189 | Online Views: 67

Children & Youth Sunday School: 26 | Adult Sunday School: 38

General Offerings

Last Week: \$10,603 | YTD: \$152,786 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



Ready to get online?

WiFi is available using the SMLC_Guest network with password: **SMLC@2021!**

This Week We are Praying for...

The families affected by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore, MD; the people of Moscow in the after effects of a terror attack on the Crocus Concert Hall; safe travels for those visiting family and friends over the Easter holiday; new and returning friends who join us in this resurrection celebration; and for those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry:

Pat Barber, Annie Bourque, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Gisela Galzerano, Harold Jensen, Larry Lechner, Mary Leo, Jeannette Maldonado, Susie Newill, Karin Offik, Frank Ontiveros, John Pearson, Larry Potts, Debbie Rutecki, Mija Stockman, Kim Williams

For your convenience, prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate. You may also send an email to prayer@stmarkshsv.org

Easter Flower Dedications

You may take the sponsored plant of your choosing home after the 10am worship service.

In memory of Fred Estrup, Carol Fox, and Anna Mae Troyer

Doug & Joan Bloomberg

In memory of their parents

Bob & Louise Boller

In memory of Larry & Alice House and James & Judy Carl

Greg & Patty Carl

In memory of their parents

Jim & Betty French

In memory of their parents

Rodney & Phyllis Hutchins

In memory of her mother

Kristin Maddox

In memory of Robert & Florence Petersen and Gjert & Sigrun Hovland

The Petersen Family

In memory of Bill Dery

The Peugeot Family

In memory of Mark Rieger

Gisela & Paula Rieger

In memory of Karen Dekko

Leslie Sharpe

In honor of Brianna Sieja and Sesalie Satterfeal

Don & Kathy Sieja

***In memory of Earl R. Graves, Edith M. Graves, Norman S. Skrenes, Betty Skrenes,
Norman D. Skrenes, and Kevin Todd Skrenes***

Peg Skrenes

For the joy of our children

Eric & Stephanie Smith

In memory of Cailey Still

The Still Family

In memory of their parents

Ed & Anne Uher

In memory of parents and grandparents

Valeta Wheeler

In honor of Judy Will and in memory of Evelyn Osborne and Tommy Smith

Rudy Will & Family

***In honor of their boys, Haiden, Daniel & Mason and in memory of Tom's Aunt, Mary
Trussell; Heather's Step-dad, Gunner's Mate First Class John L. Miley, USN Retired***

Tom & Heather White

In memory of Tom Wright

Susan Wright

SUMMER AT ST. MARK'S

Learn more at stmarkshsv.org/summer



AFFIRM '24

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June 9-14

Affirm is the SE Synod's annual youth gathering taking place at the University of West Alabama. For 6th grade - college freshman

DAY CAMPS

June 24-28 AND July 8-12

For kids aged 4-11, we offer two different day camps filled with Bible stories, crafts, silly songs, service projects, and more!



LUTHERIDGE

June 16-22

St. Mark's chosen week of outdoor summer camp – located in Arden, North Carolina. For 1st grade - 12th grade

CREATED TO SHINE LIKE STARS

36th Annual Convention of the Southeastern Synod



September 20-22, 2024
Huntsville, Alabama

**Stay tuned for more information about about our future WELCA event: Breakfast & Board Games on Saturday, May 11*

FOOD MINISTRIES AT ST. MARK'S

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THOUSAND

ALREADY FED THIS
YEAR BY ST. MARK'S

Each month, our hospital
ministry team bakes
goodies for local healthcare
workers as a thank you for
their hard work!

If you would like to
help, volunteers and
donations are always
needed!



Food Pantry

One of our oldest ministries, we provide groceries, enough for 3 days, to those who call. We also provide 10 food orders per week for ENABLE (formerly CASA).



Food Truck Ministry

In partnership with Manna House, we prepare a meal for residents of Johnson Towers on the first Thursday of each month.



Blessings in a Backpack

As part of this larger nationwide program, we provide 75 bags of food each week for kiddos at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary in North Huntsville.



Free Pantry

Located on the Franklin St. side of St. Mark's, our free pantry is stocked with food and is available without qualification or judgment for anyone in the community.



Meals on Wheels

We are currently responsible for 8 routes that deliver meals to those who are homebound.



Kitchen Ministry

One Saturday per month, we prepare and deliver 250 hot bulk meals and freezer meals to Manna House, ENABLE, and more.

Easter Breakfast—Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed the Easter Breakfast this morning! All proceeds from the breakfast will go towards offsetting the cost for St. Mark's participants at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Hippity-Hop to the Easter Photo-Op

After worship take your family Easter photo by the cross we flowered in worship which will be located out the back doors, to the right, against the building.

Lenten Offerings

Each year, St. Mark's Lenten mid-week service offerings are dedicated to an outside non-profit organization. This year, our Lenten offerings are going to support the Huntsville Hospital Caring House, a local organization that provides a safe place for children ages 3-18 and their families to cope with the death of a loved one and share their grief with others. Thanks to your generous Lenten Offerings, \$2,714 was given to Caring House.

Thursday Reading Group

Beginning April 4, join us for our newest read – an eight-week discussion, meeting every Thursday, via Zoom, at 6:30 pm. *Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured World* by Taylor Brorby.

Hospital Ministry

This month, we will be serving the 150 employees of the Anesthesia Department at Huntsville Hospital. On the menu are spring M&M cookies and cheese balls – bakers and supplies needed! Visit SignUp Genius (link in Monday email) to sign up! Volunteers are welcome on April 7 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Save the Date! Congregational Meeting & Taco Bar on May 5, 2024 following worship!

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