



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



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

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In Worship Today...

Prelude: *Joyful is the Dark* arr. Aaron David Miller

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **That Easter Day with Joy was Bright** ELW 384

Thanksgiving for Baptism | **This is the Feast** ELW p.149 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 4:32-35 *Pew Bible p.888* | 1 John 1:1-2:2 *Pew Bible p.989*

Gospel Acclamation from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | John 20:19-31 *Pew Bible p.883*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **We Walk By Faith** ELW 635

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering

Communion Liturgy with **Sanctus** from *Mass of Joyful Praise*

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** from *Mass of the Rock* | **O Come to the Altar**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Glorious Day**

Dismissal | Postlude

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.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Larry Corpus

Lector: Tate Schappell

Acolyte: Katie Roome

Communion Assistants: Katie Roome, Lauren Altman, Denise Williamson, Doug Bloomberg

Greeters/Ushers: Karen Cunningham & Norwood Cutter

Tech Volunteer: John Peugeot

Coffee Host: Andy Sieja

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table are given to the Glory of God by Denise & Marlin Williamson

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Most weeks we begin our worship with confession and absolution; we acknowledge our failings to God and to one another and we hear a word of forgiveness spoken to us. Sometimes, however, like during the season of Easter, we begin with a Thanksgiving for Baptism instead. On these joyful days, we remember that in baptism, God washes away our sins, declares us forgiven, and claims us as God's own children.

Martin Luther reminds us that baptism means both that the sinful nature in us is to be daily put to death through repentance and that we are to daily rise up to new life in Christ. Throughout this season of resurrection joy, we begin our worship by giving thanks that because Jesus lives, we have forgiveness, freedom, and new life in Christ.

By the Numbers: Holy Week, March 28-31

Maundy Thursday, March 28 Attendance

In Person Worship 88 | Online Views: 43

Good Friday, March 29 Attendance

In Person Worship: 64 | Online Views: 56

Easter Sunday, March 31 Attendance

In Person Worship 6am: 33 | In Person Worship 10am: 287 | Online Views: 89

General Offerings

Last Week: \$16,396 | YTD: \$169,182 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Our volunteers as we lift up their efforts in joy and celebration for all they do for St. Mark's | Relief and recovery efforts following the earthquake in Taiwan, and for those injured and those grieving the loss of family members and friends | All aid groups who risk their own safety as they deliver food and supplies, especially World Central Kitchen as they grieve the killing of 7 workers in Gaza | Those affected by the 14+ tornados and damaging winds reported Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the country | And 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, Don Sieja, 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

Thank you, Volunteers!

We want to celebrate you for all you do for St. Mark's! In big and small ways, you show up to lend a helping hand and we thank you! We all are the body of Christ and each of us have unique talents that work together - thank you for sharing your gifts!

Hospital Ministry

TODAY, we will be serving the 150 employees of the Anesthesia Department at Huntsville Hospital. On the menu are a little sweet, a little salty - spring M&M cookies and cheese balls - volunteers are welcome after worship in the Fellowship Hall for packing and assembly.

Thursday Reading Group

It's not too late to join 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.

Supper Club

Do you want a night off from cooking to enjoy a meal with friends? Join us Saturday, April 20, at 6:30 pm at The Boot Pizzeria on Memorial Parkway. Italian antipasto, bruschetta, pizza, tiramisu, gelato, and more! Everyone is welcome to join us - sign up in Communication Central by April 19.

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

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

June 24-28 AND July 8-12

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

For kids aged 4-11, we offer TWO different day camps! Register today at stmarkshsv.org/summer



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