



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Song: **House of the Lord**

Celebration of Baptism with Apostle's Creed | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 3:12-19 *Pew Bible p.887* | 1 John 3:1-7 *Pew Bible p.990*

Gospel Acclamation from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | Luke 24:36b-48 *Pew Bible p.861*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **As We Gather At Your Table** ELW 522

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering with **Christ is Risen Indeed**

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

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** from *Mass of the Rock* | *One Bread, One Body; SSA Choir*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **The Day of Resurrection** ELW 361

Dismissal | Postlude: *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen arr. Keith Kolander*

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: Joan Bloomberg

Lector: Kathy Corpus

Acolyte: Zeah Gastler

Communion Assistants: Zeah Gastler, Rachel Cutter, Polly Falkenberg

Greeters/Ushers: Marlin & Denise Williamson

Tech Volunteer: Andy Sieja

Coffee Host: Karen Cunningham

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table are given by Tom and Heather White in memory of Dale White.

Celebration of Baptism

Today we get to celebrate with Alice and Gwen Ratcliff, daughters of Katie Miner & Walter Ratcliff, as they are welcomed into the family of faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism!

What is Baptism?

Baptism is one of two sacraments (more on that in another bulletin!) that Lutherans recognize. The word baptize comes from Greek and means “to apply water,” and there’s not really any difference whether that application is a dunk or a sprinkle, a font or a river! All that is needed for baptism is water and the Word of God. While some traditions have folks wait until they’re older to be baptized (sometimes called “believer’s baptism”), Lutherans and some other denominations have traditionally celebrated infant baptism (though we do baptize adults who have not been baptized as children). This again is not a matter of “right or wrong”; every baptism is held as sacred. We baptize infants because in this sacrament, we hear God’s unconditional “Yes!” spoken to each of us as a gift we cannot earn or deserve, and God’s promise cannot, and will not, be broken. Thanks be to God!

By the Numbers: Sunday, April 7, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 123 | Online Views: 67

Children & Youth Sunday School: 19 | Adult Sunday School: 18

General Offerings

Last Week: \$8,893 | YTD: \$178,076 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Alice, Gwen, and all those being baptized into the body of Christ | Victims of gun violence, especially in Minnetonka, MN; Washington D.C.; Chicago, IL; and West Philadelphia, PA | 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 or call the church office at 256.539.4361

Upcoming Youth Events

On Friday, April 19, confirmands, Sr. Youth, and friends are invited to a lock-in of fun and silliness! We'll get started about 6 pm and finish up on Saturday morning at 9 am. Plan to bring your sleeping gear and a snack to share. A pizza dinner and breakfast provided. AND THEN, on Sunday, April 21, Tweeners and Quarters will get together at 1 pm for spring-y fun! We'll probably play in some dirt, so you may want to dress accordingly!

Kitchen Ministry

Join this robust group on Saturday, April 20, as they prepare 230 meals for Manna House, 305 8th Street, Enable, and a few for St. Mark's visitors and folks. The morning is broken into shifts beginning at 7 am for food preparation, packaging, cleaning, and delivery. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Traci for more specifics!

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.

May WELCA Event– Breakfast & Board Games

The women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to join together on May 11 from 9am - 11 am in the fellowship hall. We'll have a catered breakfast, learn about St. Mark's Women's Ministry, and have some fun playing a group game of Scattergories! Tickets are \$15 and available in the church office.

Congregational Meeting & Taco Bar Lunch

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship on Sunday, May 5. After the meeting, all are encouraged to stay for lunch in the fellowship hall. Please see the SignUp Genius link in Monday's email for what food donations are needed.

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