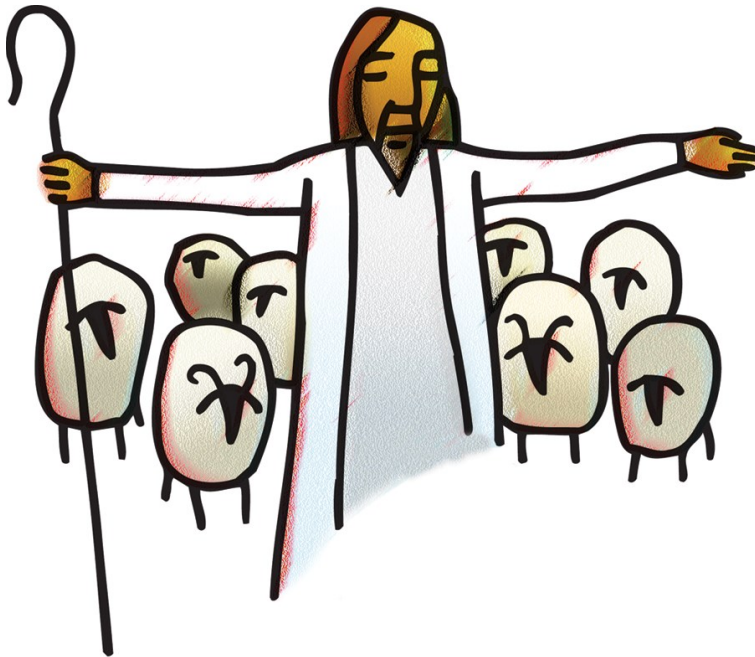




St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude: *Woman Weeping in the Garden* arr. David Sims

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Build a Longer Table**

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

Children's Message

Psalm 23 | 1 John 3:16-24 *Pew Bible p.990*

Gospel Acclamation from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | John 10:11-18 *Pew Bible p.872*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!** ELW 385

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering with **Because He Lives**

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

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** from *Mass of the Rock* | **Bread of Life** from Heaven ELW 474

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: Robert Burkhardt

Lector: Denise Williamson

Acolyte: Daniel White

Communion Assistants: Daniel White, Louise Boller, Cassidy Hackenberg, Bill Henze

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Dornbos & Jim French

Tech Volunteer: Grace Billman

Coffee Host: Dennis Fakes

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table are given by Barbara Reinartz, Karen Yarbrough, Gretchen Theissen, and Stanley Reinartz in memory of Stan Reinartz.

Guest Pastor

We welcome Pastor Amy Guida who is leading worship today and pray for safe travels as Pastor Will spends the week with his family.

What is Liturgy?

Have you ever noticed that Lutheran worship tends to follow a kind of pattern or formula? It almost feels a little...predictable? That's not by accident! That's because Lutherans tend to worship according to a liturgy.

"Liturgy" comes from a Greek word mean "public work." It is, literally, the work (and worship!) of the people. When we come together for worship, liturgy is the form that worship takes, and how we, collectively, bring our prayers and praise to God. The service is generally divided into four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. Within those parts are prayers, readings, songs, offerings, and blessings. Some of those things happen every week, while others are more flexible. You can see a pattern for a typical Lutheran liturgy, which forms the basis of our worship, on pages 92 and 93 of the hymnal.

By the Numbers: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 120 | Online Views: 64

Children & Youth Sunday School: 25 | Adult Sunday School: 12

General Offerings

Last Week: \$11,213.75 | YTD: \$189,289 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

For justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Iran, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan | The passion and generosity of our community in support of our free pantry | The St. Mark's College Care Team who reaches out to our college students with cards and care packages | 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, Ethan Warner and 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

Tweeners and Quarters

Today! Tweeners and Quarters will get together at 1pm for spring-y fun! We'll probably play in some dirt, so you may want to dress accordingly!

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 Genuis link in Monday's email for what food donations are needed.

May WELCA Event– Breakfast & Board Games

The women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to join together on May 11 from 9am - 11am 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 narthex following worship or in the church office during the week.

New Member Class

All prospective new members are invited to attend a new member class the evening of May 14 from 6 - 7:30 pm. Join us in Room 8 on the Sunday School hallway for some orientation, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers.

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we would love to celebrate the joyous chaos of the first Pentecost by inviting those who may speak a non-English language to help read scripture from Acts 2. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please let Traci know - the more, the merrier!

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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