



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*5th Sunday of Easter*

April 28, 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**

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

Children's Message

Acts 8:26-40 *Pew Bible p.892* | 1 John 4:7-21 *Pew Bible p.991*

**Gospel Acclamation** from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | John 15:1-8 *Pew Bible p.878*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **We Know that Christ is Raised** *ELW 449*

Apostle's Creed | 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* | *Gift of Finest Wheat, Choir*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** *ELW 367*

Dismissal | Postlude: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* arr. John Leavitt

## ***Worship Assistants***

Assisting Minister: Rob Caple | Lector: Bob Boller | Acolyte: Payton Sieja

Ushers: Dave Foreman and Paul Gradl | Tech Volunteer: Lara Sieja | Coffee Host: Kris Strobe

Communion Assistants: Payton Sieja, Owen Foreman, Connor Hackenberg

## ***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.

## ***The Flower Arrangements on our Communion Table***

are given by Pat Barber in memory of her father.

## ***We Welcome the Joy, Laughter, Sights, and Sounds of Children in Worship!***

There are children's activity bulletins and 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.

## ***What is the Lectionary?***

Have you ever wondered where the readings that we hear in worship come from? Many congregations from Baptist, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Lutheran traditions, including St. Mark's, follow what is called the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL sets four readings for each Sunday; a reading from the Old Testament (except during the season of Easter, when the first lesson comes from Acts), a Psalm, a reading from one of the New Testament epistles, and a reading from the Gospels. The RCL follows a three year cycle in which the Gospel readings come from Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C, with John appearing a little bit throughout.

There is nothing sacred about the RCL itself; some churches follow other lectionaries like the Narrative Lectionary, a four-year cycle that focuses on one primary text each week and seeks to tell a continuous story throughout the year. Other congregations don't follow a lectionary and choose readings according to whatever the preacher feels led to speak on. One of the benefits of the RCL, however, is that when we come to worship, we know we are hearing the same Word today as so many other Christians across the country and around the world.

## ***By the Numbers: Sunday, April 21, 2024***

### **Attendance**

In Person Worship: 121 | Online Views: 67

Children & Youth Sunday School: 23 | Adult Sunday School: 17

### **General Offerings**

Last Week: \$10,708.90 | YTD: \$199,998 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



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

The joy and warmth of spring sunshine as days become longer and God's creation continues to bloom | The ongoing ministry of the St. Mark's Quilt Guild who prayerfully patchwork quilts to be shared globally | 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, 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](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) or call the church office at 256.539.4361*

## ***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.

## ***Senior Sunday***

On May 5, during worship, we will celebrate our High School Seniors. Join us as we bless these students during this rite of passage.

## ***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 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](http://stmarkshsv.org/summer)



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