



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

January 26, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Narrative Lectionary: Fish for People*

Prelude: How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord arr. Mark Sedio

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Reckless Love**

Confession and Forgiveness | **Joyous Light of Glory** ELW 230 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Psalm 90:14-17 *Pew Bible p.477*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.171 | Luke 5:1-11 *Pew Bible p.836*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord** ELW 580

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: San Francisco Morning; Hidy - Dax Gradl, Piano

Communion Liturgy with **Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy**

Distribution: **Goodness of God** | **Here All Will Be Fed**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Installation of WELCA Officers | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** ELW 817

Dismissal | Postlude: Here I Am, Lord arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Robert Burkhardt | Lector: Jennifer Palmer | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Bob Dornbos & Dave Foreman | Tech Volunteer: Rodney Hutchins

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear, Tabitha Rinyu, Owen Foreman, Diana Rhodes

Coffee Host: Karen Cunningham

## *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.

## *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.

## *Revealing God in the Worship Space: Music*

One of the ways we get a glimpse of God in worship is through music. In both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, music is closely tied to worship. The psalmist repeatedly says “make a joyful noise to the Lord,” and “sing to the Lord a new song.” David is remembered for composing psalms, but also for playing the lyre and dancing before the Ark of the Covenant. Paul exhorts his readers to “sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” Matthew and Mark both mention that Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn before going out to the garden of Gethsemane. Worship music can take many forms, from instrumental music to a capella singing, from classic hymns to modern praise songs, from ancient liturgy to secular music, all of it can be used to praise God. We are blessed to incorporate a variety of music in our worship, including hymns, praise music, choir anthems, and bell choir pieces.

We’re so thankful for Dax sharing his gifts on the piano in worship this morning— If you have musical gifts you’d like to share, we’d love to hear about it and work with you to incorporate your gifts into worship!

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Mike & Susie McCall in celebration of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, January 12, 2025*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 134 | Online Views: 84

Child & Youth Sunday School: 29 | Adult Sunday School: 21

### General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$11,104.58 | YTD: \$33,818 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



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

Those facing natural disasters and their after effects especially from the California fires and winter weather along the Gulf Coast | Immigrants, refugees, migrants and all who face prejudice, hatred, and violence especially due to race, ethnicity, religion, class, or gender identity and sexual orientation | The St. Mark’s Prayer Ministry as we pray for the many needs of our congregation, community, and country | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Joan, Ciera, Vicki, Carrie, Jeannette, Suzy, Frank, Mija, and Kim

*A Prayer Ministry email filled with joys, concerns, and sorrows is sent weekly on Wednesday; if you would like to receive this email, please contact [prayer@stmarkshsv.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) Prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate.*

## *Valentines Family Night*

Come share Valentine's love with your church family on Saturday, February 8. Down in the Fellowship Hall, dinner and the dance floor open at 5:30pm, followed by bingo at 6:30pm. Fun and fellowship for all ages!

## *Children & Chit Chat*

Families of preschoolers (infant-age 5) are invited to a play date! We will meet at 9am on Saturday, February 1 at EarlyWorks Children's Museum. Admission is \$7 for Toddlers and \$12 for youth & adults. Please contact Madeline Wirtz with any questions.

## *New Member Class*

All prospective new members are invited to attend a new member class on Sunday, February 16 from 2 – 3:30pm in Room 8. Join us for some orientation, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers. Please be prepared to fill out a brief questionnaire for family information, i.e. birthdays, baptisms, address, etc.

## *Altar Flowers*

Sign up for altar flowers in Communication Central! Plenty of 2025 dates are still available! \$30 per arrangement will decorate the altar. And bonus! You can celebrate a loved one and have flowers for your table! Payments can be made via check placed in the offering plate (memo: altar flowers) or St. Mark's online giving page.

## *Now Hiring! Office Assistant*

We have an opening for an Office Assistant. This is a part time position that will include reception and record keeping work, as well as collaboration with our food ministries. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Will.

## *What's Next? - Sign Up in Communication Central*

Check out the sign up board for info on upcoming events. Something new and exciting is always on the horizon! Supper Club, Faith & Fiction, WELCA, Free Spirits, and more!

## *Ready to Get Online?*

Wi-Fi is available using the *SMLC Guest* network with password: GrowingTogether

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