



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: Raising the Centurion's Slave

Prelude: Adagietto from Symphony V; Mahler arr. Rawsthorne

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Here I Am to Worship**

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

Children's Message

Psalm 119:105-107 *Pew Bible p.493*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.171 | *Luke 7:1-10 Pew Bible p.839*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **My Hope is Built on Nothing Less** ELW 596

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **God of Wonders**

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

Distribution: **His Mercy is More** | **Here All Will Be Fed**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Blessed Assurance** ELW 638

Dismissal | Postlude: Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works arr. Diemer

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Leah Gradl | Lector: Karen Petersen | Acolyte: Daniel White

Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price | Tech Volunteer: Deb Williams

Communion Assistants: Daniel White, Lauren Altman, Diane Dahl

Coffee Host: Dennis Fakes

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.

Pray for One Another—A Note from Pastor Amy Guida

All through out the New Testament (too many times to count), Christians are encouraged to pray for one another. And I suspect most of us in this congregation do pray a lot, and try to pray for other people. And it can be hard to know where to start. How do we pray for one another in this community? What do we even pray for? What are some ways to pray for someone without knowing them well? One way I have done this is by using the church directory, starting at the first page. Choosing 3-4 names, every day I would pray for these families, asking God to bring them Grace to bear any pain life throws their way; asking God to send them a spirit of Joy and Peace that is unshakable; and thanking God that they were in my congregation. As we prepare for the season of Lent, I encourage you all to get your hands on a directory and start with something simple. Meaningful Faith practices are made through actual practice, and praying for one another is an essential faith practice in any community. A list of our St. Mark's family can be found in the Narthex or the table behind the sanctuary. Give it a try, and let's see how God works through this in 2025.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by The White Family In Memory of: GM1 (SW) John L. Miley's Birthday!

By the Numbers: February 2, 2025

Attendance

In Person Worship: 158 | Online Views: 73

Child & Youth Sunday School: 24 | Adult Sunday School: 23

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$14,326.25 | YTD: \$57,972 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

All who are unemployed, underemployed, and unjustly removed from employment as well as those who are losing the aid provided by the many unfunded and shut down agencies | St. Mark's community partner, ENABLE, and their dedicated volunteers who serve the aging and homebound in our community | Lutheran Services in America, Global Refuge, and other Lutheran ministries | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Dorothy, Ciera, Don, Carrie, Jeanette, Suzy, Frank, Mija, Elaine, and Kim.

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

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.

Greeter Ministry

We are starting up a new Greeter ministry in conjunction with our ushers on Sundays to warmly welcome visitors with a friendly face and a goodie bag. If you are interested, then please sign up in Communication Central (near the women's bathroom) by February 28.

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.

Summer Camp Registration

Already making summer plans? Consider adding a summer camp (or two!) to your calendar! For 6th grade - college sophomores, spend a week at AFFIRM (June 15 -20), a youth event of the ELCA Southeastern Synod that St. Mark's youth and staff attend each year. For kiddos aged 4-11, St. Mark's offers TWO different day camps (June 23 – 27 AND July 14 -18) full of crafts, service projects, Bible stories, games, silly songs, and more! Scan this QR code to register and learn more!



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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