



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025



***Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community***

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In Worship Today...

Blessed By Hospitality: The Dishonest Manager | Hymn Sing Sunday

Our music will be picked out of a basket during worship! Make sure to place your favorite selections (from the red ELW hymnal) in the basket before worship!

Welcome | **Gathering Hymn**

Confession and Forgiveness | **Hymn of Praise** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Psalms 41:1-3 *Pew Bible p.447*

Gospel Acclamation: **Lenten** ELW p.189 | Luke 16:1-15 *Pew Bible p.851*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Hymn Sing**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW p. 207

Distribution: **Hymn Sing**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Leah Gradl | Lector: Brianna Sieja | Acolyte: Daniel White

Ushers: Phyllis & Rodney Hutchins | Tech Volunteers: Andrew Caple, Rob Caple, & Oliver Sieja

Communion Assistants: Daniel White & Lauren Altman

Coffee Host: Julie Satterfeal

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.

A Deeper Look: Confession & Forgiveness

The season of Lent is a time especially focused on repentance and self-reflection. Most Sundays, we begin our worship with Confession and Forgiveness. Together with the whole body of believers, we confess that we have not lived up to God's expectations of us. We are encouraged to reflect on our thoughts, words, and deeds; on the wrongs we have done and the good we have failed to do. Having confessed our sin, we hear a word of forgiveness, reminding us that God's grace and mercy for us is unfailing. Confession and Forgiveness always go together, whether we come to confession as a congregation or as individuals. No matter what we have done or what has been done to us, God's grace is always greater.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to sponsor a potted plant to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning? Plants will vary depending on availability; past flowers have included tulips, a variety of lilies, hyacinths, and geraniums. Each sponsorship is \$15. Please use an available "flower envelope" to place in the offering plate or online via St. Mark's giving page. Everyone is welcome to take their plants home following the worship service on Easter morning.

By the Numbers: March 23, 2025

Attendance

In Person Worship: 147 | Online Views: 58

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

Lenten Wednesday, March 19, 2025

6:30pm Worship: 49

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$8,196 | YTD: \$155,884 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Libraries, museums, schools, and all institutions that empower curiosity and education | Wisdom and discernment for all of those who lead and govern our community and country | Medical researchers and all who advance public health through the development of treatments, cures, and safe vaccines | The St. Mark's Board of Witness and Outreach as they share a meal with our community this coming week | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Susan, Jim, Margot, Dorothy, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, and Mija.

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.

Greeter & Usher Training Today!

Following worship today, anyone who would like to be, or is currently, a greeter or an usher is invited to attend a training meeting in the sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer for any other worship assistant positions, there are sign ups available in Communication Central.

Community Free Lunch

No foolin' - St. Mark's is providing a free lunch to the community on Tuesday, April 1 from 11am – 1pm...just because! Stop by for a hot dog, sides, and a drink. Sit and eat in the sunshine or if you're in a hurry, get it to go. All for free - while supplies last.

First Communion

Targeted primarily towards our fourth and fifth graders, we will meet on Palm Sunday, April 13, at 1 pm. Class time is approximately 2 hours. Any others who are ready for their first communion are welcome; please let Traci know if you are interested.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Through Holy Week, we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, beginning with our Palm Sunday service on April 13 at 10:30am, followed by our Maundy Thursday service on April 17 at 7pm and our Good Friday service on April 18 at 7pm. Easter Sunday worship will be at 10:30am. All are invited to bring fresh-cut flowers to help flower the cross. Similar to years past, the cross, having been brought into the sanctuary on Good Friday, will "blossom and come to life" as everyone is invited to add flowers as they come up for communion.

Seder Meal

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, beginning promptly at 5:30pm, join us for our version of a Passover Seder, a ritual meal in celebration of the Last Supper (and our First Communicants!) In addition to more traditional elements like wine, unleavened bread and haroseth, the menu will include marinated chicken and roasted lamb, a side, and salad. Tickets for the event must be pre-purchased. Cost: \$10 each. Tickets are available through April 13 in the church office during the week, online, and in the narthex on Sundays.

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