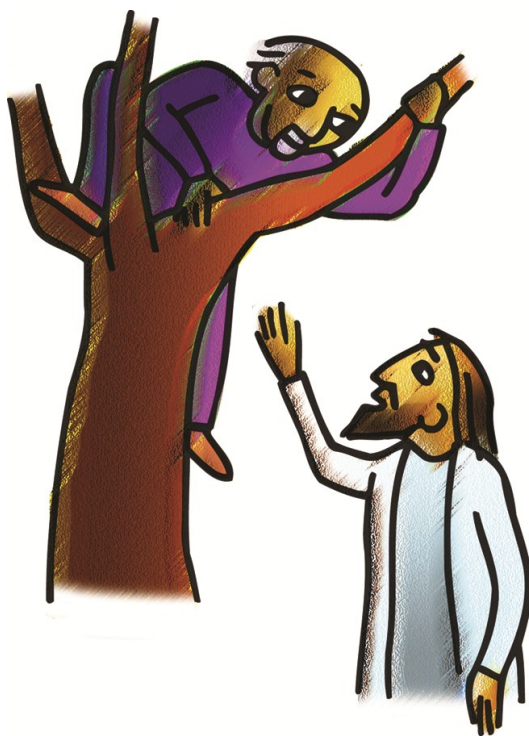




**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

***The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent***

April 6, 2025



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

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# ***In Worship Today...***

## ***Blessed By Generosity: Zacchaeus***

Prelude: My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. Karl Osterland

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Good Grace**

Service of Baptism for Everett Adams Hyder | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Psalm 84:1-4,10-12 *Pew Bible p.472*

Gospel Acclamation: **Lenten** ELW p.189 | Luke 19:1-10 *Pew Bible p.853*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Jesus, I Will Ponder Now** ELW 345

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Broken Vessels**

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

Distribution: **Cornerstone** | A Clare Benediction – Choir

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus** ELW 802

Dismissal | Postlude: Out of the Depths, I Cry to You arr. Barbara Harbach

## ***Worship Assistants***

Assisting Minister: Josh Cutter | Lector: Bill Henze | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Klaus & Diane Dahl | Tech Volunteer: Payton Sieja

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear & Doug Bloomberg

Coffee Host: Rob Caple

## ***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.

## *By the Numbers: March 30, 2025*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 144 | Online Views: 63

Child & Youth Sunday School: 29 | Adult Sunday School: 26

### Lenten Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6:30pm Worship: 46

### General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$9,769 | YTD: \$165,653 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



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

Students at colleges and universities, especially international students | The people of Myanmar in the wake of devastating earthquakes as they mourn their losses and work to rebuild their communities | The St. Mark's Altar Guild teams (over 30 people!) as they work behind the scenes to prepare for worship each week | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Jeanne, Susan, Jim, Margot, Dorothy, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, and the family of Joel Hein.

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](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.

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## *First Communion Class*

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.

## *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!) 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.

## *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.

# Holy Week

April 13 - 20



**13  
APR**  
10:30AM

**Palm  
Sunday**

BE SURE TO GET YOUR  
SEDER MEAL TICKETS!  
BY APRIL 13; \$10 EACH

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS  
IS APRIL 13 AT 1PM.  
SEE TRACI IF INTERESTED!

**17  
APR**  
5:30PM

**Seder  
Meal**

**17  
APR**  
7PM

**Maundy  
Thursday  
Worship**



MEET AT CALIFORNIA ST PARK FOR  
OUR EASTER EGG HUNT & POTLUCK  
LUNCH! BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

**18  
APR**  
7PM

**Good  
Friday  
Worship**

DON'T FORGET TO SPONSOR  
EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERS!  
BY APRIL 16



BRING FRESH-CUT  
FLOWERS TO  
FLOWER THE CROSS!

**19  
APR**  
10AM

**Easter  
Egg Hunt**

**20  
APR**  
10:30AM

**Easter  
Sunday**



EGG CASSEROLES  
AND PANCAKES  
AND BACON,  
OH MY!

**20  
APR**

**Easter  
Breakfast**

9AM - 10AM

TAKE YOUR EASTER PICS WITH THE FLOWERED  
CROSS IN THE BACK PARKING LOT!

## *St. Mark's Staff*

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