



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

***Easter Sunday***

April 13, 2025



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

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

## ***Broken, Blessed, & Whole: Resurrection***

Prelude: Amen/Alleluia & Fantasia et Noel; David Pettit

Welcome

Poem: Risen | Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Song: **Glorious Day\***

*Our procession begins with use of an incense Thurible. In the Hebrew Scriptures, incense was burned to prepare a space for sinful human beings to enter into the presence of the holy God. The psalmist prays that their prayers might be like incense before the Lord, a pleasing smell rising to God's attention. Christian worship over the centuries has incorporated the use of incense as a reminder that our prayers are pleasing and acceptable to the God who is with us and for us. Though we don't incorporate the use of incense every Sunday, on festival days, it is an appropriate addition to worship*

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

Children's Message

Psalm 118:17,21-24 *Pew Bible* p.492

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.151 | Luke 24:1-12 *Pew Bible* p.860

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** ELW 365

Nicene Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Christ is Risen Indeed**

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



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

*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.*

## Distribution & Flowering of the Cross

*We flower a cross on Easter morning in celebration of new life in Christ. On Good Friday, the empty cross is brought into the sanctuary and laid with a crown of thorns. On Easter, the crown has been removed and the cross will be filled with live flowers as an illustration of the life, joy, and beauty found in the risen Lord. With a desire for all to participate, you are invited to use the flowers you brought or the ones provided to decorate the cross as you go to communion. After worship, the cross will be available outside for Easter pictures.*

Distribution Music: I Will Rise; Trio | Jesus Christ is Risen Today; Handbells | Gloria; Choir

**Because He Lives (Amen) | Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Recessional Hymn: **Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377\***

Dismissal | Postlude: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds arr. Aaron Shows

*\*Worship this morning will include the use of incense*

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## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Lara Sieja | Lector: Carol Tevepaugh | Acolyte: Daniel White

Thurifer: Andy Sieja | Crucifer: Owen Foreman | Bible Bearer: Reagan Polzin

Torch Bearers: Tabitha Rinyu & Kinsley Satterfeal | Greeter: Jennifer Mullin

Ushers: Tim Sieja, Andrew Wirtz, & Paul Gradl | Tech Volunteer: Todd Phillips

Communion Assistants: Tabitha Rinyu & Kinsley Satterfeal | Coffee Host: Karen Cunningham

## *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.

## *Happy Easter from St. Mark's!*

Whether this is your first time at St. Mark's or you come every week, we are happy to have you here. Whether you feel strong in your faith or you aren't quite sure what this is all about, the promise of Easter is for you. We invite you to participate in the worship as fully as you feel led. If you have questions, don't be afraid to ask; an usher or a greeter can point you in the right direction. We hope you will find this time meaningful and this community hospitable. The staff of St. Mark's Lutheran Church wishes you a very happy Easter. May the promise of the empty tomb fill your heart this day. Christ is risen! And because he lives, we too shall live!

## *Easter Flower Dedications*

You may take your sponsored plant(s) home after worship.

### ***In Memory of Roberta Allen***

Phil Ager

### ***In Celebration of David, Conner, Carter, Barbara, Fridtjof, & Mary***

Austin Alderton

### ***In Memory of Her Parents and Brother***

Pat Barber

### ***In Celebration of Their Parents***

Doug & Joan Bloomberg

### ***In Celebration of Their Children & Grandchildren***

Bob & Louise Boller

### ***In Celebration of Their Family***

Rob & Kim Caple

### ***For Her Mother, Martha & Father in Law, Carl***

Lupe Collado

### ***In Celebration of Their Family & In Memory of Their Parents***

Glenn & Karen Cunningham

### ***In Memory of Loved Ones***

### ***& In Celebration of Josh, Rachel, Jonathan, Haley, & Amy Cutter and Oliver, Lucy, & Ethan Cutter***

Norwood & Carol Cutter

### ***In Celebration of Their Family***

Klaus & Diane Dahl

### ***In Memory of Their Parents & Celebration of Their Family***

Bob & Gwen Dornbos

### ***To the Glory of God***

Wayne & Polly Falkenberg

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Jim & Betty French

***In Celebration of Their Godparents, Pam and Bob Laheta***

Paul & Leah Gradl

***In Memory of Joan & Owen Garrison and Mona & Sam Replogle***

Brian & Staci Hackenberg

***In Memory of Reet and Karlin***

William Henze

***In Memory of Our Parents***

Rodney & Phyllis Hutchins

***In Celebration of Pastor Will & Family***

Aaron & Laurie Kelsey

***In Celebration of Bud and Betty Stegner***

Walter & Katie Ratcliff-Miner Family

***In Memory of Pat Mullin***

Bruce & Jennifer Mullin Family

***In Memory of Dr. John M. Siegel, Jr.***

Shannon Neblett

***In Memory of Gjert and Sigrun Hovland***

David & Karen Petersen Family

***In Celebration of Mari and Valerie***

John & Shandry Peugeot

***In Celebration of Their Parents, Children, & Grandchildren***

Mike & Michelle Price

***In Celebration of Niki Maldonado***

Diana Rhodes

***In Celebration of William and Shirley***

Eric Schwartz

***In Celebration of Their Parents***

Andy & Brianna Sieja

***In Celebration of Their Children***

Eric & Stephanie Smith

***In Celebration of Their Grandchildren***

Mike & Melinda Swenson

***In Memory of Ron & Diane Syktus & In Celebration of Meg Jones***

Ron & Patty Sykstus Family

***In Memory of Their Parents & In Celebration of Their Children***

Ed & Anne Uher

***In Memory of Al and Pearl Wheeler***

Valeta Wheeler

***In Memory of Dale White and John Miley***

***& In Celebration of the White, Mailhot, and Bartrum Families***

Tom & Heather White Family

***In Celebration of The Williams and Tanghe Families***

Brandon & Kelly Williams Family

***In Celebration of Doris Nagorsen***

Kollin Wisniewski

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***By the Numbers: Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025***

**Attendance:** In Person Worship: 191 | Online Views: 71 | Lenten Worship April 9: 37  
Child & Youth Sunday School: 30 | Adult Sunday School: 27

**General Offerings Last Week**

Last Week: \$12,551 | YTD: \$194,907 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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# SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

## AFFIRM

**June 15 - 20**  
**LaGrange College**

Summer Youth Event hosted by the Southeastern Synod; for 6th grade - college sophomore

*United in Christ*



## DAY CAMPS

**WEEK 1: WATER WEEK**  
**June 23 - 27**

**WEEK 2: BREAD WEEK**  
**July 14 - 18**

We are offering TWO different summer day camps at St. Mark's this year for kids, ages 4-11. Each week is filled with crafts, service projects, Bible stories, games, silly songs, and so much more!

**Spots are filling up! Visit [stmarkshsv.org/summer](http://stmarkshsv.org/summer) or use the QR code to register today!**





# EASTER PHOTO OP

Take your Easter pictures, following worship, in the back parking lot with the flowered cross!



## SUNDAY, MAY 4

Our Food Ministries feed hundreds of people every month, and we are actively growing our largest ministry. Join us for a pep rally after worship to celebrate five years of growth (we'll have data!), thank our program leads, and learn how you can get involved. Details to follow in our May newsletter and online via the Member Resources page.

New Sunday **SCHEDULE** *Starting May 25*

**9:30AM - WORSHIP | 11AM - SUNDAY LEARNING**

Summer learning opportunities will feature a discussion and reflection on the day's scripture led by Pastor Will, along with fun summer activities for the kiddos! Keep an eye out for a full slate of classes starting in the fall with worship and Sunday Learning continuing at these same times.