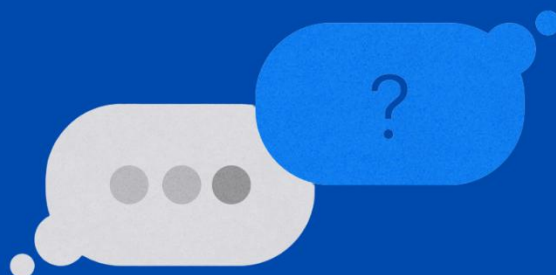


Welcome to St. Mark!

We are delighted you are here and hope your faith will be strengthened as we celebrate God's presence in our lives.

QUESTIONS FROM JESUS



"Why are you trying to kill me?"

John 7:19-24

May 17, 2026

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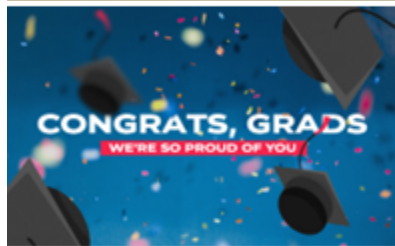
Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Ron and Jane Rider.



Welcome! We want to learn more about you and help you connect here at St. Mark. A great first step for visitors like yourself is to have *Coffee with the Pastors*. Pastors will share with you about St. Mark and learn about your faith journey. Register in Church Center for the next *Coffee*, May 31.



During the month of May we are collecting monetary gifts to support the Pastor's Fund. These dollars support community needs particularly with rent and utility assistance. In 2025, we helped more than 20 households. Gifts can be made via Church Center's Pastor's Fund or by check with Pastor's Fund in the memo line.



Pray Jeremiah 29:11 over our St. Mark high school seniors. *For I know the plans I have for you:* Westley Clausen, Nathaniel Grannes, Madison Haaland, Rowan Kaufman, Henry Trettin, Cole Wiarda, Charlotte Van Wyk.



If you wish to sponsor the Sunday altar flowers during 2026, we still have openings throughout the summer and fall. The cost to sponsor one week's flowers is \$55. Check for open dates and sign up in Church Center.



Join us for the Central College A Cappella Choir Concert on Monday, May 18, at 7:00pm. Led by organist/choirmaster emeritus Mark Babcock, this concert precedes their trip to Peru. This free event is made possible by the Fine Arts at St. Mark.



Step into the heart of Italy, a once-in-a-lifetime journey to nourish your spirit, enrich your mind, and awaken your senses. Join Pastor Bob and Jen Bekkerus, October 1-11, 2027 as they guide you in experiencing the cathedrals and culture of Venice, Florence, and Rome. Learn more in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 17 after each service.



LWR Farmers Market Coffee and Chocolate build on Lutheran World Relief's work to improve the lives of farmers around the world. Enjoy a delicious cup or sweet treat knowing that you've changed farmers' lives for the better. Sample the coffee any Sunday. Sample the chocolate, Sunday, May 24. Order online and have it shipped to your home.



Summer's coming! Have you signed up yet for the fun at St. Mark? There will be fun this summer for kids and students and you won't want to miss it. Save your spot by signing up in Church Center today.