



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude: *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* arr. Wayne L. Wold

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **For All the Children**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 10:44-48 *Pew Bible p.895* | 1 John 5:1-6 *Pew Bible p.991*

Gospel Acclamation from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | John 15:9-17 *Pew Bible p.878*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Great God, Your Love Has Called Us** ELW 358 vv1-3

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: *Joy and Elation- Handbells*

Communion Liturgy with **Sanctus** from *Mass of Joyful Praise*

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** from *Mass of the Rock* | **Changed** | **Great Are You, Lord**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Blessing and Sending of Seniors

Sending Song: **The Blessing**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Lara Sieja | Lector: David Provancha | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Brian Hackenberg & Larry Jung | Tech Volunteer: Oliver Sieja

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear, David Provancha, Tabitha Rinyu, Piper Roome

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.

Congratulations Seniors!

High School graduation is a milestone in a person's life. For many, it is that first step into adulthood. Some leave their childhood home for continuing education. Some stay and begin work. All are experiencing a new adventure. Our joy is the opportunity to lift up and celebrate these young adults in the next step of their life journey. This year we celebrate and offer blessings for Cassidy Hackenberg, Connor Hackenberg, and Carolyn Vandeveire.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given in celebration of our high school graduates.

Congregational Meeting & Taco Bar Lunch

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship today. We will be electing our new council chairs as well as Audit & Nominating Committee members. After the meeting, all are encouraged to stay for lunch in the fellowship hall.

By the Numbers: Sunday, April 28, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 160 | Online Views: 62

Children & Youth Sunday School: 24 | Adult Sunday School: 20

General Offerings

Last Week: \$8,856.50 | YTD: \$208,855 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Our High School Seniors as they prepare for graduation and the next steps on their journeys | Our Nominating Committee in thanksgiving for the work they have done in preparing this year's slate of nominees | The community of Charlotte, North Carolina after the killing of 4 law enforcement officers and the shooting of 4 others | A ceasefire in Gaza, for hostages to be freed, and for strength and persistence among all who are engaging in diplomacy | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Pat Barber, Annie Bourque, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Annie Foreman, Gisela Galzerano, Harold Jensen, Larry Lechner, Mary Leo, Jeannette Maldonado, Susie Newill, Karin Offik, Frank Ontiveros, John Pearson, Larry Potts, Michelle Price, Debbie Rutecki, Mija Stockman, and Kim Williams.

For your convenience, prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate. You may also send an email to prayer@stmarkshsv.org or call the church office at 256.539.4361

May WELCA Event– Breakfast & Board Games

The women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to join together on May 11 from 9am - 11 am in the fellowship hall. We'll have a catered breakfast, learn about St. Mark's Women's Ministry, and have some fun playing a group game of Scattergories! Tickets are \$15 and available in the narthex following worship or in the church office during the week.

New Member Class

All prospective new members are invited to attend a new member class the evening of May 14 from 6 - 7:30 pm. Join us in Room 8 on the Sunday School hallway for some orientation, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers.

What's Next? - Sign Up in Communication Central

Free Spirits will meet on May 16, at 11 am for a BBQ lunch and a program by the Rainbow Rhythm Band. On May 18, Supper Club will gather at I Love Sushi in Madison at 6:30 pm.

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we would love to celebrate the joyous chaos of the first Pentecost by inviting those who may speak a non-English language to help read scripture from Acts 2. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please let Traci know.

Summer Camp Volunteers

We will be looking for adult and older youth volunteers for both weeks of St. Mark's Day Camp. Duties may include help with lunch and snack set-up/clean-up, crafts, craft prep, and storytelling. Please sign up in Communication Central – see Traci with any questions.

June 24-28 AND July 8-12

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

For kids aged 4-11, we offer TWO different day camps! Register today at stmarkshsv.org/summer



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