



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude: *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** ELW 392 vv1-4

Thanksgiving for Baptism | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26 *Pew Bible p.885* | 1 John 5:9-13 *Pew Bible p.991*

Gospel Acclamation from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | John 17:6-19 *Pew Bible p.879*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation** ELW 645

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: *Bless That Wonderful Name*

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

Distribution: **Agnus Dei** | **For the Bread Which You Have Broken** ELW 494

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Crown Him with Many Crowns** ELW 855 vv1-4

Dismissal | Postlude: *Spring Praise*

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Josh Cutter | Lector: Kristen Maddox | Acolyte: Katie Roome

Ushers: Rodney & Phyllis Hutchins | Tech Volunteer: Payton Sieja

Communion Assistants: Katie Roome, Kristen Maddox, Julia Sharpe, Abigail Still

Accompanist: Mark Jerrell | 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.

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

In her Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich wrote, "Jesus Christ... is our true Mother. We received our 'Being' from Him -and this is where His Maternity starts.... Just as God is our Father, so God is also our Mother." Julian's revelation was not about the gender of God, but about the character of God. She understood that God is the source of our life, and that we human beings, created in God's image, are born of God, receiving our very life from the Mother of all. Julian is not alone; though we often speak of the first person of the Trinity as "the Father," the scriptures also use several feminine images to describe God. Hosea and Isaiah describe God as a mother, laboring and nursing her children, Deuteronomy describes God like a mother eagle and Hosea again speak of God like a mother bear defending her cubs. Even Jesus, looking over Jerusalem, describes his own desire to gather the people to him as a hen gathers her brood. On this Mothers' Day, it is good to recognize the mothering images used to speak of God, even as we celebrate and remember our earthly mothers.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Larry & Kathleen Corpus in honor of all mothers & in celebration of Zachary Corpus receiving his Doctorate.

By the Numbers: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 167 | Online Views: 72

Children & Youth Sunday School: 27 | Adult Sunday School: —

General Offerings

Last Week: \$12,906 | YTD: \$212,253 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

The endless work and dedication of our property team as they keep our building and grounds in tip top shape from tip to toe | Those affected by severe storms and flooding throughout the country | The United Methodist Church as they step into a future that embraces the gifts and leadership of LGBTQ+ clergy | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Pat Barber, Annie Bourque, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, 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

Mother's Day Roses

We invite everyone to take a rose today as we celebrate all who play a mothering role in our lives. We give thanks for those who are mothers; we celebrate those yet-to-be mothers; we honor our mothers who have died; and we pray for all for whom this day holds grief or pain.

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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