



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. Joe Utterback

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Veni Sancte Spiritus** ELW 406

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

Children's Message

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *Pew Bible p.704* | Romans 8:22-27 *Pew Bible p.919*

Alleluia from *Mass of Joyful Praise* | Acts 2:1-21 *Pew Bible p.885*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **O Spirit All-Embracing**

Welcoming of New Members | Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: *Baba Yetu – Choir*

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 | Benediction

Sending Song: **The Blessing**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Leah Gradl | Lector: Diane Dahl | Acolyte: Zeah Gastler

Ushers: Allen & Penny Krell | Tech Volunteer: Kim Caple

Communion Assistants: Zeah Gastler, Diane Dahl, Andrew Caple, Kathy Sieja

Bible Bearer: Andrew Caple | Coffee Host: Les Billman

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.

From Video Game Themes to Worship Anthems

Our choir anthem today, *Baba Yetu*, has an unusual origin story for what we might consider “church music.” This song, sung in Swahili, gained popularity for its use as the opening theme song in the 2005 video game *Civilization IV*. Its upbeat rhythms and moving vocal harmonies made an excellent introduction for the various cultures and civilizations presented in the game as well as in advertisement trailers. Yet here we are, singing it in worship on Pentecost, because not only is it a fun song to sing in the Swahili language, it’s also a translation of the Lord’s Prayer. The opening phrase, repeated throughout, “Baba yetu, yetu_uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu, amina!” translates to “Our Father, who art in Heaven, Amen!” a soloist sings several of the petitions in the prayer with the choir coming in on a resounding high of “Ufalme wako ufike utakalo, Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni Amina.” — “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.” The piece ends in a more subdued reminder of the opening sentences “Our Father...” while the choir and instrumentation slowly fade away.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Marlin & Denise Williams in honor of Marlin & Abby’s Birthdays.

By the Numbers: Sunday, May 12, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 152 | Online Views: 67

Children & Youth Sunday School: 24 | Adult Sunday School: 15

General Offerings

Last Week: \$12,956.75 | YTD: \$238,116 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Ongoing clean up efforts for those affected by storms last week, especially in the Tennessee Valley | St. Mark’s Kitchen Ministry as they provide food to be distributed by local charities | High schools, colleges, and universities in their graduation ceremonies, and for all who are graduating | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Becky Altvater, 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, 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

New Members

We welcome our new members in worship today! Jeanne Chandler, Derek & Kristen Maddox, Scott Peterson, Melinda Wright, Amber & Oliver Wright. Please take a moment to greet them!

Tweeners & Quarters—Today!

Meet in the gathering place at 1pm for something spring-y: plan to get messy!

Kitchen Ministry

Join us Saturday morning, May 25 beginning at 7am as we make meals for Manna House and ENABLE; for more information contact Traci.

Hymn Sing Next Week!

It's everyone's favorite Sunday! Hymn Sing Sunday is here and filled with lots of musical cheer! Come early, place your favorite hymn (from the ELW hymnal) in the basket and throughout worship we'll randomly draw hymns to sing.

Sunday Sit-In Choir is Coming Back!

4 Sundays throughout the summer we'll have the chance to come together before worship, learn a simpler choir piece, and then sing it in worship during communion. We'll meet at 9:15am on the following Sundays: June 9, June 23, July 14, and July 28.

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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