



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

***The Holy Trinity Sunday***

May 26, 2024



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

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Welcome to Hymn Sing Sunday!*

Our music will be picked out of a basket during worship! Make sure to place your favorite selections (from the red ELW hymnal) in the basket before worship!

Welcome | Gathering Hymn

Confession & Forgiveness | Hymn of Praise | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Isaiah 6:1-8 *Pew Bible p.553* | Romans 8:12-17 *Pew Bible p.919*

**Alleluia** from *ELW Setting 10* | John 3:1-17 *Pew Bible p.863*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Jennifer Palmer | Lector: Bill Henze | Acolyte: Daniel White

Ushers: Butch Lloyd & Diana Rhodes | Tech Volunteer: John Peugeot

Communion Assistants: Daniel White, Oliver Sieja

Coffee Host: Andy Sieja

## *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.

## ***Holy Trinity Sunday***

The first Sunday after Pentecost is Holy Trinity Sunday. It is a unique day in the church calendar, as it is the only day devoted specifically to a doctrinal belief: that God is three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) but still only one God. The three persons of the Trinity are distinct from each other, yet are all equal to one another. People have used many metaphors and images to try to describe the Trinity (a shamrock, a stool with three legs, a fan with three blades, even a dance), but eventually, all these images fall apart. The Trinity is a mystery of faith. And yet, the Trinity is more than just a doctrine or a mystery. The Trinity is a relationship; our God is inherently relational. And we who have been created in God's image are made to be in relationship as well. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we remember that God relates to us in different ways—as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; as Parent, Sibling, and Companion. On this day, we also remember that we are meant to do likewise, trusting God to empower us to build relationship with others and join in the dance of Trinity.

## ***Altar Flowers***

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Peg Skrenes in memory of Kevin's birthday.

## ***By the Numbers: Sunday, May 19, 2024***

### **Attendance**

In Person Worship: 139 | Online Views: 92

Children & Youth Sunday School: 26 | Adult Sunday School: 19

### **General Offerings**

Last Week: \$10,747.90 | YTD: \$248,464 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



## ***This Week We are Praying for...***

All who remember, on this Memorial Day, their loved ones who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces | The music volunteers of St. Mark's who share their gifts in worship as another program year wraps up for the summer | Those attending the SE Synod Assembly in Columbus, GA next weekend | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Becky Altvater, Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Harold Jensen, Larry Lechner, Mary Leo, Jeannette Maldonado, Suzy 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](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) or call the church office at 256.539.4361*

## *Church Office Closed Tomorrow*

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

## *Children's Hospital Crafts & Toys*

We have received a request for items from the Huntsville Hospital Child Life Department. We are looking for the following items: Play-doh (the Play-Doh brand keeps the best, and is our biggest need right now); colored pencils; summer "grab and go" craft kits; paint pots; small Lego kits; bubbles (wedding size are best); stickers; and coloring books. Please place your donations in the "donation" box in Communication Central by June 15.

## *What's Next? - Sign Up in Communication Central*

Check out the sign up board in Communication Central for information on upcoming events. Something new and exciting is always on the horizon! Supper Club, Faith & Fiction, WELCA, Summer Events, and more!

## *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](http://stmarkshsv.org/summer)



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