



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude: Blessed Assurance arr. J. Bert Carlson

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **As Rain from the Clouds** ELW 508

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie** ELW p.184 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Ezekiel 17:22-24 *Pew Bible p.684* | 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; 14-17 *Pew Bible p.939*

Alleluia ELW p.188 | Mark 4:26-34 *Pew Bible p.815*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **God, Whose Firm is All Creation** ELW 734

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Changed**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW p.190

Distribution: **Lamb of God** ELW p.191 | **Christ Be Magnified**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Graves into Gardens**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Kathy Sieja | Lector: Jed Deason | Acolyte: Zeah Gastler

Ushers: Jim French, Larry Jung | Tech Volunteer: Todd Phillips

Communion Assistants: Zeah Gastler & Haiden White

Coffee Host: Kris Strobe

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.

Juneteenth— June 19

Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Celebrations often center on family, culture, and education. In the spirit of Juneteenth, Madison County will have a conversation hosted by District 6 Commissioner Violet Edwards. Honoring the holiday's significance, the district is partnering with Huntsville-based Vision Excellence Company (VEC) for "Oh, Freedom 2024!" Community leaders, including Pastor Will, will join Commissioner Edwards and Dr. Karockas Watkins of VEC to discuss the topic: *The Notion of A Colorblind Society*. This free event will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 10am at the Bob Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center on Pulaski Pike. "The idea of colorblindness is being used as the rationale behind dismantling diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, and it is clear the notion of a colorblind society means different things to different people," said Commissioner Edwards. "Let's take this time to address the intricacies of race to understand each other better."

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Doug & Joan Bloomberg in honor of the St. Mark's Youth.

By the Numbers: Sunday, June 9, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 125 | Online Views: 52

General Offerings

Last Week: \$12,645.75 | YTD: \$276,806 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Fathers and all who serve as caregivers, role models, and parental figures | Advocates and peacemakers who continue to lead society in the work of racial justice and reconciliation as we observe Juneteenth this week | Volunteers who work in necessary, often behind the scenes administrative roles at St. Mark's – offering counters, financial secretary, staff support persons, and auditors | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Becky Altvater, Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Harold Jensen, Mary Leo, Jeannette Maldonado, Anne Martin, Suzy Newill, Karin Offik, Frank Ontiveros, John Pearson, Larry Potts, Debbie Rutecki, Dave Schultz, Peg Skrenes, Mija Stockman, Jim Tevepaugh, 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.

Father's Day Cookies

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

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 today!

WELCA Health Kits

This year, WELCA has undertaken a project to put together and provide personal care kits for those in need. Anyone interested is challenged to prepare 3-5 kits to support this project. Details and shopping lists are available in Communication Central.

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!

Four 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 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.

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