



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Gather Us In** ELW 532

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

Children's Message

Job 38:1-11 *Pew Bible p.420* | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 *Pew Bible p.940*

Alleluia ELW p.188 | Mark 4:35-41 *Pew Bible p.816*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** ELW 773

Installation of the Church Council | Prayers of Intercession

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

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God** ELW p.191 | **New Wine** | **Stay With Us** - *Sunday Sit In Choir*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Eternal Father, Strong to Save** ELW 756

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Larry Partesotti | Lector: Gwen Dornbos | Acolyte: Katie Roome

Ushers: Terry Szymczyk & Andrew Wirtz | Tech Volunteer: Andrew Caple

Communion Assistants: Katie Roome & Madelyn Vandevaire

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.

Council Installation

Today in worship we'll be installing our council for the '24-25 term. Some of these leaders are continuing their current term, while others were elected in our congregational meeting on May 5. While not required for council members to assume their responsibilities, a liturgy of installation is an appropriate – and important – thing to do as these members fulfill their roles. Installations are times for public affirmation and accountability, both for the leaders and those whom they will serve. We remember each of us receives gifts from the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the Kin-dom of God. We remind those elected to positions of trust what their role and expectations are for them. As we install our council leaders for the year ahead, I invite your prayers for their efforts on behalf of our congregation and the Gospel work to which we are called. May God bless them – and all of us – with wisdom and discernment, courage and patience, peace and joy in all that we undertake.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Larry & Kathy Corpus in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and Jeff & Michelle Still in loving memory of Cailey Still.

By the Numbers: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 141 | Online Views: 45

General Offerings

Last Week: \$27,215.26 | YTD: \$304,022 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Those grieving the heat-related deaths of more than 500 pilgrims in Mecca during Hajj | Native Americans celebrating cultural identity through pow wows this summer and for preservation and appreciation of indigenous heritage | the St. Mark's church council as they begin a new year of leadership and ministry together | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Becky Altvater, Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Marion Fallon, 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, 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.

Godly Play

We are excited to announce a new Sunday Learning curriculum for our elementary kiddos - coming this fall! Godly Play encourages a very hands-on approach to learning, using object lessons to teach Biblical stories. There are brochures available in Communication Central with more details and a wish list of items to make Godly Play a success. If you would like to donate monetarily to a lesson, visit our online giving page. Questions? Please contact Traci.

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 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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