



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

6th Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **We Come to You for Healing**, Lord ELW 617

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

Children's Message

Lamentations 3:22-33 *Pew Bible p.669* | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 *Pew Bible p.941*

Alleluia ELW p.188 | Mark 5:21-43 *Pew Bible p.816*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **If You But Trust in God to Guide You** ELW 769

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: Diana Rhodes | Lector: Julie Foreman | Acolyte: Daniel White

Ushers: Tim Sieja & Marlin Williamson | Tech Volunteer: Andy Sieja

Communion Assistants: Daniel White & Madeline Wirtz

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.

Lamentations

Our first reading today comes from the book of Lamentations. Traditionally held to have been written by the prophet Jeremiah, the book is a collection of poetic laments over the destruction of Jerusalem. The writer expresses both their own individual grief and the communal grief of the city as they cope with what has happened. These poems remind us that grief is holy and mourning is faithful. Many of the writers of scripture speak to God out of raw pain and share their honest hurt with the One who can heal every ill. At the very heart of the book of Lamentations is a reminder: even in the midst of unbearable suffering, God is steadfast and faithful. The book of Lamentations is also a reminder for us to be gentle with one another; we never know what a heart is carrying unless our neighbor chooses to share it with us. Be kind always.

Altar Flowers

There's a sign up chart available in Communication Central for anyone who would like to sponsor an arrangement (or two!) for \$30 each and help beautify the sanctuary. Dedicate your flowers in honor of a loved one, in celebration of a life event, or for the glory of God. Flower arrangements can be taken with you to brighten your home and your day!

By the Numbers: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 112 | Online Views: 58

General Offerings

Last Week: \$7,149.45 | YTD: \$311,171 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

all who lack adequate shelter from extreme temperatures | the public health crisis of gun violence and for all its victims, especially in North Las Vegas, NV; Fordyce, AR; and Manatee County, FL | public and political discourse that respects the dignity and humanity of all | the St. Mark's 6:06 Prayer Ministry who meet weekly to pray for the needs of our neighbors and congregation | 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, Aaron Johnson, 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.

July 4th- Office Closed

The office will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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: July 14, and July 28.

Summer Camp Volunteers

We will be looking for adult and older youth volunteers for our second week 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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