



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*8th Sunday after Pentecost*

July 14, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** ELW 807

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

Children's Message

Amos 7:7-15 *Pew Bible p.748* | Ephesians 1:3-14 *Pew Bible p.949*

**Alleluia** ELW p.188 | Mark 6:14-29 *Pew Bible p.817*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Let Justice Flow Like Streams** ELW 717

Commissioning for the ELCA Youth Gathering | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do**

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God** ELW p.191 | **Build My Life**

**Prayer of St. Francis** - Sunday Sit in Choir

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Freedom**

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Madeline Wirtz | Lector: Leah Gradl | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Klaus & Diane Dahl | Tech Volunteer: Denise Williamson

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear & Leah Gradl

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.

## *ELCA Youth Gathering - Created to Be*

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The theme for this year's gathering is "Created to Be," based on Psalm 139; we are created to be brave, to be authentic, to be free, to be disruptive, to be disciples. Today we bless our youth and their adult chaperones as they go to New Orleans to spend the week learning who God has created them to be. May we all ponder how God has created us for such brave, authentic, free, disruptive discipleship for the sake of this world God so loves.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Rein Ise in loving memory of Jerry Ann Ise.

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, July 7, 2024*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 110 | Online Views: 58

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$12,044.35 | YTD: \$339,242 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



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

All communities impacted by Hurricane Beryl, especially in Texas; for the families of those killed in the storm | Restoration and renewal for all who are enjoying recreation and vacation time; for just policies that ensure all people a rest from their labors | Those traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering this week in New Orleans especially the 6 St. Mark's youth and adults who embark on this journey | 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, Anna Lloyd, Jeannette Maldonado, Anne Martin, Curt Medalen, Suzy Newill, Karin Offik, Frank Ontiveros, John Pearson, Larry Potts, Peg Skrenes, Mija Stockman, Ed Uher, 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.*

## *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: One Sunday Left!*

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 Sunday: July 28.

## *Rally Day - August 11, 10am*

As we say goodbye to summer and kick off a new school year, join us for worship, picnic potluck, and outdoor fun at the Ditto Landing Pavilion! Things to bring: comfy clothes - it's hot outside; a dish (or two) to share; chairs and/or picnic blanket; sunscreen, a hat, bug spray; and most importantly, your playful, joyous self!

## *It's Almost Time!*

Time for what, you ask? Time for worship, but at a different time! Starting Sunday, August 18, we'll be meeting for Sunday Learning at 9:15am with worship at 10:30am.

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