



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *Pew Bible p.633* | Ephesians 2:11-22 *Pew Bible p.950*

Alleluia from *ELW Setting 10* | Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 *Pew Bible p.818*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **My Shepherd, You Supply My Need** ELW 782

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering with Hymn Sing

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW 413 | Distribution with Hymn Sing

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Susan Wright | Lector: Phyllis Hutchins | Acolyte: Katie Roome

Ushers: Karen Cunningham & Jim French | Tech Volunteer: Grace Billman

Communion Assistants: Katie Roome & Phyllis Hutchins

Coffee Host: Karen Cunningham

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.

The Lord's Prayer

We've been saying the Lord's Prayer a little bit differently than usual over the Summer, taking the text directly from Matthew 6:9-13. It's likely that the words feel a little familiar, but also a little unusual. We aren't used to praying about our debts and debtors, and it seems strange to exclude that final portion about "the kingdom, the power, and the glory," though those words do not appear in the Bible. It's important to remember that when Jesus taught his disciples (and us!) to pray, he did not say "pray using these exact words," but "pray in this way." The prayer reflects our hope for God's reign to come among us and for God's will to be done through us, for God to provide for our needs and forgive our failings. Using this slightly different wording, or using versions set to music, allows us opportunities to step back from simply reciting the words by rote and to truly consider what we are asking of God. How does the prayer shape other aspects of our prayer life? How do we see God answering our prayers?

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by The Foreman Family in celebration of Annie's Birthday and by Dennis Fakes in celebration of Hilda's Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, July 14, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 112 | Online Views: 61

General Offerings

Last Week: \$14,805.75 | YTD: \$354,048 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



Ready to Get Online?

Wi-Fi is available using the SMLC Guest network with password: GrowingTogether

This Week We are Praying for...

all impacted by gun violence, especially the families of those killed in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Alabama, and Oman | children and youth who are being detained as part of mass arrests in El Salvador | the early morning risers of the St. Mark's Coffee Hosts who offer the warmth and hospitality of a caffeinated cup of welcome each Sunday | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Marion Fallon, Harold Jensen, Aaron Johnson, Mary Leo, Butch Lloyd, Jeannette Maldonado, 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 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.

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!

Not One More Alabama (NOMA) End Addiction HSV Walk

We are looking for volunteers to help support the End Addiction Walk on Saturday, August 17 from 9am – Noon. There are many ways to get involved by serving at our resource tent and with set up and clean up. Please sign up in Communication Central if you would like to help!

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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