



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly** ELW 461

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

Children's Message

2 Kings 4:42-44 *Pew Bible p.293* | Ephesians 3:14-21 *Pew Bible p.950*

Alleluia ELW p.188 | John 6:1-21 *Pew Bible p.867*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **We Come to the Hungry Feast** ELW 479

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

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

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

Distribution: **Build My Life** | **In Christ Alone** - Sunday Sit in Choir

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Freedom**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Phil Ager | Lector: Judy Jung | Acolyte: Zeah Gastler

Ushers: Dave Foreman & Brian Hackenberg | Tech Volunteer: Lara Sieja

Communion Assistants: Zeah Gastler & Lauren Altman

Coffee Host: Dennis Fakes

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.

For What Shall We Pray?

An important part of our weekly worship is intercessory prayer. In these prayers we come together as a community, bringing our hurts and hopes to God. The petitions follow a pattern, and every week we pray for the wider Church, for the natural world, for the nations and their governance, for the needs of those who suffer in any way, and those who have died; sometimes we also include a petition that lifts up a ministry or a concern in the local church, or a recognition of what's happening in our community. As the assisting minister reads each petition, the congregation responds, joining our voices as an affirmation that we are praying together for God's will to be done in these matters. We join our prayers together in this place, and we go out to be the answer to these prayers in a world that is waiting and watching for the coming of the reign and rule of God. For what are you praying this week?

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Larry & Kathy Corpus in celebration of Zack's Birthday, and by Rod & Cathy Cramer in celebration of Mary Cramer's 99th birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, July 21, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 94 | Online Views: 47

General Offerings

Last Week: \$7,331.90 | YTD: \$361,380 | 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...

Our nation, and especially for renewed compassion & kindness in our political deliberations | The teachers, students, administrators, and all those returning to school for a year filled with joy, laughter, safety, and endless possibilities | The St. Mark's Flower Team who create flower arrangements each week for our communion table as a reminder of the gift of new life God has given us | 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. Kits due by August 16.

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! We look forward to seeing you there!

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, Free Spirits, and more!

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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