



St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Praise and Thanksgiving** ELW 689

Confession & Forgiveness | **Entrance Psalm** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 *NIV*

Psalm 63 | Mark 13:28-37 *Pew Bible p.826*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Canticle of the Turning** ELW 723

Quilt & Health Kit Dedication | Prayers of Intercession

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

Communion Liturgy with **Te Deum**

Distribution: **Holy Forever**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Your Love Awakens Me**

Dismissal | Postlude

Our Liturgical music comes from: *In the Morning, I Will Sing* by Marty Haugen

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Kathy Sieja | Lector: Kristen Maddox | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Brian Hackenberg & Butch Lloyd | Tech Volunteer: Payton Sieja

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear & Kristen Maddox

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.

Blessed Blessings

We often make two assumptions about blessing; one, that it is something God does for us, and two, that blessing has something to do with material benefit. While both things can be true, blessing is also a deeply important part of the Christian life, and it runs so much deeper than our material possessions. The scriptures speak of Jacob, Simeon, and many others speaking blessing over people, places, and things; the Psalmist even blesses God! When we speak a blessing, we are affirming the goodness of the person or thing being blessed, and we declare our confident hope that God will use what has been blessed for good. Today, we are blessing quilts and care kits, that they might be a benefit to all who receive them. How might you practice blessing more intentionally in your daily life?

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Jim & Betty French in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and by Doug & Joan Bloomberg in celebration of their grandson, Austin's, 18th Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, August 4 & Rally Day August 11, 2024

Attendance

August 4th In Person Worship: 129 | Online Views: 64

August 11th at Ditto Landing: 122

General Offerings

August 4, 2024: \$15,291.62 | August 11, 2024: \$12,475.25

YTD: \$397,285 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

All those affected by natural disasters including hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, and other severe weather systems | All those struggling with addictions and the work of NOMA and other organizations which support those seeking recovery | The St. Mark's WELCA and Quilt Guild and their charitable works- especially through donations of quilts and health kits to Lutheran World Relief | And those named in our Prayer Chain Ministry: Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Frances Foreman, Harold Jensen, Aaron Johnson, Larry Jung, 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.

Quilts, Quilts, Quilts!

St. Marks's quilt guild is funded by donations. This year we are sending 100 quilts to LWR. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the shipping costs of the quilts, we would greatly appreciate it. There will be an envelope on each quilt that is displayed for you to place your donation (cash or check made to St. Marks's). You may also use this QR code to give a donation online, or options will be available after worship for card payments. Any excess monies will be used to purchase batting, sheets for quilt backs or fabric. Thank you for your generosity!



New Member Class—Today at 2pm!

Perspective new members are invited to attend a new member class this afternoon, from 2-3:30pm. Talk to Traci or Pastor Will with any questions.

Senior High Outing — Today at 2pm!

Senior High youth are invited to meet at The Cozy Cow for some ice cream and hang out time at Big Spring Park this afternoon.

New News is Great News!

The Messenger is going digital! Beginning with the September edition, the newsletter will be switching to an e-newsletter format. Have an event you want to advertise? Send in information to newsletter@stmarkshsv.org by the 19th of every month to have it featured.

What's Next? - Sign Up in Communication Central

Check out the sign up board for info on upcoming events. Something new and exciting is always on the horizon! Supper Club, Faith & Fiction, WELCA, Free Spirits, and more!

Ready to Get Online?

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

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