



# St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *14th Sunday after Pentecost*

August 25, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Song: **All the People Said Amen**

Confession & Forgiveness | Entrance Psalm | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Song of Songs 2:10-13; 8:6-7 *Pew Bible p.544*

**Psalm 63** | Matthew 22:34-40 *Pew Bible p.804*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** ELW 814

Prayers of Intercession | Welcoming of New Members

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

Communion Liturgy with **Te Deum**

Distribution: **Build My Life**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Go, My Children, with My Blessing** ELW 543

Dismissal | Postlude

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

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Raziq Yaqub | Lector: Susan Partesotti | Acolyte: Katie Roome

Ushers: Larry Partesotti & Diana Rhodes | Tech Volunteer: Kim Caple

Communion Assistants: Katie Roome & Doug Bloomberg

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.

## *Welcome New Members!*

We are excited and delighted to welcome Pastor Will's family: Julie, Ryan, and Aiden, as well as a long-time friend to the congregation, Michelle Still, as St. Mark's members.

## *Benedictions*

Last week, this piece discussed the role of blessing in the life of a Christian. Today we look at a specific kind of blessing: the benediction. Whenever we gather for worship, we always end with a word of blessing for the congregation before the service ends. In Numbers 6, God commands Aaron to speak a particular blessing on the Israelites: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Sometimes we use this blessing as well, and other times we use different words for the benediction. Though the words may change, the intent is always the same: to guide and affirm us until we gather for worship once again.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Tom & Heather White in celebration of their 22nd Wedding Anniversary and by Bob & Gwen Dornbos in celebration of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, August 18, 2024*

### **Attendance**

In Person Worship: 131 | Online Views: 58

Child & Youth Sunday School: 34 | Adult Sunday School: 28

### **General Offerings**

August 11, 2024: \$14,826.40 YTD: \$412,112 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



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

The St. Mark's learning ministries which provide opportunities to grow in discipleship and fellowship on Sunday mornings as well as during the week | 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](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) or call the church office at 256.539.4361.*

## *Tweeners & Quarters (3rd –6th Grade) – Today at 1pm!*

Join the fun today while we do a little service project by moving classroom furniture and then head downstairs to bake some deliciousness!

## *Office Closed this Week*

The offices are getting new flooring!! This week, the church office will be officially closed due to the installation of new floors, however the staff will still be available via phone and email.

## *God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 8*

Celebrate using your hands to do God's work and serve others! On Sunday, September 8, we will be collecting items for our food ministries to bless during worship, and for those who can stay after worship, we will be preparing and packaging items for Huntsville Hospital. A suggested list of food pantry items is located in Communication Central - happy shopping!

## *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!

## *Coming Soon! Prayer Ministry Weekly Emails*

A new weekly Wednesday email will be sent to all who would like to subscribe to our prayer ministry. Prayer petitions may include upcoming church member birthdays, celebrations and thanksgivings, prayer suggestions for local, national, and international concerns, as well as submitted prayer concerns. If you have any questions or would like to be a subscriber please email [prayer@stmarkshsv.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org)

## *Thank you! From the Quilt Guild*

We can't thank you enough for the generosity shown by your donations on Sunday to the quilt guild. We received enough to cover the cost of shipping for the 100 quilts and for the balance on the health care kits. Any monies remaining will be put to good use as we are always needing batting, twin sheets and fabric. You are a very kind, loving, generous community. We appreciate your gifts so very much.

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