



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **I Come with Joy** ELW 482

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

Children's Message

Wisdom 10:15-21; 16:20b-26

Psalm 63 | John 6:25-35 *Pew Bible p.867*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Wisdom's Feast** ELW 518

Apostle's Creed | 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: Jennifer Palmer | Lector: Carol Tevepaugh | Acolyte: Zeah Gastler

Ushers: Norwood Cutter & Andrew Wirtz | Tech Volunteer: Grace Billman

Communion Assistants: Zeah Gastler & Rachel Cutter

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.

The Book of Wisdom

Our reading this morning is probably unfamiliar to most of us. It comes from a book called Wisdom of Solomon, one of several books which make up the Biblical Apocrypha. Other apocryphal writings include Tobit, Judith, Sirach, Baruch, Susanna, and 1st-4th Maccabees, just to name a few. Most of these books were written in the "intertestamental period," the time between the return from the Babylonian exile and the birth of Christ, and they would have been well known in Jesus' day. These texts were included in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament), and some Christian traditions, including the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox, hold these readings to be part of the official canon of the Bible. Luther, along with other reformers, did not choose to include these texts in the Bible, but affirmed that they are "useful and good to read." Though these readings may be new to us, they point us to an ancient truth: God's saving grace active in the story of God's people.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Larry & Kathy Corpus in celebration of all who labor, and by Larry & Susan Partesotti in celebration of their daughter Mollie's birthday.

By the Numbers: Sunday, August 25, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 163 | Online Views: 45 | Child & Youth Sunday School: 31 | Adult Sunday School: 33

General Offerings

August 25, 2024: \$17,326.50 YTD: \$429,438 | 2024 Budget: \$768,340

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



This Week We are Praying for...

All who have fought for workers' rights around the world and those who continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. | The St. Mark's Staff Support Committee who provides a listening ear, guidance, and compassion to our staff members | And those named in our Prayer Ministry: Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Frances Foreman, 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.

Office Hours This Week

The office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. Office hours will resume Tuesday, September 3 with graceful chaos as we move back onto our new floors!

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!

Hospital Ministry - Sunday, September 8

This month, we will be preparing snacks for the 180 employees of Pain Management at Huntsville Hospital. We are looking for cookies (any variety) and ingredients to make ranch pretzels. See your Monday email for a SignUp Genius link.

New Small Group - Children & Chit Chat

Families of preschoolers (infant-age 5) are invited to join us the second Saturday of every month for a play date. Our first gathering will take place at the South Huntsville Library playground on Saturday, September 14 at 9 am. Please contact Madeline Wirtz with questions.

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!

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

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