



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

***16th Sunday after Pentecost***

September 8, 2024



***Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community***

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Narrative Lectionary: Creation & Fall*

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Confession & Forgiveness | Entrance Psalm | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Choir

Luke 11:4 *Pew Bible* p.845 | Genesis 2:4b-7,15-17; 3:1-8 *Pew Bible* p.2

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **For the Beauty of the Earth** ELW 879

"God's work. Our hands." Blessing | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Stand in Your Love**

Communion Liturgy with **Te Deum**

Distribution: **O Come to the Altar**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Earth and All Stars!** ELW 731

Dismissal | Postlude: Earth and All Stars arr. Keith Kolander

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

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Robert Burkhardt | Lector: Gwen Dornbos | Acolyte: Payton Sieja

Ushers: Bob Dornbos & Terry Szymczyk | Tech Volunteer: John Peugeot

Communion Assistants: Payton Sieja & 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 Narrative Lectionary*

How do we select the readings for worship? In 2010, professors from Luther Seminary set out to develop an alternative to the Revised Common Lectionary to increase Biblical literacy. The result was the Narrative Lectionary, a four-year cycle of readings that follows the story of our faith from creation to the development of the early church. Each week, the worship focuses on one primary text, beginning in the Old Testament in the Fall, following the life and ministry of Jesus from Christmas to Easter, and tracking the development of the early church from Easter to Pentecost. The Narrative Lectionary gives us a chance to experience more fully the story of God's saving action through the Hebrew and Christian scriptures—and to better understand how the whole Bible is applicable to our daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Peg Skrenes in loving memory of Norm's birthday; and by Rodney & Phyllis Hutchins in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, September 1, 2024*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 100 | Online Views: 46

Child & Youth Sunday School: 13 | Adult Sunday School: 21

### General Offerings

September 1, 2024: \$16,225.85 YTD: \$434,044 | 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...*

Grandparents and all who serve as caregivers and role models as we celebrate Grandparents Day today | The ongoing wars in Ukraine and Gaza and the end of all such conflicts | The Food Ministries of St. Mark's as we reach out to abundantly nourish our community | And those named in our Prayer Ministry: Pat Barber, Sandra Camp, Marilyn Caple, John Carlson, Martha Deal, Ciera Elledge, Vicki Eversmeyer, Aaron Johnson, Larry Jung, Biruta Kelley, Mary Leo, Butch Lloyd, Jeannette Maldonado, Suzy Newill, Karin Offik, Frank Ontiveros, John Pearson, Larry Potts, Peg Skrenes, Mija Stockman, Ed Uher, Elaine Widener, 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.*

## *Hospital Ministry*

Following worship in the downstairs kitchen, we will be preparing snacks for the 180 employees of Pain Management at Huntsville Hospital. Volunteer help is appreciated!

## *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.

## *Supper Club– Oktoberfest*

For the month of September, we are trying something a little different! Join us at Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 14. We'll meet at 5:30pm in the Festhalle (tent). There will be German food and beverages of all types, carnival rides, and live music from The King Guys Oktoberfest Brass Band starting at 6pm. Admission to Oktoberfest is \$15, plus extra for food and drinks. Dress for outdoor weather and wear comfortable shoes. There is a bit of a walk from parking to the Festhalle, but there will be drop-off locations and handicap parking available. Please sign up in Communication Central if you plan to attend, so we have an idea of how many to expect. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Caple.

## *Senior Youth*

On September 15 at 2 pm, Sr. High are invited to get together at Botanical Gardens for a walk down the Scarecrow Trail. There will be a sign up in Communication Central to let us know who plans to attend. All will meet at the venue. Led by Grace Billman (an additional chaperone is needed this month).

## *Prayer Ministry Weekly Emails*

A new weekly Wednesday email will be sent to all who would like to subscribe to our prayer ministry. If you have any questions or would like to be a subscriber please email [prayer@stmarkshsv.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org)

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