



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: God Works Through Joseph

Prelude: How I Love Your Word - Psalm 19, adapt. Mark Hayes

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Light Dawns on a Weary World** ELW 726

Confession & Forgiveness | **Canticle of Praise** ELW p.204 | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: **Alleluia** ELW p.205

Luke 6:35 *Pew Bible* p.838 | Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21 *Pew Bible* p.30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Have no Fear, Little Flock** ELW 764

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** with Morning Has Broken

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW p.207

Distribution

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us** ELW 707

Dismissal | Postlude: Fugue in F Major - G. F. Telemann

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Josh Cutter | Lector: Shandry Peugeot | Acolyte: Daniel White

Ushers: Margie & Todd Phillips | Tech Volunteer: Denise Williamson

Communion Assistants: Daniel White & Tabitha Rinyu

Worship Accompanist: Scott Sadler | Coffee Host: Les Billman

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.

Make a Joyful Noise

Music has always been a deeply important part of worship. From the Psalmist's exhortation to "sing to the LORD a new song," to Paul's appeal in both Ephesians and Colossians to "sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," the Bible sees music as integral to worship. There are many ways to be faithful in making music that honors God. Some traditions only sing a capella, and instruments are not allowed in worship. Some churches have big pipe organs and sing very traditional hymns. Some have praise bands that lead worship through music you might hear on the radio. Some churches even find it most authentic to worship through jazz, bluegrass, or folk music. What matters to God is not the style of music or the instruments that accompany it, but the attitudes of our hearts as we "make a joyful noise to the LORD." Let us glorify God by making all kinds of music together!

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Mary Niemeyer in loving memory of Gracie.

By the Numbers: Sunday, September 15, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 126 | Online Views: 53

Child & Youth Sunday School: 23 | Adult Sunday School: 30

General Offerings

Last Week: \$14,527.21 | YTD: \$477,389 | 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...

St. Mark's small group ministries, especially the Tai Chi/Balance weekly class as they promote health and wellness in our congregation | The Haitian community of Springfield, OH and all those threatened by a rise in racially-motivated violence | Wittenberg University and all schools and institutions under threat | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Pat, Sandra, Marilyn, Martha, Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Larry, Biruta, Mary, Butch, Jeanette, Suzy, Karin, Frank, John, Peg, Mija, Ed, Elaine, and Kim.

A Prayer Ministry email filled with joys, concerns, and sorrows is sent weekly on Wednesday; if you would like to receive this email, please contact prayer@stmarkshsv.org Prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate. You may also email prayer@stmarkshsv.org or call the church office at 256.539.4361.

Tweeners & Quarters (3rd—6th Grade) Today!

Tweeners and Quarters meet today at 1pm in the Gathering Place for some fall-themed fun!

Rocket City Pride - Sunday, October 13

Join us as we represent St. Mark's at this year's Rocket City Pridefest at the Orion. Volunteers are needed to host our booth by greeting and talking to participants; offering SMLC coozies; and having silly fun with our "Pick-A-Pop" game. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in Communication Central. Unfortunately, we do not know the exact times for working our booth; once we know, we will contact you for your availability.

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 26, 1-3pm

Taking place in our back parking lot, all are invited to celebrate our community with some fall fun! We'll have "trunks" to visit, treats to collect, and games to play! For those who would like to help out, we are looking for decorated "trunks" - you can pick a theme (Pinterest has great ideas!) and host your own space. Sign up in Communication Central, so we know who is volunteering. All volunteers are asked to arrive at noon to set up. Not feeling the trunk life? You can still help out by donating candy for the kiddos (drop off in CC).

Celebrate our Confirmands! - Sunday, October 27

On Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate three students during their Affirmation of Baptism witnessing and supporting them in their faith journeys. Following the service, 'flower' the confirmands, sharing love and congratulations with fresh, cut flowers, before enjoying a delicious meal in the back parking lot. Food will be provided. Bring your chairs or blankets to sit upon. Sign up in Communication Central to help us prepare enough food.

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!

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