



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*19th Sunday after Pentecost*

September 29, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Narrative Lectionary: The Promise of Passover*

Prelude: Bist du bei mir from Notebook for Anna Magdalena J. S. Bach

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **As We Gather at Your Table** ELW 522

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

Children's Message

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

Luke 22:14-20 *Pew Bible* p.857 | Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 *Pew Bible* p.51

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **What Feast of Love** ELW 487

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: Andante molto with There's a Spirit in the Air

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

Distribution

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Bless Now, O God, the Journey** ELW 326

Dismissal | Postlude: The Heavens Are Telling from The Creation with Psalm 67 "Canon"

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Phyllis Hutchins | Lector: Bob Boller | Acolyte: Andrew Caple

Ushers: Allen & Penny Krell | Tech Volunteer: Rob Caple

Communion Assistants: Andrew Caple & Louise Boller

Worship Accompanist: Scott Sadler | Coffee Host:

## *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.

## *Do This in Remembrance of Me*

We hear those words almost every week as we come to the table to receive a bit of bread and a sip of wine. We say these things are the body and blood of Christ, in whatever form we receive them; bread, wafer, intinction, individual cups, gluten free or alcohol free. Some Christians understand this to be a symbolic act, but Lutherans have held to the belief that this bread and wine truly is Christ's body and blood, not through some act of magic but simply because Jesus said so. We come to the table with believers around the globe and across the ages to receive a gift of grace we have not earned. Some call this meal "communion" in recognition of the power it has to bind us together. Some call this meal "eucharist," from the Greek for "giving thanks." Whatever you call it, however you receive it, this is the body and blood of Christ given for you. Thanks be to God.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by the White Family in Celebration of Daniel's Birthday and by Bob & Louise Boller in Celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, September 22, 2024*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 109 | Online Views: 43

Child & Youth Sunday School: 24 | Adult Sunday School: 30

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$7,974.15 | YTD: \$485,363 | 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...*

Victims of gun violence especially in Birmingham, AL | Safe travels and a restful time away for the families on fall break this week | St. Mark's Altar Guild teams who prepare worship elements and beautify our sanctuary each week | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Sandra, Marilyn, Martha, Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Larry, Biruta, 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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@stmarkshsv.org) or call the church office at 256.539.4361.

## *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.

## *Art Group - Expanding into Oil Painting*

St. Mark's Art Group will have two special classes on oil painting on October 15 & 22 (Tuesdays) from 11:15am - Noon in Room 10. Come with or without talent.

## *Ministry Carnival - Sunday, October 20, 9-10:15am*

Come and see the many ministries of St. Mark's on display! Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and find ways you can get involved and talk to folks who can answer your questions. Sign up for what interests you and be entered into a raffle for a special prize. Yummy carnival snacks, stickers for the kiddos, and fun for everyone!

## *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" Please sign up in Communication Central. Not feeling the trunk life? You can still help out by donating candy (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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