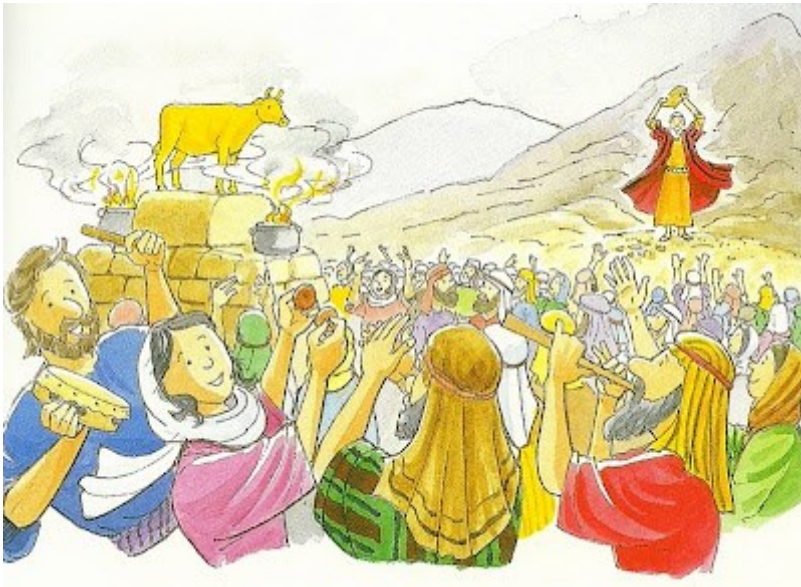




**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

October 6, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Narrative Lectionary: Golden Calf*

Prelude

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

Confession & Forgiveness | Entrance Psalm | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: **Psalm 63**

Luke 23:34 *Pew Bible p.859* | Exodus 32:1-14 *Pew Bible p.69*

Sermon

Song of the Day: **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Way Maker**

Communion Liturgy with **Te Deum**

Distribution: **New Wine**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Stand in Your Love**

Dismissal | Postlude

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

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Rob Caple | Lector: Jed Deason | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Ushers: Paul Gradl & Norwood Cutter | Tech Volunteer: Andrew Caple

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear & Bill Henze

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 Words of Institution*

Most every week, we gather at the table to receive holy communion. Whenever we do, we hear certain words spoken: "On the night in which he was betrayed..." These words, called the "Words of Institution" are taken from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, and they recall the events of the Last Supper, when Jesus sat at the table with his disciples and shared one final meal with them. The Words of Institution remind us what it is that we receive: the body and blood of Christ, given in bread and wine. Moreover, they call us to remember; not just the events that took place in the upper room, but the whole life of love laid down for us. In this meal of remembrance, may we find the strength to pattern our lives after Jesus, so that the old saying might be true: you are what you eat.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Marlin & Denise Williamson in celebration of Hannah, Josh and Justin's birthdays, and by The Satterfeal & Sieja Families in Celebration of Kathy's Birthday!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, September 29, 2024*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 105 | Online Views: 49

Child & Youth Sunday School: 4 | Adult Sunday School: 12

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$8,753.25 | YTD: \$494,116 | 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...*

Those awaiting rescue, injured, grieving, or anxiously awaiting news following the devastation of Hurricane Helene and all who have lent their efforts towards recovery | The safety of all in the Middle East amid escalating violence | The parents and young children who play together in St. Mark's new small group, Children & Chit Chat | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Sandra, Marilyn, Martha, Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Jeanette, Suzy, Frank, Susan, John, Larry, Mija, 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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