



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: God Answers Hannah

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Good Grace**

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

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: A Blessing of Assurance - Choir

Luke 1:46-55 *Pew Bible p.832* | 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 *Pew Bible p.213*

Sermon

Song of the Day: **Hymn of Heaven**

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Communion Liturgy with **Te Deum**

Distribution: **O Come to the Altar**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | **Pridefest Commission** | Benediction

Sending Song: **Glorious Day**

Dismissal | Postlude

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

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Raziq Yaqub | Lector: Steve Williams | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Ushers: Jim French & Tim Sieja | Tech Volunteer: Deb Williams

Communion Assistants: Edith Sieja, Kinsley Satterfeal, Payton Sieja, & Steve Williams

Coffee Host: Dennis Fakes

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.

Powerful Prayers

Prayer is an important part of our weekly worship, but it's also a vital part of the Christian life the rest of the week. But that doesn't mean it's always easy; even the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how! We can use pre-written prayers, or we can pray from the heart. We can pray out loud or silently. We can pray on our knees with our hands folded or standing up with our arms outstretched. No matter how we pray, prayer involves communication. We bring God our hurts and our hopes, our joys and our concerns. Just as important is that we learn how to listen for God to answer. God speaks to us in scripture and through the people in our lives. The more we pray, the more we find our lives aligning with God's will.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Bill & Judy Weiler in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary; and by Glenn & Karen Cunningham in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.

By the Numbers: Sunday, October 6, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 113 | Online Views: 54

Child & Youth Sunday School: 3 | Adult Sunday School: 14

General Offerings

Last Week: \$13,012.25 | YTD: \$496,158 | 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 in the path of Hurricane Milton, and for continued recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene | Victims of gun violence, domestic violence, abuse, and bullying | The people of Israel and Palestine still living in anguish and in war more than a year after the Hamas attacks on civilians and bombardment of Gaza | The St. Mark's Praise Team as they share their time and talents leading music in worship each week | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Sandra, Martha, Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Jeanette, Suzy, Frank, Susan, Aly, 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 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

Rocket City Pride - Today!

St. Mark's is at Rocket City Pridefest from 12-7 today 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. Volunteers are still welcome to stop in and spread the love!

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" - 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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