



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: God's Promise to David

Prelude: Adagio & Communion in G – A. Guilmant

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak** ELW 676

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

Children's Message

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

Luke 1:30-33 *Pew Bible p.831* | 2 Samuel 7:1-17 *Pew Bible p.245*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Blest Be the God of Israel** ELW 552

Prayers of Intercession | Farewell & Godspeed

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: *Ballade with Amazing Grace* – Debussy

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

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Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** ELW 634 vv1-3,6

Dismissal | Postlude: *Nun bitten wit den heiligen geist*

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: David Provancha | Lector: Denise Williamson | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Ushers: Larry Partesotti & Marlin Williamson | Tech Volunteer: Lara Sieja

Communion Assistants: Denise Williamson & Zach Gastler

Worship Accompanist: Scott Sadler | Coffee Host: Andy Sieja

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 Branch of Jesse

Today's primary text is deeply important to both Jews and Christians. The LORD makes a covenant with David to establish his house and line forever. Nathan's prophecy came to be seen not just as a blessing of David's royal bloodline, but a prediction of a messiah who would come to save the people from their oppressors and usher in an age of peace and prosperity. This was especially true after the Babylonian captivity, which ended the Davidic dynasty. The prophet Isaiah said that "a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." This prophecy ignited hopes for the re-establishment of a Davidic kingdom. For many early Jewish readers, these hopes rested with freedom fighters like Judas Maccabeus. But Christians identify Jesus, a descendant of David, as the fulfillment of this prophecy. His kingdom is not so much a place as it is a way of being in the world. The "branch of Jesse" shows us what the promise of resurrection life looks like.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Dave & Julie Foreman in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary and Owen's birthday.

By the Numbers: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 100 | Online Views: 59

Child & Youth Sunday School: 20 | Adult Sunday School: 22

General Offerings

Last Week: \$13,577.20 | YTD: \$520,440 | 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...

Continued relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts following Hurricanes Helene and Milton | Renewed commitments to de-escalation and diplomacy between nations | St. Mark's Office Assistant, Connie Jaramillo, in celebration of her 12 years with St. Mark's and well wishes as she moves to Tullahoma, TN | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Sandra, Martha, Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Jeanette, Suzy, Frank, Susan, Aly, John, Larry, Jack, Mija, Elwin, 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 & Youth– Oh my!

Tweeners & Quarters are meeting at 1pm today to decorate pumpkins! Senior Youth are meeting at 5:45pm at Harrison Bros. Hardware for a downtown ghost walk.

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.

Hurricane Relief Efforts

SMLC Member, Hannah Vandevreire, is leading an effort to collect various new and gently used "warm" items (any size: sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, gloves, or boots– think mud!) to deliver to the Red Cross for use in the Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina areas. Any donations can be placed in Communication Central by November 13. In addition, Lutheran World Relief is offering matching funds up to \$125,000 towards damage caused by the recent hurricanes. One recent note cited the use of quilts and personal care kits in North Carolina. If you would like to help by giving online, please consider lwr.org/hurricane-match

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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