



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*All Saints Sunday*

November 3, 2024



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Narrative Lectionary: God Cares for the Widow*

Prelude: Jerusalem, My Happy Home arr. Richard Proulx

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **For All the Saints** ELW 422 vv1-3,6

Thanksgiving for Baptism | **Kyrie & Cantic of Praise** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: **Alleluia**

Luke 4:24-26 *Pew Bible p.835* | 1 Kings 17:1-24 *Pew Bible p.282*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Day by Day** ELW 790

Litany of Remembrance | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **There is Power**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Distribution: **Be Known to Us** | **Worthy of Your Name**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Days of Elijah**

Dismissal | Postlude

Our Liturgical Music comes from: *All Creation Sings Setting 12*

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Bill Henze | Lector: Susan Wright | Acolyte: Daniel White

Ushers: Don Sieja & Terry Szymczyk | Tech Volunteer: Kim Caple

Communion Assistants: Susan Wright & Daniel White

Coffee Host: Kris Strope

## *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.

## *All Saints Sunday*

On All Saints Sunday we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, while we also grieve for our beloved dead, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of the prophet Isaiah's writing: "Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken." Today, we remember especially those St. Mark's members who joined the choir of the Heavenly Saints in this last year. In worship we will have a Litany of Remembrance ringing a bell and lighting a candle in memory of: Mark Rieger, Duane Hellebrand, Kathleen Schroer, Bobbi Elser, Lydia Volz, Shirley Johnson, Jean James, Herb Hocutt, Joy Groenke, Mary Leo, Karin Offik, and all those others who are close to our hearts.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Peg Skrenes in Celebration of River's Birthday!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, October 27, 2024*

### Attendance

In Person Worship: 157 | Online Views: 80

Child & Youth Sunday School: 26 | Adult Sunday School: 17

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$7,545.50 | YTD: \$535,172 | 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...*

All those suffering chronic or seasonal illness as we continue through the fall and winter months | An end to violence and violent rhetoric in our nation and in our world | The St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry who lovingly provide food and hospitality for grieving families | Free, fair, safe, and accessible election access for all United States citizens, and for safety for election workers | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Mike, Martha, Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Larry, Jeanette, Suzy, Frank, John, 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](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*

## *Hidden Scriptures: The Writings of the Apocrypha*

Join Pastor Will in the Gathering Place during the Sunday Learning Hour starting November 3 to learn more about the writings which were produced between the Old and New Testaments and the way they shaped the Jewish world of Jesus.

## *Fall Worship Walks - November 3, 10, & 17*

Come spend an afternoon at the Madison County Nature Trail on Green Mountain! Together we will breathe in the fresh air and connect with God in a contemplative worship walk. We will meet at the picnic tables at 3pm to pray and then will hike the main loop trail, concluding in the chapel. Please sign up in Communication Central so we know how many to expect!

## *SMLC Merch!*

Get your St. Mark's swag! From November 3 - 17, we will be re-selling St. Mark's shirts in our four colors (red, blue, purple, and green) and a new St. Mark's baseball cap and tee. We will take orders and payments in the Narthex on Sunday mornings as well as during the week in the church office. Visit [stmarkshsv.org/smlc-merch](http://stmarkshsv.org/smlc-merch) for full details on pricing, sizing, color options, and more.

## *Holiday Food Drive*

It is that time of year again! Together with four other Lutheran churches in our area, we are collecting holiday meal items to pack 100 bags to distribute the week before Thanksgiving. This year, St. Mark's is tasked with collecting 200 cans of green beans AND 100 3-5 lb. hams. All donations are requested by November 17. Please put cans in the bins in Communication Central; put hams into one of the freezers in the upstairs kitchen. Other volunteer opportunities are detailed in the newsletter and Communication Central.

## *Hurricane Relief Efforts*

SMLC Member, Hannah Vandeveire, 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.

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