



St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024



***Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community***

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: Jonah and God's Mercy

Prelude

Welcome | Gathering Song: **Even So Come**

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie & Canticle of Praise** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: Look at the World; Choir

Luke 18:13 *Pew Bible p.853* | Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11 *Pew Bible p.752*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **The Summons** ELW 798

Affirmation of Christian Vocation | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Christ Be Magnified**

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

Distribution: **Be Known to Us** | **Holy Forever**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **To Be Your Presence** ELW 546

Dismissal | Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Wayne Wold

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

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Kristin Maddox | Lector: Robert Burkhardt | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Ushers: Deb Williams & Brian Hackenberg | Tech Volunteer: Andy Sieja

Communion Assistants: Edith Sieja, Louise Boller, Doug Bloomberg, Polly Falkenberg

Coffee Host: Les Billman

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.

What Will You Do with Your Gifts?

For a lot of people, the word “stewardship” is synonymous with pledge drives and requests for money. It’s easy to understand why; in most churches, the stewardship drive is when someone asks you to consider how much money you give to the church, and maybe increase it. And while that is important, stewardship really begins with thinking about what we have been given. Everything we have is a gift from God, and stewardship is about how we care for those gifts. How we give, save, spend, and even earn our money. How we use our time for work, for play, for rest. How we share our talents to benefit others and to bring ourselves enjoyment. How we tell the story of our lives and God’s place in them. As you consider your commitment to Christian stewardship, remember that all we have, and all we are, is a gift. What will you do with your gifts?

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Rob & Kim Caple in celebration of their 28th Anniversary!

By the Numbers: Sunday, November 3, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 134 | Online Views: 49

Child & Youth Sunday School: 16 | Adult Sunday School: 30

General Offerings

Last Week: \$22,186.25 | YTD: \$557,358 | 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 who have served in the Armed Forces and their families as we lift up their commitment with gratitude | The St. Mark’s Care Teams who visit our home bound with communion and compassion | Elections in the United States and a peaceful transfer of power for all elected officials as they serve well in their respective positions | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ciera, Vicki, Aaron, Jeanette, Suzy, Frank, John, 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

New Member Class

If you are interested in learning more about and becoming a member of St. Mark's, consider joining us on Tuesday, November 19 at 6pm in Room 8 in the Sunday School Hallway. Sign up in Communication Central or talk to Pastor Will or Traci with any questions.

Fall Worship Walks - November 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 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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