



St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024



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

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In Worship Today...

Narrative Lectionary: God Promises a New Covenant

Prelude: Now Thank We All Our God arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

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

Children's Message

Scriptural Introit: For the Beauty of the Earth; Choir

Luke 22:19-20 *Pew Bible p.857* | Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34 *Pew Bible p.646*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **For Everyone Born**

Apostle's Creed | 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: **Siyahamba** ELW 866

Dismissal | Postlude

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

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Shandry Peugeot | Lector: Diane Dahl | Acolyte: Annika Williams

Ushers: Terry Szymczyk & Andrew Wirtz | Tech Volunteer: Grace Billman

Communion Assistants: Diane Dahl, Annika Williams, Oliver Sieja, Edith Sieja

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.

Christ the King

The last Sunday in the Church calendar is Christ the King Sunday. Established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, this celebration is a reminder that, while earthly governments and rulers come and go, Christ's reign over all creation is eternal. On this day, we reflect on what the reign of God looks like—justice, peace, equity, compassion, forgiveness, flourishing—and we commit ourselves to working for the realization of the Kingdom of God among us. As followers of Jesus, we also remember Christ's heart for the vulnerable, and that the care we show to those on the margins is the way we show our love and devotion to our Heavenly King.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Gisela Rieger in loving memory of Mark.

Upcoming Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Join us Wednesdays December 4, 11, & 18 for Advent Worship at 6:30pm; Sunday, December 15, for the Children's Christmas Program at 10:30am; Saturday, December 21, at 6:30pm for our Blue Christmas Worship Service; and Christmas Eve, December 24, at 6:30pm & 11pm; and a Cozy Christmas Pajama Worship on Sunday, December 29, at 10:30am.

By the Numbers: Sunday, November 17, 2024

Attendance

In Person Worship: 118 | Online Views: 44

Child & Youth Sunday School: 21 | Adult Sunday School: 32

General Offerings

Last Week: \$9,665.40 | YTD: \$578,171 | 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...

Grateful hearts filled with peace and compassion in this season of Thanksgiving | Safety for those traveling, joy for those gathering, and comfort for those hurting as we enter the holiday season | Justice, dignity, and healing for survivors of sexual assault; and accountability, repentance, and restoration for their abusers | Those affected by severe weather especially in the Pacific Northwest | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ciera, Vicki, Jay, Carrie, Aaron, Jeanette, Suzy, Sue, Frank, John, Mija, Elwin, and Kim.

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.

Holiday Food Drive

Come help us pack today at 2pm in the Gathering Place. We are also looking for volunteers to distribute the holiday meals to anyone who comes by during our food pick-up times: November 25 - 27 from 9am-12pm. If you would like to help, please sign up for a time slot in Communication Central.

Christmas Decorating!

Join us (next week!) after worship on Sunday, December 1 to help decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree and prepare the Nativity Scene for the coming Christmas Season. Talk to (or email) Patrick with any questions you may have.

Parents Morning Out

On Saturday, December 7, from 9 – 11:30 am, is an opportunity to give our parents a morning for Christmas shopping, running errands, or maybe a brunch date! For the kiddos, we'll have games and activities, play time, a Christmas craft, and a yummy snack. Please sign up in Communication Central so we know how many supplies, snacks and people we need.

Congregational Meeting—December 8

Immediately following worship on Sunday, December 8, 2024, we will conduct our regular semi-annual congregational meeting. Discussion will include approval of the 2025 budget proposal, Synod Assembly representatives, and minutes from the May meeting.

Mid-Week Advent Worship Services - “And He Shall Be Called”

Join us Wednesdays December 4, 11, 18 for food and fellowship at 5pm followed by worship at 6:30pm. There is a sign up in Communication Central if you would like to bring soup.

Mom Bags

Join us in making “Mom” Bags for guests at Manna House. Oftentimes, mothers (or mother figures) are neglected at Christmas and this is a special way to honor some of them. Our goal is to have 100 bags by December 13. If you would like to help out, please create a gift of five or six items. Suggestions include: shampoo and conditioner, body wash and lotion, nail polish, activity books or devotionals, jewelry, gloves, socks – be creative. The gift can then be packaged in a purse or handbag, a gift bag, or even a reuseable tote.

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