



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025



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

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In Worship Today...

Living By Faith | Hymn Sing Sunday

Our music will be picked out of a basket during worship! Make sure to place your favorite selections (from the red ELW hymnal) in the basket before worship!

Welcome | Gathering Hymn: **Hymn Sing**

Thanksgiving for Baptism | **Hymn Sing** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:15-21 *Pew Bible p.945*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** ELW p.205 | Luke 18:9-14 *Pew Bible p.853*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Hymn Sing**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Hymn Sing**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW 413 v4

Distribution: **Hymn Sing**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Hymn Sing**

Dismissal | Postlude: Improv on Sending Hymn

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Steve Williams | Lector: Kathy Sieja | Acolyte: Daniel White

Greeter: Kim Caple | Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price

Tech Volunteer: Deb Williams

Communion Assistants: Daniel White & Abigail Still

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.

Welcome at the Table

Most Sundays, we gather at the Table to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, given for us in bread and wine. We enter into that time with prayer and the Words of Institution, recalling how Jesus told us to come often to the Table in remembrance of him. When all things are prepared, we hear words of invitation: "This is Christ's Table...Come." We've used different words for this invitation; it can be long or short, formal or casual. What is most important in this invitation is that it makes clear that everyone is welcome to the table, with no restrictions. There is nothing we must do to be worthy to receive this gift of grace; we don't have to earn it or buy it. Rather, Christ gives us this gift of Body and Blood in bread and wine to satisfy a hunger in our souls. So come and taste of grace. There is food enough for all, and the meal is not complete without you at the Table.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Marlin & Denise Williamson in Celebration of Marlin, Denise, & Abby's Birthdays and by Mary Cramer in remembrance of her son, William.

By the Numbers: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 141 | Online Views: 61 | Sunday Learning: 36

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$9,082 | YTD: \$261,735 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

For your convenience, online giving can be accessed through this QR Code:



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, and more!

This Week We are Praying for...

Our St. Mark's congregational representatives as they attend Synod Assembly for the work of the church and election of a bishop | All who work for racial justice and equity and those that work to safeguard the dignity of all peoples | Those who mourn the deaths of loved ones who died in the armed forces and in thanksgiving for the service they provided | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Jeanne, Taryn, Susan, Luca, Keith, Mike, Greg, Marilyn, Mary, Sidney, Randy, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Jim, Margot, and Elwin.

A Prayer Ministry email filled with joys, concerns, and sorrows 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.

Summer Camp Opportunities Abound!

Affirm – June 15 – 20 in LaGrange, GA

A fantastic week of discipleship and fellowship for rising 7th graders through college sophomores. Get to know new friends from across the Southeastern Synod as we try out a new location at LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA. \$550/participant – registration is open at sesyouth.org/affirm

St. Mark's Day Camps

For kiddos, ages 4-11, we offer two different day camps full of arts & crafts, Bible stories, silly songs, and more! All day, Monday – Thursday with a half day on Friday; \$95/child. Register today at stmarkshsv.org/summer!

June 23 - 27: Water Week

Water, water, everywhere... this week focuses on water stories in the Bible. We'll also explore some water crafts, talk about the importance of water in the world, and weather permitting, play some water games!

July 14-18: Bread Week

Bake the bread... this week focuses on bread stories in the Bible. We'll also do a little baking – snacks and crafts!, talk about hunger in the world, and stealing from water week, weather permitting, play some water games!

SMLC at the Trash Pandas on June 22

Hey batter batter! Join us for a fun afternoon at a Trash Pandas game! The game starts at 2:30pm, but come early for some pre-game fun at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$19 each and will have a \$2 credit loaded on the ticket to be used for any purchase on event day. Reserve your tickets online via the SMLC Giving Page or on Sunday mornings in the Narthex. SPECIAL NOTE: Children two years of age or younger may get in free, but they must sit in your lap. Parking is \$10. (Pre-purchased parking available through CLUTCH at \$6.75)

Ready to Get Online?

Wi-Fi is available using the SMLC Guest network with password: GrowingTogether

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