



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

The Parable of the Merciful Samaritan

Prelude: Duet from Water Music; G. F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: **God is Here!** *ELW 526*

Confession & Forgiveness | Prayer of the Day

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 *Pew Bible p.163*

Psalm 25 *Projected*

Colossians 1:3-14 *Pew Bible p.956*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 10:25-37 *Pew Bible p.844*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love** *ELW 708*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: There is a Redeemer

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

Distribution: The Lord's Prayer | Amazing Grace

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **All the People Said Amen** *Projected*

Dismissal | Postlude: Thine Be the Glory

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Phyllis Hutchins | Lector: Gwen Dornbos | Acolyte: Daniel White

Communion Assistants: Julie Starkweather

Worship Musicians: Zack Corpus, Tuba & Heather Thompson, Violin

Greeter: | Ushers: Klaus & Diane Dahl

Tech Volunteer: Eric Schwartz | Coffee Host: Karen Cunningham

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.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given to the Glory of God!

By the Numbers: Sunday, July 6 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 126 | Online Views: 45 | Sunday Learning: 18

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$34,562 | YTD: \$365,997 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Those grieving loss of life in the aftermath of severe flooding in Texas, and for the work of first responders and relief agencies | Those who are uninsured and who do not have access to healthcare, and those who are at risk of losing health insurance | The St. Mark's Kitchen Ministry which meets monthly on a Saturday morning to prepare meals to help feed our neighbors in the community | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Jeanne, Meg, Taryn, Susan, Luca, Keith, Randy, Marilyn, Amber, Charlene, Jessie, Peg, Myra, Suzy, Frank, Jim, and Elwin.

Prayer Requests

A Prayer Ministry email with joys, concerns, and sorrows is sent weekly on Wednesday. Email prayer@stmarkshsv.org if you have any prayers to lift up or would like to receive this email. You may also write your prayer requests on a pew pad and place them in the offering plate.

Welcome Visitors- We're so glad you're here with us!

Our greeters and ushers are ready to help answer any questions before or during worship in the hallway and gathering space outside the sanctuary. Restrooms and the nursery are past the gathering space out the North doors of the sanctuary. If you would like to stay in touch with St. Mark's, please write down your contact information on the pew pad and put it in the offering plate or fill out our online visitor form using this QR code also available in our St. Mark's welcome bag!



Ready to Get Online?

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

Come and Ring (that's right, ring not sing!) on July 20

Have you ever wondered how fun it is to ring a handbell? Does the urge for knowledge of the thrill of throwing brass objects (controlled carefully) give you unending joy? Do you read music a little? If you've answered yes to these questions, you're ready to come and ring! Join in the sanctuary around the handbell tables at 8:15am on Sunday, July 20 to prepare a piece in a fun and fast paced rehearsal to be played in worship that morning. Not sure you're ready? Reach out to Patrick with any questions – This opportunity is open to ages 10 and up, the only requirement (because of our fast paced rehearsal) is some music reading knowledge.

Mary Cramer's 100th Birthday Celebration

All are invited on Saturday, July 26, at 1 pm to the St. Mark's Fellowship Hall to celebrate Mary Cramer. Cake and light refreshments will be served. No gifts please! If you would like to attend, RSVP by July 12 to Rod/Cathy at cactus.snow55@gmail.com

Worship at Ditto Landing August 3

We're taking worship outside! Join us at the Ditto Landing Pavilion on Sunday, August 3 at 9:30am for worship, a picnic potluck, and outdoor fun in an end-of-summer celebration! Be sure to bring...(or wear) comfy clothes; a dish (or two) to share; chairs and/or picnic blanket; sunscreen, a hat, bug spray; and your playful, joyous self!

Donations for Huntsville Hospital

For their annual Christmas in July event, the Child Life Department at Huntsville Hospital has asked for our help in collecting the following items: Playdoh (specifically Playdoh brand), Lego Kits, Craft Kits, Puzzles (1-99 pieces), Batteries (AAA, AA, or C). All items must be new and not have any religious content. If you'd like to help out, please leave your items in the donation bin in Communication Central by July 27.

WELCA Collection

WELCA is collecting full-sized bars of soap and packages of baby wipes for Manna House. Hard to keep in stock, these items are always needed! Throughout the months of June and July, bring your donations to the donation bin in Communication Central.

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