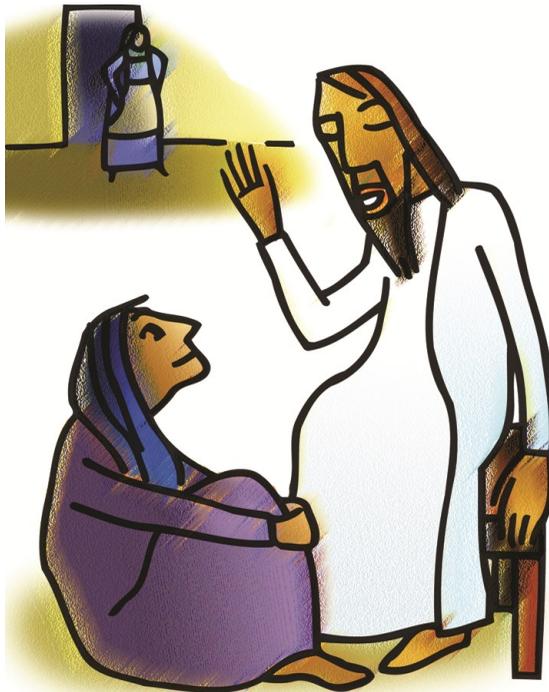




**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

July 20, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Mary Chooses the Better Part*

Prelude: Gigue on Psalm 149; Douglas Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: **Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak** *ELW 676*

Confession & Forgiveness | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Genesis 18:1-10a *Pew Bible p.12*

Colossians 1:15-23a *Pew Bible p.956*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 10:38-42 *Pew Bible p.844*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Give Me Jesus** *ELW 770*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Handbells*

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

Distribution: **Speak O Lord** *Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Good Grace** *Projected*

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Bill Henze | Lector: Brianna Sieja | Acolyte: Trey Lear

Communion Assistants: Trey Lear & Polly Falkenberg

Greeter: Karen Cunningham | Ushers: Dave Foreman & Brian Hackenberg

Tech Volunteer: Rodney Hutchins | 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.

## *Altar Flowers*

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by The Cramer Family in celebration of Mary's 100th Birthday!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, July 6 2025*

### Attendance:

In Person Worship: 128 | Online Views: 45 | Sunday Learning: 8

### General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$20,185 | YTD: \$386,182 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



## *This Week We are Praying for...*

The safety of families and individuals as they travel this summer | The St. Mark's midweek learning classes as they grow together and share in open dialogue, friendship, and faith discussions | Our friends, neighbors, and community members who depend on food assistance programs and other social services whose future funding is uncertain | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Jeanne, Meg, 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](mailto: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

## *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](mailto: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! This year, we'll be grilling burgers and hotdogs, providing the condiments and buns – we just ask everyone to bring sides and desserts to share. Don't forget to bring...(or wear) comfy clothes; a dish (or two) to share; chairs and/or picnic blanket; any outdoor games you want to play; 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.

## *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!

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