



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Feeding the Five Thousand

Prelude: Gift of Finest Wheat arr. Ron Schmoltze

Welcome & Announcements

Teacher Blessing

Gathering Hymn: **We Come to the Hungry Feast** *ELW 479*

Confession & Forgiveness | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 *Pew Bible p.143*

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 *Pew Bible p.922*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 9:10-17 *Pew Bible p.842*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Wisdom's Feast** *ELW 518*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Reckless Love** *Projected*

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

Distribution: **New Wine** *Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table** *Projected*

Dismissal | Postlude: Toccata in Seven; John Rutter

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Rob Caple | Lector: Diane Dahl | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Communion Assistants: Zach Gastler, Diane Dahl, Josh Cutter, Reagan Polzin

Greeter: Eric Schwartz | Ushers: Tim Sieja & Andrew Wirtz

Tech Volunteer: Julie Starkweather | 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.

Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on our Communion Table today are given by Melinda Wright in celebration of Oliver's Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, August 3, 2025

Attendance at Ditto Landing Outdoor Worship:

In Person Worship: 98 | Online Views: — | Sunday Learning: —

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$11,621 | YTD: \$411,754 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

All places affected by severe weather, for those who are hurt and healing, and those who work to help others in need | St. Mark's Sunday School teachers, students, and their classes as we begin a new year of programming and learning | Presiding Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry, for Presiding Bishop Eaton, and for the ELCA in this season of leadership transition | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Meg, Susan, Luca, Keith, Marilyn, Amber, Charlene, Jessie, Peg, Myra, Karen, Jimmy, and Hugo.

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

Rally Day Today after Worship & Fall Learning Opportunities

Today after worship— Adults and kids can check out what classes are being offered this year, and see where classrooms are. Kids will have a snack, say hello to their teachers, and make a name plate for the classrooms! Classes will officially start on Sunday, August 17.

Kids & Youth

Preschool – Grade 5 will meet for Godly Play, a curriculum that encourages hands-on learning and a lot of questions! **Grades 6-8 (Confirmation)** will meet first for some orientation and acolyte training on the 17th, followed by an introductory lesson on the 24th. **Grades 9-12** will meet for a myriad of activities: devotions, service projects, aides to Godly Play, etc.

Adults

Lutheran 101: What does it mean to be a Lutheran? Using the 95 Theses, the Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism as our guide, we'll spend ten weeks talking about the central tenets of Lutheran Christianity and what it means to live out our Lutheran faith in the world. Whether you've been Lutheran your whole life or you're new to this expression of faith, there is something here for you. Come join the discussion!

Donuts discusses various topics ranging from trivia to Bible studies and thought-provoking movies.

Faith & Discovery discusses a chosen book with different insights on faith and faith leaders.

New Member Class

All prospective new members are invited to attend a new member class the afternoon of August 17 from 2-3:30pm in Room 8. Join us for some orientation, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers. Please be prepared to fill out a brief questionnaire for family information, i.e. birthdays, baptisms, address, etc.

Thursday Reading Group

All are invited! This group meets every Thursday, via Zoom, at 6:30pm. (Look for the Zoom link in the Monday emails). A multi week discussion on our first book: *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* by Nadia Bolz-Weber will begin on August 14.

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