



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

August 17, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *Jesus: The Cause of Division*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: **Good Grace** *Projected*

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie** *Projected*

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Jeremiah 23:23-29 *Pew Bible p.634*

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *Pew Bible p.977*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 12:49-56 *Pew Bible p.848*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **When Pain of the World Surrounds Us** *ELW 704*

Quilt Dedication | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **All the People Said Amen** *Projected*

Communion Liturgy with **Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy** *Projected*

Distribution: **Great Are You Lord** *Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **The Blessing** *Projected*

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Larry Partesotti | Lector: Karen Petersen | Acolyte:

Communion Assistants: Jeanne Chandler

Greeter: John Peugeot | Ushers: Jim French

Tech Volunteer: Lara Sieja | Coffee Host:

## *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 Barb Reinartz in celebration of family birthdays!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, August 10, 2025*

### Attendance:

In Person Worship: 150 | Online Views: 45 | Sunday Learning: —

### General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$13,345 | YTD: \$425,099 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



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

All marriages, relationships, and family groupings that reflect mutual love and trust | Those without secure housing and those criminalized for being homeless | The St. Mark's Quilt Guild as they use their talents and passions to share the warmth of God's love with the world around them | Safety for journalists who bring stories and awareness to the tragedy of war | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Susan, Luca, Keith, Marilyn, Amber, Charlene, Jessie, Peg, Myra, Jimmy, Hugo, Carrie, 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

## *Quilt Sunday*

Today we will bless and dedicate the 94+ quilts made by St. Mark's Quilt Guild for Lutheran World Relief. LWR sends quilts all around the world to people affected by war, famine, natural disasters, and poverty to use as bedding, tents, floor coverings, and so much more. Quilts will be spread all throughout the sanctuary this Sunday with envelopes attached if you would like to help offset shipping costs or support the making of more quilts in the future. The Quilt Guild membership includes: Louise Boller, Gwen Dornbos, Hilda Fakes, Polly Falkenberg, Judy Jung, Susan Partesotti, Eric Schwartz, Kathy Sieja, Peg Skrenes, Janis Traeger and Denise Williamson. With special thanks to Edith Sieja, Payton Sieja, Don Sieja, Tim Sieja, and Andy Sieja for their help behind the scenes and all around. Also, many thanks to the members and friends of St. Mark's who have donated fabric, sheets, and money used for quilting.

## *New Member Class—Today!*

All prospective new members are invited to attend a new member class this afternoon 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—It's not too late!*

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 began on August 14.

## *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!

## *Altar Flowers*

Sign up for altar flowers in Communication Central! 2025 dates are still available! \$30 per arrangement will decorate the altar. And bonus! You can celebrate a loved one and have flowers for your table!

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