



St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

All Are Invited to the Banquet

Prelude: Partita on Thaxted arr. Jeffrey Bleresch

Welcome & Announcements | Gathering Hymn: **O God Beyond All Praising** *ELW 880*

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie Projected** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Sirach 10:12-18 *Projected* | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 *Pew Bible p.979*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia Projected** | Luke 14:1,7-14 *Pew Bible p.849*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **As We Gather at Your Table** *ELW 522*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

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

Offertory Response: **Doxology Projected** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **Great Are You, Lord Projected** | **For Everyone Born** *Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

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

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Diana Rhodes | Lector: Jed Deason | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Communion Assistants: Edith Sieja & Jed Deason

Greeter: Leah Gradl | Ushers: Andrew Wirtz & Karen Cunningham

Tech Volunteer: Todd Phillips | Coffee Host: Les Billman

Welcome Pastor Britta!

The Rev. Britta Meiers Carlson, PhD serves as Visiting Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She teaches courses in leadership, theology, and Latino ministry to students preparing for lay and ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Prior to her move to Tennessee, Britta served on staff at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA and as an ELCA Mission Developer among immigrants living in Boston, MA. She is a graduate of Boston University, Luther Seminary, and Concordia College. Britta lives in Sewanee with her husband, Reed, and their two children, Anthony and Alma. They enjoy exploring the trails and waterfalls in area forests.

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 Whites in Celebration of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary; by Bob & Gwen Dornbos in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary & Emily's Birthday; and by Bill Henze in honor and memory of Reet & The triplets' Birthdays.

By the Numbers: Sunday, August 24, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 170 | Online Views: 70 | Sunday Learning: 82

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$11,278 | YTD: \$445,085 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

All who suffer from gun violence, especially in Minneapolis, MN | Empowerment for effective change to create a stable society where the lost and forgotten are found and cared for, and violence of any kind is no longer the answer | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Susan, Luca, Keith, Beth, Jessie, Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Jim, and Peg.

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

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday—September 7

St. Mark’s is one of nearly 8,500 ELCA congregations with the opportunity to participate in a day dedicated to service- “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. This year, we are collecting items for two local non-profits in need of supplies as well as baking and packaging goodies for the 106 Food Services employees at Huntsville Hospital– Sign up through the Monday email or September newsletter to bring cookies!

We are collecting the following:

For the Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama:

Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paper, notebooks and Craft Books.

For Eighth Street Community (305 8th Street):

Toilet paper, paper towels, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, and soap.

Searching for a Nursery Coordinator

We are so blessed to have many kids in worship! We see them at the children’s message and hear their sweet voices during the service. However, there is not always enough to keep these sweeties engaged in worship, so they want to play in the nursery. Lately, our nursery is often full of kids and their adults! In trying to be super hospitable, Board of Worship is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take care of the nursery – coordinating cleaning days, organizing toys, etc. In addition, BOW is exploring ideas for designated caregivers each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer for this position or have ideas, please contact the BOW chairperson, Sue Volz. suevolz@stmarkshsv.org

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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