



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Carry the Cross

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: **Come, Now is the Time to Worship** *Projected*

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

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Pew Bible p.163* | Philemon 1-21 *Pew Bible p.970*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 14:25-33 *Pew Bible p.850*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus** *ELW 802*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Psalm 23** *Choir*

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

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God; Way Maker; The Goodness of Jesus** *All Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Lift High the Cross** *ELW 660*

Dismissal | Postlude: Trumpet Tune; Tambling

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Kathy Sieja | Lector: Susan Wright | Acolyte: John Michael Brown

Communion Assistants: John Michael Brown & Andrew Caple

Greeter: Ellie Lienau | Ushers: Margie & Todd Phillips

Tech Volunteer: Rob Caple | Coffee Host: Dennis Fakes

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 Peg Skrenes in memory of Norm's Birthday.

By the Numbers: Sunday, August 31, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 89 | Online Views: 75 | Sunday Learning: 11

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$14,460 | YTD: \$459,546 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Protection and recovery from natural disasters around our world, especially the wildfires in California, and the earthquake victims in Afghanistan | All professional fields, vocations, and jobs of any kind, and for fair and equitable labor policies | The St. Mark's Board of Witness and Outreach as they deliver "God's Work. Our Hands." donations into our community | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Susan, Luca, Keith, Jessie, Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Jim, Peg, and the family and friends of Beth Shepherd.

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 — Today!

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.

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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