



St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Jesus Eats with Sinners

Prelude: Preface; Adolf Hesse

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** *ELW 807*

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

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Exodus 32:7-14 *Pew Bible p.69* | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 *Pew Bible p.963*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 *Pew Bible p.850*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **What Is the World Like** *Projected*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Goodness of God** *Projected*

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

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God; What a Beautiful Name** *Both Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Everlasting God** *Projected*

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Julie Starkweather | Lector: Phyllis Hutchins | Acolyte: Lizzie Carter

Communion Assistants: Lizzie Carter, Kinsley Satterfeal, Denise Williamson

Greeter: Rob Caple | Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price

Tech Volunteer: Grace Billman | 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 Bob & Louise Boller in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary and by Diana Rhodes in celebration of Jason's Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 132 | Online Views: 49 | Sunday Learning: 64

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$10,179 | YTD: \$469,725 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Victims of racism, racial profiling, and race-based violence | All victims of gun violence, especially in Colorado and Utah | An end to all hatred and violence | The St. Mark's Care Team as they visit our home bound members sharing in fellowship, prayer, and communion | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Susan, Luca, Jessie, Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, Jim, Peg, Jill, Patti, and the family and friends of Keith Thompson.

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

Coffee Hosts

We are in need of coffee hosts! If you would be interested in helping us make coffee on a Sunday morning for fellowship before Sunday Learning, please let Traci know. We'll talk it through and see if it is a good fit. The more folks willing to help out, the bigger the rotation!

WELCA Trip on September 27

All women of the church are invited to join St. Mark's WELCA on a field trip to the Wichahpi Commemorative Stone Wall in Florence, AL on Saturday, September 27. We will meet at St. Mark's at 9am to carpool and plan to stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Sign up in Communication Central if you would like to attend (also please indicate if you would be willing to carpool). No cost for this event (but donations are appreciated!)

Thrivent Action Team Cards

Are you a Thrivent member? If you are, consider sponsoring an action team for St. Mark's. Every member is eligible to sponsor and receive up to \$500 to help the charity of their choosing. If you would like help getting started, please talk to Craig Satterfeal or Tim Sieja.

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!

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

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