



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Poor Lazarus and the Wealthy Man

Prelude: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! arr. Jean Langlais

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: **God of Grace and God of Glory** *ELW 705*

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

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 *Pew Bible p.747* | 1 Peter 2:1-10 *Pew Bible p.984*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 16:19-31 *Pew Bible p.851*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **Gather Us In** *ELW 532*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

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

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

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

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

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

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

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Deb Williams | Lector: Steve Williams | Acolyte: Taryn Miller

Communion Assistants: Taryn Miller, Rachel Cutter, Daniel White, Polly Falkenberg

Greeter: Norwood Cutter | Ushers: Larry Partesotti & Terry Szymczyk

Tech Volunteer: Kim Caple | Coffee Host: Karen Cunningham

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 the White Family in celebration of Daniel's Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 162 | Online Views: 45 | Sunday Learning: 77

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$6,903 | YTD: \$489,598 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

In gratitude for the diversity of human gifts, experiences, and abilities that all reflect God's image | All victims of gun violence, especially in Dallas, TX, and other acts of violence, including Pittsburgh, PA | St. Mark's Faith & Fiction Book Club as they gather next weekend to join in fellowship and discussions on their readings | The work of the United Nations as they meet in assembly | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Susan, Luca, Jessie, Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Patti, Joshua, Caleb, Charlene, and Linda.

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

Thursday Reading Group

A NEW BOOK starts October 2! A multi-week discussion, meeting every Thursday, via Zoom, at 6:30pm. Our book selection: Jesus Feminist by Sarah Bessey. Contact Traci with questions.

Assisting Minister Training- October 5, 11am in the Sanctuary

Interested in being an Assisting Minister? Need a refresher? All volunteers in this role are encouraged to attend as we review the current role and explore new responsibilities. Even if you feel confident as an assisting minister, your experience will benefit new volunteers.

Rocket City Pridefest

St. Mark's will be hosting a table and game at this year's Rocket City Pridefest on Sunday, October 19 at the Orion Amphitheater. We are looking for a handful of volunteers to help with set-up, hosting the booth, running the game, and clean-up. If you are interested, please sign up using the link in the Monday email or the QR code in Communication Central.

Trunk or Treat

Join us on Saturday, October 25 from 1-3pm in the back parking lot for some fall-tastic fun! We'll have "trunks" to visit, treats to collect, and games to play. We are looking for volunteers to decorate and host "trunks". If this interests you, please sign up in Communication Central – the more, the merrier! Not feeling the trunk life? You can still help out by donating candy for the kiddos, please bring any donations to the donation bin in Communication Central.

Searching for a Nursery Helper

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. As a result, our nursery is often full of kids and their adults! In trying to be super hospitable, Board of Worship is exploring ideas for designated caregiving on Sundays: primarily looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take care of the nursery – coordinating cleaning days, organizing toys, etc. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact the BOW chairperson, Sue Volz. suevolz@stmarkshsv.org

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