

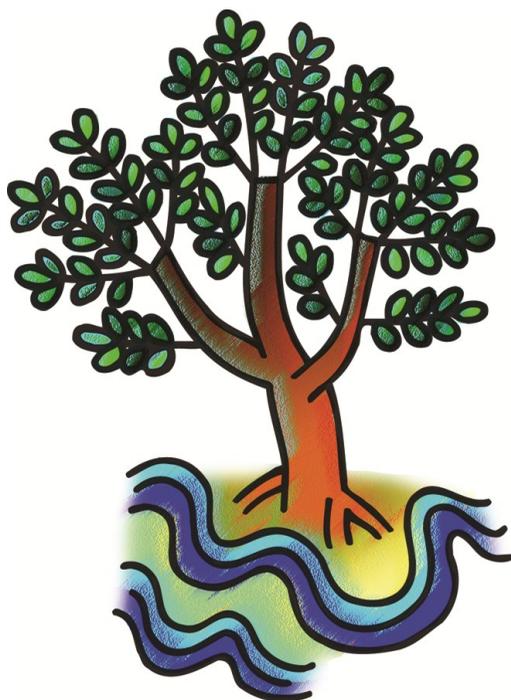


St. Mark's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: Here I Am, to Worship *Projected*

Confession & Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *Pew Bible p.762* | 2 Timothy 1:3-14 *Pew Bible p.966*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 17:5-10 *Pew Bible p.852*

Sermon

Song of the Day: **The Goodness of Jesus** *Projected*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Is He Worthy?** *Projected*

Offertory Response: **Glory to God** *Projected* | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God; O Come to the Altar** *All Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

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

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Phil Ager | Lector: Bob Boller | Acolyte:

Communion Assistants:

Greeter: Paul Gradl | Ushers: Paul Gradl & Eric Schwartz

Tech Volunteer: Kim Caple

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 Ed & Anne Uher in celebration of Ed's 93rd Birthday and by Bill & Judy Weiler in celebration of their 51st Wedding Anniversary!

By the Numbers: Sunday, September 28, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 152 | Online Views: 89 | Sunday Learning: 79

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$12,277 | YTD: \$501,875 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

In thanksgiving for the ministries of Bishop Eaton and Bishop Curry | That all may have access to affordable and reliable health care, clean water, and sufficient food | All victims of gun violence, especially in Grand Blanc, MI and Dallas, TX | All who are traveling over Fall Break that their journeys may be safe and renewing | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Ed, Jessie, Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Patti, Charlene, Linda, Kurt, Gisela, and Glenda.

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

Assisting Minster Training– Today! 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.

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

Celebrate our Confirmands! On this Reformation Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate two students during their Affirmation of Baptism. Following the service, the congregation is asked to 'flower' the confirmands, sharing love and congratulations, before enjoying a delicious meal in the back parking lot. All are asked to bring their chairs or blankets for the meal. Please RSVP in Communication Central so we know how much food to prepare.

Share Your St. Mark's Memories!

As we prepare for our upcoming anniversary, the 75th Anniversary Committee is looking to gather cherished memories and stories of your time here at St. Mark's. Whether you've been with St. Mark's since the beginning, just became a member recently, or anything in-between, we would love to hear from you! Please take some time to fill out our QR code form below.



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