



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

One Leper Gives Thanks

Prelude: He Comes to Us as One Unknown arr. Mark Sedio

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: **Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven** *ELW 864*

Confession & Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c *Pew Bible p.293* | 2 Timothy 2:8-15 *Pew Bible p.967*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 17:11-19 *Pew Bible p.852*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **We Come to You for Healing, Lord** *ELW 617*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: *Nothing Without You*

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

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

Distribution: **For Everyone Born** *Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** *ELW 859*

Dismissal | Postlude: Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Josh Cutter | Lector: Jennifer Palmer | Acolyte: Jake Carter

Communion Assistants: Jake Carter, Trey Lear, Doug Bloomberg, Steve Williams

Greeter: Tim Sieja | Ushers: Craig Satterfeal & Diana Rhodes

Tech Volunteer: Payton Sieja

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 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 Karen & Glenn Cunningham in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary and by Mary Niemeyer in Honor of Cathy's Birthday and in Memory of Gracie's Birthday.

By the Numbers: Sunday, October 5, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 112 | Online Views: 34 | Sunday Learning: 38

General Offerings

Last Week: \$18,121 | YTD: \$519,997 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Lasting peace forged by shared commitment to the common good | Federal workers facing uncertainty | An end to psychological warfare, torture, and genocide | The health and wholeness of LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Patti, Charlene, Linda, Ed, Kurt, Susan, Gisela, Glenda, Matt, Suzy, Frank, Peg, Jessie, and the families of Jim Brumfield and Ed Uher upon their deaths.

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

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.

New Adult Sunday Learning Class

Coming in November! A new short-term class will be meeting and discussing the book, *Food Theology* by Kellie Lisi (Yes, that Kellie!) and Martin Lohrmann. Beginning November 2 and meeting in the Gathering Place, all are encouraged to read the first two chapters before the first class. Some books have been pre-purchased for ease, please see Lara Sieja.

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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