



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

October 19, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *God Grants Justice*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

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

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Genesis 32:22-31 *Pew Bible p.26* | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 *Pew Bible p.967*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia** *Projected* | Luke 18:1-8 *Pew Bible p.853*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **If You But Trust in God to Guide You** *ELW 769*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Worthy of Your Name** *Projected*

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

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

Distribution: **Lamb of God; Firm Foundation** *Both Projected*

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** *ELW 773*

Dismissal | Postlude: Toccata on Psalm 150; Douglas Wagner

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Jeanne Chandler | Lector: Janna Roome | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Communion Assistants: Zach Gastler & Louise Boller

Greeter: Jennifer Mullin | Ushers: Marlin Williamson & Deb Williams

Tech Volunteer: Andrew 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 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 Gwen & Bob Dornbos in celebration of Jason's Birthday and by Jim & Terry Ganoe in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, October 12, 2025*

### Attendance:

In Person Worship: 109 | Online Views: 60 | Sunday Learning: 34

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$19,816 | YTD: \$539,812 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



## *This Week We are Praying for...*

All affected by the government shutdown, both federal workers and those who rely on federal offices and systems | Journalists, educators, librarians, publishers, and all who contribute to the flow of information | The SES Leadership Convocation as our rostered leaders meet this week for continued education | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Hugo, Carrie, Patti, Charlene, Ed, Kurt, Susan, Gisela, Glenda, Matt, Bonnie, Suzy, Frank, and Peg.

## *Prayer Requests*

A Prayer Ministry email with joys, concerns, and sorrows is sent weekly on Wednesday. Email [prayer@stmarkshsv.org](mailto: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

## *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.

## *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!

## *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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