



**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 75 Years*

*The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

November 9, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# *In Worship Today...*

## *The God of the Living*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie** | **Canticle of Praise** | Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Job 19:23-27a | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation with **Alleluia** | Luke 20:27-38

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

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

Offertory Response: **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me** | Offertory Prayer

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Distribution: **Be Known to Us** | **The Goodness of Jesus**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Soon and Very Soon**

Dismissal | Postlude

## *Worship Assistants*

Assisting Minister: Rachel Cutter | Lector: Lara Sieja | Acolyte: Dax Gradl

Communion Assistants: Dax Gradl, Kathy Sieja, Zeah Gastler, Oliver Sieja

Greeter: Eric Schwartz | Ushers: Klaus & Diane Dahl | AV Tech: Rodney Hutchins

## *Welcome Pastor Britta!*

The Rev. Britta Meiers Carlson, PhD serves as Visiting Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She teaches courses in leadership, theology, and Latino ministry to students preparing for lay and ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Prior to her move to Tennessee, Britta served on staff at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA and as an ELCA Mission Developer among immigrants living in Boston, MA. She is a graduate of Boston University, Luther Seminary, and Concordia College. Britta lives in Sewanee with her husband, Reed, and their two children, Anthony and Alma. They enjoy exploring the trails and waterfalls in area forests.

## *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 Peg Skrenes in celebration of River's Birthday!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, November 2, 2025*

### Attendance:

In Person Worship: 183 | Online Views: 95 | Sunday Learning: 71

### General Offerings

Last Week: \$19,539 | YTD: \$583,988 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



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

Victims of the UPS plane crash in Louisville, KY | In gratitude for all veterans and their service to the common good | Farmers and all who work in food production and all those who face food insecurity | Elections, political transitions, and all government employees and leaders | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Hugo, Patti, Charlene, Ed, Kurt, Susan, Gisela, Glenda, Matt, Bonnie, Jeanne, Ted, and Frank.

## *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

## *Family Trivia Night - A 75th Anniversary Event*

Join us on Saturday, November 15 at 5pm for a fun evening of trivia all about St. Mark's, Lutherans, German culture and more! The menu includes German favorites like bratwurst and pretzels, as well as other deliciousness! Most of the main dishes will be provided, but there is an online sign up for desserts and extra sides. If you plan on coming, let us know by signing up in Communication Central!

## *Holiday Food Drive*

It's that time again! We are joining with four other Lutheran churches in the area to prepare 100 holiday food bags for our neighbors in need. Each bag will contain a ham and other ingredients to complete a holiday meal. St. Mark's is asked to donate 100 hams (3-5 lbs. each - preferably not canned). Donations can be placed in the downstairs freezer - look for signs. Please make your donation by Sunday, November 16. We will need help distributing bags (Nov. 24 – 26 starting at 9am) sign up in communication central!

## *New Member Class*

On Sunday, November 16, 2-3:30pm in Room 8 in the Sunday School hallway, we will offer a new member class. All those who are interested in joining St. Mark's are invited to attend. Join us for some Lutheran basics, tour of the facility, opportunity survey, as well as a time for questions and answers. Please be prepared to fill out a brief questionnaire of family information, i.e. birthdays, baptisms, address, etc. There is a sign-up in Communication Central to let us know you will be attending – we are so excited to have you join us!!

## *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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## *St. Mark's Staff*

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