

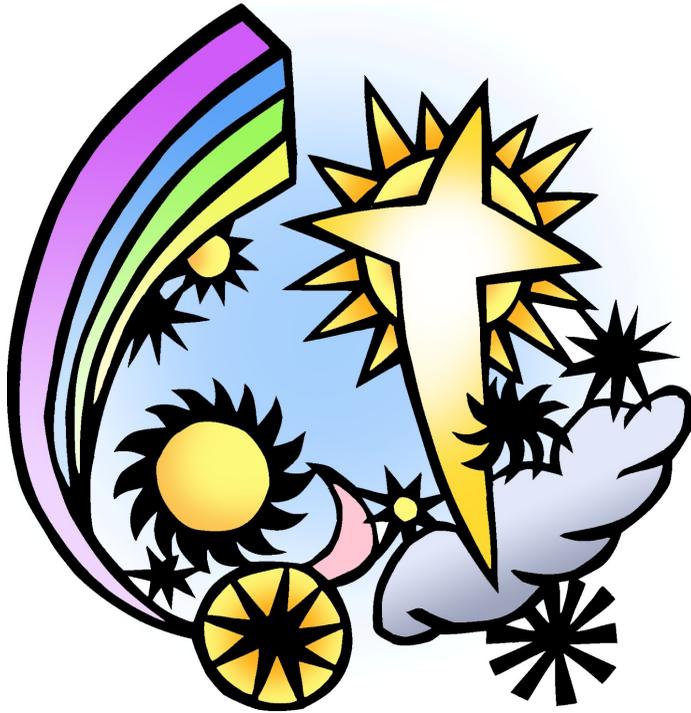


St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Endurance for Jesus' Sake

Prelude: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise; Aaron David Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: **Come Now, O God**

Confession & Forgiveness

Kyrie | Canticle of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Malachai 4:1-2a | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Acclamation with **Alleluia** | Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **O God of Every Nation** *ELW 713*

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: River in Judea *Choir*

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

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

Distribution: **Be Known to Us** | Firm Foundation

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **Graves into Gardens**

Dismissal | Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Bill Henze | Lector: Shandry Peugeot | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Communion Assistants: Edith Sieja & Jeanne Chandler

Greeter: John Peugeot | Ushers: Butch Lloyd & Andy Sieja | AV Tech: Jason Hyder

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 Dave & Julie Foreman in memory of her mother, Marilyn Ellerbeck and by the Sieja & Satterfeal Families in Celebration of Don & Kathy's 50th Wedding Anniversary!

By the Numbers: Sunday, November 9, 2025

Attendance:

In Person Worship: 148 | Online Views: 49 | Sunday Learning: 63

General Offerings

Last Week: \$33,840 | YTD: \$617,828 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

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



This Week We are Praying for...

The beauty of God's creation, especially sightings of the Northern Lights this week | UN climate talks and for safety amidst protests | Feeding ministries and all hunger relief organizations | Care, safety, respect, and dignity for immigrants | All loving marriages and partnerships | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Myra, Hugo, Patti, Charlene, Ed, Kurt, Susan, Gisela, Glenda, Matt, Bonnie, Jeanne, Ted, Peggy, Suzy, Frank, and Jessie.

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

New Member Class—Today!

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!!

Holiday Food Drive

Today is the last day to bring in any 3-5# ham donations! Donations can be placed in the downstairs freezer - look for signs. If you would like to help with distribution (Nov. 24 – 26 starting at 9am), please sign up in Communication Central.

Grace & Groceries—November 17 & 25, 6-7pm

Each Tuesday in November, we are serving a hot meal and a free bag of groceries to anyone experiencing food insecurity - no questions asked! If you would like to volunteer to help pack groceries, prepare the meal, and more, please visit stmarkshsv.org/groceries.

Two Weeks Only! 75th Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale

We have an official 75th Anniversary shirt that will be on sale from November 16 - 30. ~\$20/each; purchase your shirts online at stmarkshsv.org/tshirts or pay with cash or check using one of the envelopes available in Communication Central.

Advent Midweek Services & Meals

Wednesdays starting December 3 at 6:30pm with dinner provided prior at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will be Holden Evening Prayer and center around the theme of the God who was, who is, and who is to come. Want to help with Advent dinners? Bring a dish of your favorite food to share in a 9x13 container! Pastas, casseroles, sandwiches, salads (the possibilities are endless!); sign-ups available in Communication Central.

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!

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