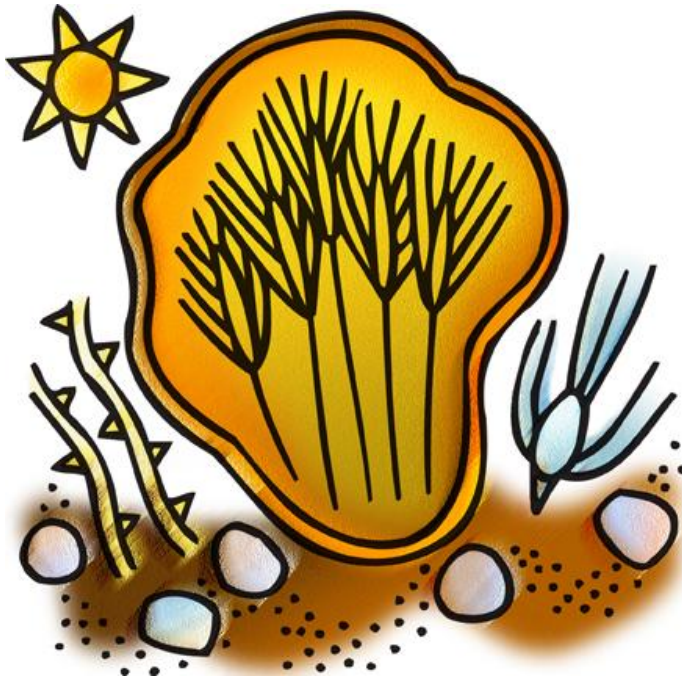




The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

The Sower and the Seed

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun**

Confession & Forgiveness | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day | Children's Message

Isaiah 55:10-13 | Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 | Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **The Word of God is Source and Seed**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Children of the Heavenly Father** ELW 781

Offertory Response: **The Doxology** | Offertory Prayer

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

Distribution: **The Bread and the Wine Are Here** | **O Christ, Surround Me**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **Sent Forth by God's Blessing** ELW 547

Dismissal | Postlude: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens arr. Wilbur Held

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Rachel Cutter | Lector: Jeanne Chandler | Acolyte: Taryn Miller

Communion Assistants: Taryn Miller & Jeanne Chandler

Greeter: Eric Schwartz | Ushers: Andrew Wirtz & Larry Partesotti | AV Tech: Peter Lande

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.

Welcome Pastor Terri!

Pastor Terri Stagner-Collier is a retired ELCA pastor, having served most recently at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Roswell, GA. Pastor Terri is a child of St. Mark's (daughter of Paige Stagner II and Norma Stagner), developing a love of worship and church ministry that began with her childhood experiences here! Outside of her church work, Pastor Terri loves participating in family activities, boating and travel. We are so excited that she is joining us as part of our 75th Anniversary Celebrations!

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

Several spots are still available on our 2026 Flower Calendar! Sign up in Communication Central to sponsor the flowers on our Communion Table.

By the Numbers: Sunday, July 5

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 128 | Online Views: 53

General Offerings:

Last Week: \$9,655 | YTD: \$360,513 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Health and safety for all experiencing extreme heat and weather events | Peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Venezuela | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Niki, Ted, Jim, Alice, Ivan, Annie, Jeff, Mary, Peggy, Megan, Glenda, Sabrina, Suzy, Frank, and Ciera.

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

Violin Recital - Next Sunday!

We are so excited to host violinist Emma Boyd and organist Dr. Lois Kwak Lee for a special concert on Sunday, July 19 at 3pm (reception meal to follow). This lecture recital will be centered around Bach, the Lutheran tradition, and what that context might mean for a valuable and enriching listening experience. This is a free event, with a free will donation accepted.

Worship at Ditto Landing – August 2

We're taking worship outside! Join us at the Ditto Landing Pavilion on Sunday, August 2 at 9:30am for worship, a picnic potluck, and outdoor fun in an end-of-summer celebration! We'll be grilling hotdogs, providing the condiments and buns – we just ask everyone to bring sides and desserts to share. Don't forget to bring...(or wear) comfy clothes; a dish (or two) to share; chairs and/or picnic blanket; any outdoor games you want to play; sunscreen, a hat, bug spray; and your playful, joyous self!

NOMA End Addiction Walk – Saturday, August 8

St. Mark's will have a table again at this year's NOMA's End Addiction Walk on Saturday, August 8 from 8:30-11:30am. We can use your help showing hospitality, passing out literature and waters, and setup/cleanup duties. Sign up in Communication Central if you are interested. Reach out to Karen Petersen with any questions.

St. Mark's Night at Huntsville City Football Club - Sunday, August 16

Olé, Olé, Olé, Olé! Join us for a fun night of sport with Huntsville's own soccer team, the Huntsville City Football Club! On Sunday, August 16 at 6pm, we'll watch Huntsville City FC play against Inter Miami CF II. Tickets are on sale now at \$23 each (children 3 & under are free). Purchase tickets in the Narthex on Sundays using cash or check.

St. Mark's Land's End Store

St. Mark's has partnered with Land's End and created an online store for you to purchase quality clothing items with St. Mark's logos! Polo shirts, pull-overs, button down shirts, jackets, and more! Make your clothing selection and then choose which St. Mark's logo (75th anniversary or standard) you'd like to have embroidered on it. Access this online store by going to stmarkshsv.org/store. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Shelby.

Save the Dates! More Info to Come on these Exciting Events...

Saturday, August 22, 9am - 2pm: From Welcome to Witness: Supporting LGBTQIA+ People in Today's World with Jamie Breusehoff

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