



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

The Yoke of Discipleship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Light Dawns on a Weary World**

Confession & Forgiveness | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day | Children's Message

Zachariah 9:9-12 | Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: Amazing Grace *Bob Boller, Trumpet*

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

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

Distribution: **The Bread and the Wine Are Here** | **Shall We Gather at the River**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

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

Dismissal | Postlude: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. Hustad

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Joan Bloomberg | Lector: Crystal Peden | Acolyte: Jake Carter

Communion Assistants: Jake Carter & Crystal Peden

Greeter: Karen Cunningham | Ushers: Tim Sieja & Paul Gradl | AV Tech: April McCutcheon

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 flowers on our communion table today are given by Elwin & Marilyn Valberg in Celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and by Doug & Joan Bloomberg in Celebration of Doug's (& America's) Birthdays!

By the Numbers Double Feature: Sundays June 21st & 28th

Sunday Attendance June 21:

In Person Worship: 125 | Online Views: 60

Sunday Attendance June 28:

In Person Worship: 128 | Online Views: 32

General Offerings

June 21: \$21,059 | June 28: \$9,026 | YTD: \$350,858 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



This Week We are Praying for...

Liberation and freedom, especially for those facing oppression | Health and safety for all experiencing extreme heat, storms, and wildfires | Communities impacted by gun violence, especially in Stade, Germany; Berlin, Massachusetts; Los Angeles, California | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially John, Niki, Ulysses, Ted, Austin, Jim, Alice, Ivan, Annie, Keller, Joe, Joey, Carolyn, Jean, Ali, Jeff, Mary, Greg, Peggy, Mirian, Megan, Suzy, Frank, Rein, Glenda, 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

Summer Sunday Learning

There will be snacks, crafts, and games for the kids and youth in the SS Hallway. We have three class offerings for adults & youth!

Donuts – A discussion-based class that meets in Room 8 to talk about topics ranging from Christian movies to everyday politics and current events. And of course, there are donuts!

Faith & Discovery – A traditional class that meets in Room 10 to read and discuss a chosen book, typically with different insights on faith and faith leaders.

Lectionary Text Study - Further discussion on the Sunday readings and sermon, led by Pastor Will in the Sanctuary

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...

Sunday, August 2, 9:30am: Worship at Ditto Landing

Sunday, August 9: Rally Day

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

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