



Celebrating 75 Years

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community*

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In Worship Today...

Seeds & Weeds

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

Confession & Forgiveness | Cantic of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Isaiah 44:6-8 | Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **What is the World Like**

Apostle's Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Jesus Loves Me!** ELW 595

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

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

Distribution: **The Bread and the Wine Are Here** | **Take My Life, That I May Be** ELW 685

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Hymn: **God of the Fertile Fields**

Dismissal | Postlude: Tell Out, My Soul arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Phyllis Hutchins | Lector: Janna Roome | Acolyte: Zach Gastler

Communion Assistants: Zach Gastler & Janna Roome

Greeter: Norwood Cutter | Ushers: Terry Szymczyk & Andy Sieja | AV Tech: Edith Sieja

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 Kathy Sieja in celebration of Don Sieja's Birthday!

By the Numbers: Sunday, July 12

Sunday Attendance:

In Person Worship: 147 | Online Views: 35

General Offerings:

Last Week: \$19,364 | YTD: \$379,877 | 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, storms, and wildfires, especially in northern Minnesota; Ontario, Canada; and Paris, France | Those who feel vulnerable within their communities, especially immigrants, migrants, and refugees | Those made ill by the cyclospora outbreak, medical professionals who care for the sick, and epidemiologists who monitor outbreaks | Those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Niki, Ted, 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 – Today!

We are so excited to host violinist Emma Boyd and organist Dr. Lois Kwak Lee for a special concert 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.

From Welcome to Witness: Supporting LGBTQIA+ People in Today's World

St. Mark's is kicking off a series of events designed to cultivate a more compassionate and understanding environment for our larger LGBTQIA+ community. For our first event on Saturday, August 22, 9am-2pm, we have invited award-winning advocate and speaker Jamie Bruesehoff to lead a workshop and discussion on practical ways to make our churches and communities more welcoming, supportive, and affirming. This is a free event, open to the public, with lunch included. If you would like to attend, please RSVP using the QR code. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please sign up in Communication Central.



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