



*Celebrating 75 Years*

## *The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

August 30, 2026



*Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community*

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# ***In Worship Today...***

## ***Get Behind Me, Satan!***

Prelude: Gather Us In arr. Jeffrey Honore

Welcome & Announcements | Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn: **Lift High the Cross**

Confession & Forgiveness | **Kyrie**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Jeremiah 15:15-21 | Romans 12:9-21

Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **The Summons**

Prayers of Intercession

Welcoming of New Members

Bob Dumeyer | Megan Moak with Cailey and Maggie;

Cory & Meredith Zywno with Alex | Ralph Johnson

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Yes and Amen**

Offertory Response: **O God Beyond All Praising** | Offertory Prayer

Communion Liturgy with **Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy**

Distribution: **Taste and See** | **Glorious Day**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Sending Song: **There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do**

Dismissal | Postlude

## ***Worship Assistants***

Assisting Minister: Diana Rhodes | Lector: Julie Satterfeal | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Greeter: Julie Starkweather | Ushers: Diane Dahl & Rudy Will | AV Tech: Eric Schwartz

## ***St. Mark's Celebrates Open Communion***

which means none are turned away from Christ's table. We believe Christ is fully present in the elements, **all of which** are free from alcohol, gluten, dairy, eggs, soy, rice, and corn products so that all may share from one loaf and one cup. 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 Bob & Gwen Dornbos in Celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Emily's Birthday! And by Mike & Michelle Price in Celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

## *By the Numbers: Sunday, August 23*

### *Sunday Attendance:*

In Person Worship: 143 | Online Views: 46 | Sunday Learning: 64

### *General Offerings:*

Last Week: \$12,038 | YTD: \$459,588 | 2026 Budget: \$808,449

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



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

Our new members as we officially welcome them to St. Mark's with excitement and gratitude for the gifts they share | All who share the light of love in this world encouraging those they meet to dream more, learn more, care more, and be more | An end to all war, hatred, and violence, that leaders may lead with respect and dignity for their peoples | Those named by our Prayer Ministry: Pat, Niki, Ivan, Joe, Mary, Carol, Linsey, Carl, Kevin, Ellie, Jeff, Cailey, Betty, Peggy, Suzy, Frank and Drew & Joshua Yarbrough as they celebrate the birth of their son, Henry.

## *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

## *Raising the Roof!*

St. Mark's is getting a new roof! Yay! Workers will be here starting Tuesday, September 1 and working throughout the week. Please be careful entering and exiting the building. We also recommend not parking in the parking spaces alongside the building.

## *Council Highlight- Nominating Committee*

Consider saying YES. It takes a lot of hands to run St. Mark's...and not just on Sunday mornings. The Nominating Committee is talking to congregation members interested in Board of Administration, Board of Learning, and Board of Witness & Outreach. We have additional committee-based slots available too. Whether you've been at St. Mark's for decades or are newer to our congregation, there's a place for you. Terms start in January 2027. Contact Tori Lande for more information.

## *Sunday Learning Volunteers Needed*

The Board of Learning is looking for Adult Mentors for Confirmation and for Senior Youth as well as Teachers and Door Watchers to help with Godly Play on Sunday morning during the Sunday Learning hour. Godly Play is the curriculum for students, preschool - 5th grade. Teachers will have lesson plans provided and be trained by experienced teachers. Door Watchers function as 2nd in the room, fulfilling safety needs and assisting the primary teacher as they are comfortable. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to BOL Board Chair Crystal Peden.

## *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](http://stmarkshsv.org/store). If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Shelby.

## *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!

## *St. Mark's Staff*

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