

YOUTH



Attendance for August 15 & 16

Saturday 5:30	19
Sunday 9:30	168
Virtual	90
Total	277

prayers

This week we pray for those who are ill, in treatment, bereaved, deployed, or in need of support.

Keith Tiegs	Suzie
Mary Ann Tupper	John
Georgia Lang	Sarah
Shelley Barton	Jack
Greg Saue	John
Don Schelling	
Steve Woodard	
Dan Tutt	
Jon Merrell	
Debbie Hansen	
Keith Beck	
Anita Kopp, mother-in-law of Gretchen Olson	
Ella Olson, mother of Gretchen Olson	
Mary Lancaster, mother of Gail Lancaster	
Caroline Alderette, caregiver for Mary Lancaster	
Kurt Rudy, brother of Scott Rudy	
Allison Rasor, daughter of Rachel Lorenz	
Maryann Weingart	
Carla Brewer	
Patti	
Ashley	
Karen	
Katie	
Rachel, Ezra, & Xavier	
Liesl	
Shar	

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 22 & 23, 2026

Worship Participants

Preaching Pastor	Pastor Amy Seymour
Presiding Pastor	Pastor Edwin Weber
Greeters	
9:30	Jack & Jan Praxel
Ushers	
9:30	David Custer, Lance Jacobson Harmony Young, Howie Goertz
Lectors	
5:30	Camille Sturdivant-Daly
9:30	Kevin Shelley
Creed and Prayers	
9:30	Pat Shelley
Altar Guild	
9:30	Whitney Johnson
Bread	Karen Felber
Communion Set-up	Donna Huck
Sound/Livestream	
9:30	Everest Benson Kevin Benson
Service Coordinator	
5:30 & Altar Guild	Matt Daly
9:30	Deidre Jacobson
Guest Musician	Norilee Kimball
Director of Music/Instrumental	Carol Miyamoto
Director of Music/Choral	Ann Benson
Faith Formation Minister	Kendra Chapman

MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gospel through worship and service.
To be an inclusive community for justice and
peace among diverse peoples.

MUSIC

Leo Bassett

Go Down, Moses

TODAY

Welcome - Whether you are a regular visitor, longtime member, or worshipping with us at St. Mark's for the first time, we're grateful you are with us today. **All are welcome at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion.** Listing everyone in your household helps us keep our membership records current and strengthens our pastoral care. **Please fill out an attendance card from the pew and place it in the offering plate.**

Welcome to our interim Pastor Amy Seymour. Pastor Amy is preaching today, and starts in her new role Sunday, August 30. Please welcome Pastor Amy as she gets familiar with us here at St. Mark's.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of Neal and Tiina Buckaloo's 62nd wedding anniversary.

Please remember to silence phones when in the sanctuary, thank you.

Nursery – Summer hours are 9:00 – 11:00 am. The nursery is up the stairs, then follow the signs. We welcome infants to kindergarten aged children.

THIS WEEK

Monday Yoga at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's AA meeting is Tuesday from 8:00 – 9:00 am in the Parish House.

Our Staff Meeting is every Tuesday from 8:50 – 10:20 am.

Scripture and Coffee – We meet Tuesdays at 10:30 am with a pastor and discuss preassigned bible verses. The bible readings for this week are **Romans 12:9-21 and the Gospel Matthew 16:21-28.**

Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8, and the Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20.

Theology on Tap – This group of 21 and over meet on Tuesday, August 25 (*note the date change*), at 7:00 pm at The Bad Seed at 2936 E Olympic Ave. Join in and make some new friends.

Saints and Sinners Men's breakfast – Join us Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00 am at The Chalet Restaurant, 2918 S. Grand Blvd.

Crosswalk – This is our week to provide food to the unhoused downtown youth through Volunteers of America's Crosswalk program. **Please have your food at the church by 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 20.**

Thursday Pickleball – Join us from 8:00 – 9:30 am on the courts in our parking lot by 25th Ave. If the Air Quality Index (AQI) is above 150, pickleball is cancelled. However, you may still borrow equipment during office hours.

Friday – The church office is open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

COMING UP

There is a fundraiser for the Merrell family on Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 pm. Come to the Magic Lantern Theater, 25 W Main Ave, and watch Ghostbusters, Jon's favorite movie.

Next Sunday, August 30, is the Blessing of the Backpacks and Books for Backpacks. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the 9:30 am service to receive a special blessing and gift during our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Stay afterward for a fun **multigeneration event** featuring a book exchange, guest readers, and a bookmark-crafting table. Please consider bringing a gently used book to exchange for something new to you. **This service also includes the installation of our Faith Formation Minister, Kendra Chapman.**

Feast of Creation Prayer Service featuring St. Mark's folks and others from around the synod is happening soon.

You're invited to participate via YouTube in a Feast of Creation Prayer Service on Tuesday, September 1, offered by the EcoFaith Action Network of the Northwest Intermountain Synod. The service will premiere on their YouTube Channel on at 9:00am pacific time and will be available to view anytime afterward. Subscribe to the EcoFaith Action Network's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@EcoFaithNWIM>. This is the first new, ecumenical feast day proposed for the lectionary since the 1920's! Its focus is on the mystery of God's creative act and the sacramental and covenantal gift of Creation. More information about the proposed feast is available at <https://www.feastofcreation.com/revised-common-lectionary>. In addition to EcoFaith's prayer service, you can find resources to commemorate the Festival of Creation in Christ at your ministry site <https://www.feastofcreation.com/creation-sunday-resources> and in this ELCA liturgy guide for the festival at <https://resources.elca.org/worship/creation-in-christ-worship-resources-year-a/>.

Pastor Gretchen's address - Pr. Gretchen is having her mail forwarded to her mom's home. If you want to drop her a note of support, please address it to:

Gretchen Olson
2108 E Southeast Blvd
Spokane, WA 99203

Service Times - We follow our summer schedule through and including Sunday, September 6, with one Sunday service at 9:30 am.

On Sunday, September 13, we go back to our "regular" schedule, with two services:

*** 8:30 am**

*** 10:45 am**

The Saturday 5:30 pm service remains the same.