

Connecting Our Community to Christ  
St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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We are glad you are here today and hope you have found a warm welcome. If you are our guest, please fill out a connection card; we would like to thank you for joining us and would appreciate feedback on your experience at St. Mark. The tall laminated card in the pew rack offers an explanation of our liturgy (order of worship).

**Thank you for Giving!** One-time or recurring donations may be made securely online by scanning the QR code. For a check or cash offering, please request an envelope from an usher.



**Yellow prayer request cards** may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher.

**Communion practice:** Our Lord Jesus invites to His table baptized believers who repent of their sin, recognize His presence in the bread and wine as His body and blood, and trust His promise to forgive their sins and strengthen them in the faith. If you have any questions about Holy Communion, feel free to speak to the Elder before worship.

**Sunday Livestream:** <https://stmarkmendon.com> or scan QR code.



Serving in God’s House		
	Today	March 17
Guest Pastor	Rev. Arnold Deknatel	Rev. Arnold Deknatel
Elder	Ted Veit	John Lehning
Ushers	Chuck Bannister & Sally Hacker	Peter Lehning & Ted Veit
Greeter	Barb Done	Georgette Peterson
Altar Care	Marlene Hampson	Kristen Waterstram-Rich
Office Help	<b>March 15</b> Sharon Fiaschetti	<b>March 22</b> Barb Mitchell

Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking “*against God and against Moses,*” and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which “*bit the people, so that many people of Israel died*” (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “*make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,*” so that “*if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live*” (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “*may have eternal life*” (John 3:14–16). By His cross, “*the light has come into the world,*” not for condemnation, but “*that the world might be saved through him*” (John 3:17–19). While we “*were dead in the trespasses and sins*” in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live “*with him in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 2:4–6).

In Our Prayers

- Len Fiaschetti:** recovering at home
- Sue Henry:** multiple health issues
- Julie Schulman:** (Wendie’s sister) healing of medical issues
- Jeanne Goodhew:** (Sue Henry’s niece) hospitalized with multiple health issues
- Linda Johnson:** (Kathie Monnat’s cousin) stage four lymphoma
- Rob Henry:** Cancer diagnosis
- Tim Poppenberg:** (Dan’s brother) cancer diagnosis
- Paula Kuempel:** (Georgette Peterson’s friend) pancreatic cancer diagnosis
- Bill Picket:** (Monnats’ neighbor) undergoing treatment for cancer
- Nancy Dunton:** (Kay’s daughter) multiple health issues related to cancer treatment
- Members and Friends in Care:** Ron Coyle, Norma Helm, June Mihalov, Sue Buchanan (Heiss’ friend)

If you have prayer updates, please send them to [secretary@stmarkmendon.com](mailto:secretary@stmarkmendon.com)

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 10:20 Bible Study	Sun, 3/3 44
Tues, 3/12 2pm Chime Choir	Last Week \$1,995
7pm Council	Weekly Budget \$2,687
Wed, 3/13 6pm Lenten Dinner	YTD Giving \$22,985
7pm Lenten Devotion	YTD Budget \$24,183
Thurs, 3/14 9am CBS	
7pm Choir Practice	
Sun, 3/17 9am Worship	
10:20 Bible Study	

The 4th Sunday in Lent  
Divine Service II  
Order of Worship  
March 10, 2024

- Prelude**
- Welcome and Announcements**
- Entrance Hymn: 915
- Confession and Absolution, 167**
- Service of the Word, 168**
  - Kyrie
  - Salutation and Collect, 172
  - Scripture Readings
  - Choir Anthem
  - Lent Verse
  - Gospel Reading
  - Hymn of the Day: 571; 1-4
- Sermon
- Nicene Creed, 174
- Prayer of the Church, 175
- Offering
- Offertory, 176
- Service of the Sacrament, 177**
  - Preface
  - Sanctus
  - Prayer of Thanksgiving
  - The Lord’s Prayer
  - The Words of Our Lord
  - Pax Domini
  - Agnus Dei
  - Distribution Hymns: 702, 743
  - Nunc Dimittis, 182
  - Post-Communion Collect
  - Benediction
  - Closing Hymn: 918





## About the Cover

The Lord's judgment against the rebellious people took the form of fiery serpents. But His mercy also took the form of that fiery serpent raised upon a pole for all to see and live. As sinners under God's good Law, our sin brings biting affliction and judgment. But the Son of Man was lifted up upon the cross where God's judgment was poured out against sin. By His Word, we see that the One who was stricken, smitten, and afflicted is our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading:  
Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

## Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have

been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

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John 3:14

