

Connecting Our Community to Christ  
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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			Celebrations
	Today	April 21	Birthday Marlene Hampson 4/18
Guest Pastor	Pastor Jeff Hering	Pastor Arnold Deknatel	
Elder	Chuck Bannister	Guenther Heiss	
Ushers	Guenther & Margaret Heiss	Peter Lehning & Ted Veit	
Greeter	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Georgette Peterson	
Altar Care	Marlene Hampson	Margaret Heiss	
Office Help	<b>April 19</b> Barb Mitchell	<b>April 26</b> Marlene Hampson	

### The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).

#### In Our Prayers

**Family of Bill Picket,** (Monnats' neighbor) who was called to Glory on Good Friday

**Allen Mack:** (Barb's son) receiving treatment following a heart attack and for safe return home

**Rod Amidon:** thanksgiving for a successful surgery

**Jeanne Goodhew:** (Sue Henry's niece) hospitalized due to stroke

**Julie Schulman:** (Wendie's sister) healing of medical issues

**Linda Johnson:** (Kathie Monnat's cousin) stage four lymphoma

**Tim Poppenberg:** (Dan's brother) cancer diagnosis

**Paula Kuempel:** (Georgette Peterson's friend) pancreatic cancer diagnosis

**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

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 \* Altar Flowers Today \*  
 \* Given to the glory of God, in honor of our daughter, \*  
 \* Emily's birthday, by Bob & Joyce Haag. \*  
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Coming Up This Week
Tues, 4/16 2pm Chime Choir
Thurs, 4/18 9am CBS
Sat, 4/20 7pm Choir Practice
Sun, 4/21 9am Worship

The 3rd Sunday of Easter  
 Divine Service II  
 Order of Worship  
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### About the Cover

The world tried to write an end to the Author of life with the implements of death. But a hammer, nails, and a crown of thorns have been used by God in His greater plan to bring us salvation. Christ has been raised from the dead to never die again (see Romans 6:9). Death cannot be the end of the Author of life. Because we are in Him, our end is only life.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

### Epistle: 1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as

he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36–49

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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Acts 3:15

