

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			Celebrations
	Today	April 28	
Guest Pastor	Pastor Deknatel	Pastor Deknatel	<b>Birthdays</b> Kristen Waterstram-Rich 4/22 Ron Coyle 4/23 Gail Maffett 4/26 Len Fiaschetti 4/26
Elder	Guenther Heiss	Ted Veit	
Ushers	Peter Lehning & Ted Veit	Scott & Kathy Stranford	
Greeter	Georgette Peterson	Kathy Stranford	<b>Anniversary</b> Dave and Amanda Bendschneider 4/22
Altar Care	Margaret Heiss	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	
Office Help	<b>April 26</b> Marlene Hampson	<b>May 3</b> Sharon Fiaschetti	

## Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is *"the good shepherd"* who *"lays down his life for the sheep"* (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the *"authority to lay it down"* and the *"authority to take it up again"* (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be *"one flock, one shepherd"* (John 10:16). That is why the apostles *"were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead"* (Acts 4:2). Since *"there is salvation in no one else,"* His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, *"for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to *"love one another"* and *"to lay down our lives for the brothers,"* as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

### In Our Prayers

**Family of Jeanne Goodhew,** (Sue Henry's niece) who was recently called to glory

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

**Wayne:** (friend of Barb Done) prayer of thankfulness for great test results

**Allen Mack:** (Barb's son) receiving treatment following a heart attack

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

**Donna Smith:** (Sue Henry's friend) diagnosed with cancer

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

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

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

**Nancy Dunton:** (Kay's daughter) metastatic cancer and liver failure

**Members and Friends in Care:** Ron Coyle, Norma Helm, June Mihalov, Sue Buchanan (Heiss' friend)

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 10:30am Bible Study	<b>Sun, 4/7</b> 38
Tues, 4/23 2pm Chime Choir	Giving \$1,395
7pm Church Council	Weekly Budget \$2,687
4/25 9am CBS	YTD Giving \$32,016
7pm Choir Practice	YTD Budget \$37,618
Sun, 4/28 9am Worship	<b>Sun, 4/14</b> 43
10:30am Bible Study	Giving \$1,185
	Weekly Budget \$2,687
	YTD Giving \$33,201
	YTD Budget \$40,305

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 \* Altar Flowers Today \*  
 \* Given to the glory \*  
 \* of God, in loving \*  
 \* memory of my \*  
 \* sister, Valdah, \*  
 \* by Kay Killenbec. \*  
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The 4th Sunday of Easter  
 Divine Service II  
 Order of Worship  
 April 21, 2024

### Prelude

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Closing Hymn: 912



### About the Cover

The Good Shepherd does not withhold His own life for His sheep. He laid down His life on Good Friday as a sacrifice for our sins in order to take it up again on Easter Sunday. He did it all of His own authority for us. Therefore, we know that when He takes our lives up like the Good Shepherd that He is, we are in good hands that will carry us safely to eternal life.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### Epistle: 1 John 3:16–24

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how

does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

### Holy Gospel: John 10:11–18

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

