

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	May 5	
Guest Pastor	Pastor Deknatel	Pastor Hering	<b>Birthdays</b> Joe Mynio 4/28 Ed Blythe 4/28 Margaret Heiss 4/29 Kayla Lasher 5/4  <b>Baptismal Birthday</b> Gail Maffett 5/1
Elder	Ted Veit	Guenther Heiss	
Ushers	Scott & Kathy Stranford	Scott & Kathy Stranford	
Greeter	Kathy Stranford	Kathy Stranford	
Mowing Team	Guenther Heiss	John Lehning	
Altar Care	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Sharon Fiaschetti	
Office Help	<b>May 3</b> Sharon Fiaschetti	<b>May 10</b> Barb Mitchell	

### Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “he has given us of his Spirit,” so that we also believe and confess “that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” In this way, we “abide in him and he in us,” and we “love one another” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “the good news about Jesus” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “they came to some water,” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “the true vine,” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “bears much fruit” in us (John 15:3–5).

#### In Our Prayers

- 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)

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

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 \* Altar Flowers Today \*  
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 \* Given to the glory of God, in celebration of Margie’s \*  
 \* birthday, by Guenther Heiss. \*  
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Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 10:30am Bible Study	<b>Sun, 4/21</b> 72
Tues, 4/30 2pm Chime Choir	Giving \$1,467
Thurs, 5/2 9am CBS	Weekly Budget \$2,687
7pm Choir Practice	YTD Giving \$34,668
Sun, 5/5 9am Worship	YTD Budget \$42,992
10:30am Bible Study	

The 5th Sunday of Easter  
 Divine Service II  
 Order of Worship  
 April 28, 2024

- Prelude**
- Welcome and Announcements**
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- Service of the Word, 168**
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- Pax Domini
- Agnus Dei
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- Post-Communion Collect
- Benediction
- Closing Hymn: 465





### About the Cover

Without someone to assist him, the Ethiopian eunuch could not clearly envision the figure God's Word painted in Isaiah. But the Holy Spirit used Philip to lead him to Jesus, in whom the full picture of the Scriptures comes together. Christ's generous love and sacrifice is for the sake of the whole world as He delivers forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.  
<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### Epistle: 1 John 4:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are

from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### Holy Gospel: John 15:1–8

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

ABOUT  
WHOM . . .  
DOES THE  
PROPHET  
SAY THIS?

ACTS 8:34

