

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.



The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “*came and stood among them,*” and with His Word and the wounds in “*his hands and his side,*” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He “*is the Christ, the Son of God,*” so that by such faith we “*may have life in his name*” (John 20:31). The apostles “*have seen and heard*” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “*too may have fellowship*” with the risen Christ, with the apostles and “*with one another*” (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “*their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,*” and all who believe this Word are “*of one heart and soul,*” because in Him they truly have “*everything in common*” (Acts 4:32–33).

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 (Heiss’ friend)

Coming Up This Week		Attendance & Giving	
Mon, 4/8	2:07pm Solar Eclipse	Sun, 3/31	77
Tues, 4/9	2pm Chime Choir	Giving	\$1,946
Thurs, 4/11	7pm Choir Practice	Weekly Budget	\$2,687
Sat, 4/13	11am Ladies Aid	YTD Giving	\$30,621
Sun, 4/14	9am Worship	YTD Budget	\$34,931
	Ladies Aid/Teen Bowling Party		

Serving in God’s House		
	Today	April 14
Guest Pastor	Pastor Jeff Hering	Pastor Arnold Deknatel
Elder	John Lehning	Chuck Bannister
Ushers	Chuck Bannister & Guenther Heiss	Guenther & Margaret Heiss
Greeter	Sally Hacker	Kristen Waterstram-Rich
Altar Care	Margaret Heiss	Marlene Hampson
Office Help	April 12 Kristen Waterstram-Rich	April 19 Barb Mitchell

The 2nd Sunday of Easter
 Divine Service II
 Order of Worship
 April 7, 2024

- Prelude**
- Welcome and Announcements**
- Entrance Hymn: 467, 1-4
- Confession and Absolution, 167**
- Service of the Word, 168**
- Kyrie
- This is the Feast, 171
- Salutation and Collect
- Scripture Readings
- Choir Anthem
- Alleluia, 173
- Gospel Reading
- Hymn of the Day: 470, 2-6
- 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: 851, 563
- Thank the Lord, 181
- Post-Communion Collect
- Benediction
- Closing Hymn: 480



About the Cover

Great power characterized the apostles' preaching of Jesus' resurrection. The source of that great power did not come from them but from the One who sent them to speak with His authority. For this great power flows from the great grace of Jesus that was upon them all. Likewise, we today can do nothing apart from the grace of Jesus, who was crucified and raised for us.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Epistle: 1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

²¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an

advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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