

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 12	
Guest Pastor	Pastor Hering	Pastor Hering	Anniversary Mike & Kathie Monnat 5/7
Elder	Guenther Heiss	Chuck Bannister	Baptismal Birthday Ruth Meyers 5/8
Ushers	Scott & Kathy Stranford	Guenther & Margaret Heiss	
Greeter	Kathy Stranford	Barb Done	
Mowing Team	John Lehning	Jeff Lillie	
Altar Care	Sharon Fiaschetti	Barb Done	
Office Help	May 10 Barb Mitchell	May 17 Kristen Waterstram-Rich	

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “are witnesses of all that he did.” He was anointed by God “with the Holy Spirit and with power,” and “he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,” and so He was with those whom He sent “to preach to the people” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,” so that “everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “the water and the blood” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “joy may be full.” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “go and bear fruit” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

In Our Prayers

- Kathy Monnat:** prayer of thanksgiving for successful gallbladder 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
- Ilsa's nephew:** recently diagnosed with a brain tumor
- Bonnie Weidert:** (Georgette & Joe's neighbor) melanoma
- 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

 * Altar Flowers Today *
 * Given to the glory of God, in celebration of our grandson, *
 * Cameron's birthday, by Bob and Joyce Haag. *

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 10:30am Bible Study	Sun, 4/28 35
Tues, 5/7 2pm Chime Choir	Giving \$1,145
Thurs, 5/9 9am CBS	Weekly Budget \$2,687
7pm Choir Practice	YTD Giving \$35,813
Sat, 5/11 Ladies Aid	YTD Budget \$45,679
Sun, 5/12 Mother's Day	
9am Worship	
10:30am Bible Study	

The 6th Sunday of Easter
 Divine Service II
 Order of Worship
 May 5, 2024

- Prelude**
- Welcome and Announcements**
- Entrance Hymn: 548
- Confession and Absolution, 167**
- Service of the Word, 168**
- Kyrie
- This is the Feast, 171
- Salutation and Collect
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- Gospel Reading
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- Sermon
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- 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: 686, 563
- Thank the Lord, 181
- Post-Communion Collect
- Benediction
- Closing Hymn: 490



About the Cover

Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father's love is this: "That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Epistle: 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and

everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Holy Gospel: John 15:9–17

⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

I Have Called YOU FRIENDS



JOHN 15:15