

Disciples of Jesus, 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: place in the offering plate or give 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.

Altar Flowers Today

Given to the glory of God, in loving celebration of my youngest sister’s 50th wedding anniversary, by Kay Killenbec.

Serving in God’s House		
	Today	May 4
Elder	Chuck Bannister & Ted Veit	John Lehning & Ted Veit
Ushers	Guenther & Margaret Heiss	Scott & Kathy Stranford
Greeter	Sally Hacker	Kristen Waterstram-Rich
Altar Care	Sharon Fiaschetti	Margaret Heiss
Office Help	May 2 Marlene Hampson	May 9 Barb Mitchell

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

On the Lord’s Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, “*the firstborn of the dead*” (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has “*the keys of Death and Hades*” (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The “*sharp two-edged sword*” of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to “*believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,*” that by such faith “*you may have life in his name*” (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, “*to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*” (Acts 5:31).

In Our Prayers

Those with Health Concerns: **Kirsten Reimers Hilpert; Sharon Langford; Rye Yous-ey-Hindes** (grand nephew of Monnats); **Garrison Ball** (son of Rev. Mark (St. Paul, Hilton) and Leslie Ball); **Marilyn Ryan; Laurie Simonson** (Georgette’s friend); **Steven Mack** (Barb’s son); **Richard Landseadel** (Deb Lillie’s father); **Will Dunton** (Kay’s son); **Wayne** (friend of Barb Done); **Julie Hahn** (Sue Henry’s daughter); **Craig** (grandson of Ruth and Jim Meyers); **Kathie Monnat; Julie Schulman** (Wendie’s sister); **Donna Smith** (Sue Henry’s friend); **Tim Poppenberg** (Dan’s brother); **Nancy Dunton** (Kay’s daughter)

Celebrations
<u>Birthdays</u> Joe Mynio 4/28 Ed Blythe 4/28 Margaret Heiss 4/29 <u>Baptismal Birthday</u> Gail Maffett 5/1

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday School Thurs, 5/1 National Day of Prayer 7pm Choir Practice Sun, 5/4 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	Sunday, 4/20 43/72 Giving \$2,197 Weekly Budget \$2,803 YTD Giving \$44,892 YTD Budget \$44,848

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Service I
Order of Worship
April 27, 2025

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About the Cover

Jesus stood among His disciples to show them His hands and side. The marks of the nails showed that the Jesus who was crucified is the very same Jesus who has been raised and lives. Thomas was not there the first time Jesus appeared among His followers, but he wanted to verify with his own eyes and hands that Jesus lives. Jesus' hands still bear the marks of His love for us through His sacrifice upon the cross.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12–20

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood "and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven

golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

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.



*Jesus came
and stood among them*