

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 celebration of our grandson Cameron’s 16th birthday, by Bob and Joyce Haag.

Serving in God’s House		
	Today	May 11
Elder	John Lehning & Ted Veit	Guenther Heiss & John Lehning
Ushers	Scott & Kathy Stranford	Chuck Bannister & Peter Lehning
Greeter	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Barb Done
Altar Care	Margaret Heiss	Sharon Fiaschetti
Office Help	May 9 Barb Mitchell	May 16 Sharon Fiaschetti

The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs

“*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “*ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation*” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “*was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead*” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “*before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel*” (Acts 9:15).

In Our Prayers

Those with Health Concerns: Jennifer Sosce (Pam Week’s friend); Penny Schurr (Wendie Schulman’s friend); Vinetta Johnson (Ted Veit’s fiend’s mom); Marcia Napolitano (Cindy Barben’s friend); Kirsten Reimers Hilpert; Sharon Langford; Rye Yousey-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 (Barb Done’s friend); Julie Hahn (Sue Henry’s daughter); Craig (Ruth and Jim Meyers’ grandson); Kathie Monnat; Julie Schulman (Wendie’s sister); Donna Smith (Sue Henry’s friend); Tim Poppenberg (Dan’s brother); Nancy Dunton (Kay’s daughter)

Members and Friends in Care: Ron Coyle, Norma Helm, June Mihalov

Celebrations
Birthday Kayla Lasher 5/4
Anniversary Mike & Kathie Monnat 5/7
Baptismal Birthday Ruth Meyers 5/8

Coming Up This Week		Attendance & Giving
Today	9am Worship	Sunday, 4/27 45
	10:30am Sunday School	Giving \$2,922
Tues, 5/6	5-6pm Discipleship Leadership Class	Weekly Budget \$2,803
Thurs, 5/8	7pm Choir Practice	YTD Giving \$47,813
Sun, 5/11	9am Worship	YTD Budget \$47,651
	10:30am Sunday School	

Third Sunday of Easter
Divine Service I
Order of Worship
May 4, 2025

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About the Cover

Paul fell to the ground, and the Lord raised him up in Baptism. What a reversal! Paul went from persecuting the faith to proclaiming it. What a Lord that He still unites people to His death and resurrection by Baptism. Our Baptism is death to sin and being made "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). When we remember our Baptism, we live in this reality by daily repenting and believing the Gospel!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:8–14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden

bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you
ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people
and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and
priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Holy Gospel: John 21:1–14

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

HE ROSE AND WAS BAPTIZED

Acts 9:18

