

Disciples of Jesus, Connecting Our Community to Christ

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Pastor's Office Hours Thursday 10 am-noon, other times by appointment

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).



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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.

Serving in God's House		
	Today	February 8
Elder	Ted Veit	John Lehning
Comm. Assistant	Chuck Bannister	Chuck Bannister
Ushers	Rod Amidon & Deb Bolcko	Sally Hacker & Peter Lehning
Greeter	Barb Done	Georgette Peterson
Altar Care	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Sharon Fiaschetti

God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified

The Lord tells His people, "*I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery*" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "*to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly*" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "*the power of God and the wisdom of God*" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "*wisdom*" and "*righteousness and sanctification and redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "*Blessed are you,*" therefore, "*when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely*" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

In Our Prayers

Around the World: Missionaries Ben and Ella Goehring; Persecuted Christians around the world, particularly in Sudan, Congo, and Syria; For protection for Rev. Phillip Callahan (Faith, Corning) who is a Lt. Col. Chaplain in the Army Reserves, now deployed to Poland with the expectation that he will also see duty in the Baltic States.

Those with Health Concerns: Bob Haag; Kathie Monnat; Marilyn Ryan; Karen and Dave Hardiman (Heiss' friends); William Schnurr (Wendie Schulman's friend); Tim Poppenberg; Melissa Rizzo (Amanda Bendschneider's sister); Richard & Shirley Landseadel (Deb Lillie's parents); Dave (Jeff Lillie's friend); Theresa (Jim & Ginnie Knopp's daughter-in-law); June Powers (Mike Monnat's cousin); Mike Morse; Kathy Wallack (Deb Bolcko's friend); Donna Werth (Cindy Barben's friend); Tim Jasmin (Mary Reimers' brother-in-law); Will Dunton (Kay Killenbec's son); Nancy Dunton (Kay Killenbec's daughter); Rye Yousey (Monnats' great nephew)

Members and Friends in Care: Ron Coyle, Barb Dingle, Norma Helm, Jim Knopp, Effie Steingasser

Send prayer requests/updates to secretary@stmarkmendon.com

Coming Up This Week	Attendance	Celebrations
Today 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday Sch. Thurs, 2/5 7pm Choir Sun, 2/8 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday Sch.	Sunday, 1/25 17	Birthdays Octavia Laing 2/3 Eileen Bendschneider 2/5 Kathryn Killenbec 2/7

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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Order of Worship
February 1, 2026

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About the Cover

Looking up to a man hanging on a cross is considered foolishness to many people in this world. God's Word teaches us that, by faith, we see in Christ's work on the cross the power of God, which brings us forgiveness and salvation. Because of the powerful work of Christ on the cross, we see that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men" (1 Corinthians 1:25). Forgiveness is only found in Jesus, God's Son, who died on the cross to forgive our sins.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8

- ¹ Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."
- ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom

of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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