

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).



 **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 memory of Jim's birthday,
by Kay Killenbec.

Serving in God's House		
	Today	January 18
Elder	Ted Veit	John Lehning
Comm. Assistant	Chuck Bannister	Mike Monnat
Ushers	Rod Amidon & Deb Bolcko	Ken & Patty Hampson
Greeter	Georgette Peterson	Kristen Waterstram-Rich
Altar Care	Deb Bolcko	Barb Done

The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an "epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God's people to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given "as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations" (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to "fulfill all righteousness" for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that "we will also live with him" (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

In Our Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving on the birth of Quinn Grace Clancy (granddaughter of Jeff and Deb Lillie)

Around the World: **Missionaries Ben and Ella Goehring; persecuted Christians** around the world, particularly in Sudan, Congo, and Syria; **Rev. Phillip Callahan** (Faith, Corning) who is a Lt. Col. Chaplain in the Army Reserves, 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; Freida** (Ilisa's friend); **Sue Sturm; 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); **Austin; 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 & Giving	Celebrations
Today 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	Sunday, 1/4 40 Giving \$2,653	Birthdays Scott Strandford 1/11
Tues, 1/13 6pm Council	Weekly Budget \$3,396	Jonelle Coyle 1/12
Thurs, 1/15 7pm Choir	YTD Giving \$2,653	Nate Hampson 1/13
Sun, 1/18 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	YTD Budget \$3,396	

The Baptism of Our Lord

Divine Service I
Order of Worship
January 11, 2026

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About the Cover

When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, it marked the beginning of His public ministry and His mission to head to the cross to fulfill God's plan. Jesus is the servant mentioned in Isaiah. He followed the Father's will perfectly, even suffering for our sake. By our Baptism into Jesus, we have received all that Jesus accomplished in His mission because the same Spirit, through the Word, brings us to believe in Him.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1–9

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Epistle: Romans 6:1–11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

