

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: 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.



Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude ... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time, with unified voices, eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, “shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

In Our Prayers

Thanksgiving for Pastor Urlaub accepting a call to shepherd St. Mark

Those with Health Concerns: **Wayne** (friend of Barb Done); **Len Fiaschetti**; **Julie Hahn** (Sue Henry’s daughter); **Craig** (grandson of Ruth and Jim Meyers); **Kathie Monnat**; **Julie Schulman** (Wendie’s sister)

Those with Cancer: **Monica Smith**; **Ralph** (Ilsa’s nephew); **Donna Smith** (Sue Henry’s friend); **Tim Poppenberg** (Dan’s brother); **Paula Kuempel** (Georgette’s friend); **Nancy Dunton** (Kay’s daughter)

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

 * Altar Flowers Today *
 * Given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Heinz, and *
 * gratitude for our wonderful children, Ilse Rueckmann. *

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Tues, 11/5 Election Day	Sunday, 10/27 52
Thurs, 11/7 7pm Choir Practice	Giving \$1,942
Sat, 11/9 11am Ladies Aid	Weekly Budget \$1,988
Sun, 11/10 9am Worship	YTD Giving \$80,987
	Vacancy Budget \$85,484

Serving in God’s House		
	Today	November 10
Guest Pastor	Pastor Hering	Pastor Hering
Elder	John Lehning	Chuck Bannister
Ushers	Ted Veit & Peter Lehning	Guenther & Margaret Heiss
Greeter	Gary Weisensel	Barb Done
Altar Care	Margaret Heiss	Sharon Fiaschetti
Mowing Team	November 9 Peter Lehning	November 16 Guenther Heiss & Chuck Bannister
Office Help	November 8 Barb Mitchell	November 15 Sharon Fiaschetti

All Saints’ Day
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 Order of Worship
 November 3, 2024

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Closing Hymn: 677; 1, 3, 5-7



About the Cover

The cathedral portal on the cover is filled with the imagery of Revelation; Christ is surrounded by the heavenly host: four living creatures (four Gospel accounts), the twelve apostles, angels, and the twenty-four elders (God's Old and New Testament people), with royalty on the columns. It could keep going out from there to include all of the saints who have gone before us in faith and await the resurrection. We saints who are still on this earth receive peace from heaven through Christ the Door (John 10:7), who has opened to us eternal life through His cross and resurrection.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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."

