

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 memory of my parent's Don and Helen Weatherup's wedding anniversary, by Kay Killenbec.

Serving in God's House		
	Today	February 23
Elder	Guenther Heiss	Ted Veit
Ushers	Rod Amidon & Deb Bolcko	Guenther & Margaret Heiss
Greeter	Georgette Peterson	Sally Hacker
Altar Care	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Margaret Heiss
Office Help	February 21 Kristen Waterstram-Rich	February 28 Barb Mitchell

### Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24-25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7-8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18-20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21-23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14-19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

### In Our Prayers

**Len Fiaschetti Family:** Len was called to Glory on Sunday, February 2

**Those with Health Concerns:** **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)

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

If you have prayer updates, please send them to [secretary@stmarkmendon.com](mailto:secretary@stmarkmendon.com)

Coming Up This Week	
Today	10:30am Sunday School
Wed, 2/19	9:30am Elders
Thurs, 2/20	7pm Choir Practice
Sun, 2/23	9am Worship
	10:30am Sunday School

Attendance & Giving	Celebrations
Sunday, 2/9	43
Giving	\$11,245
Weekly Budget	\$2,803
YTD Giving	\$20,753
YTD Budget	\$16,818
	<b>Birthdays</b>
	Georgette Peterson 2/20
	Melissa Poppenberg 2/20
	<b>Anniversary</b>
	Mike & Vickie Miller 2/19

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
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## About the Cover

Paul boldly states that without Christ's resurrection, "your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). There would be no point to a life lived in faith. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). This changes everything! Christ's bodily resurrection means that His cross atoned for our sins and that we, too, will be raised. It means that our lives lived in faith in Christ are never in vain because our Redeemer lives.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Old Testament Reading:**  
**Jeremiah 17:5–8**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man

and makes flesh his strength,  
 whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert,  
 and shall not see any good come.  
 He shall dwell in the parched  
 places of the wilderness,  
 in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
 whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
 that sends out its roots by the stream,  
 and does not fear when heat comes,  
 for its leaves remain green,  
 and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
 for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12–20**

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in

Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17–26**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

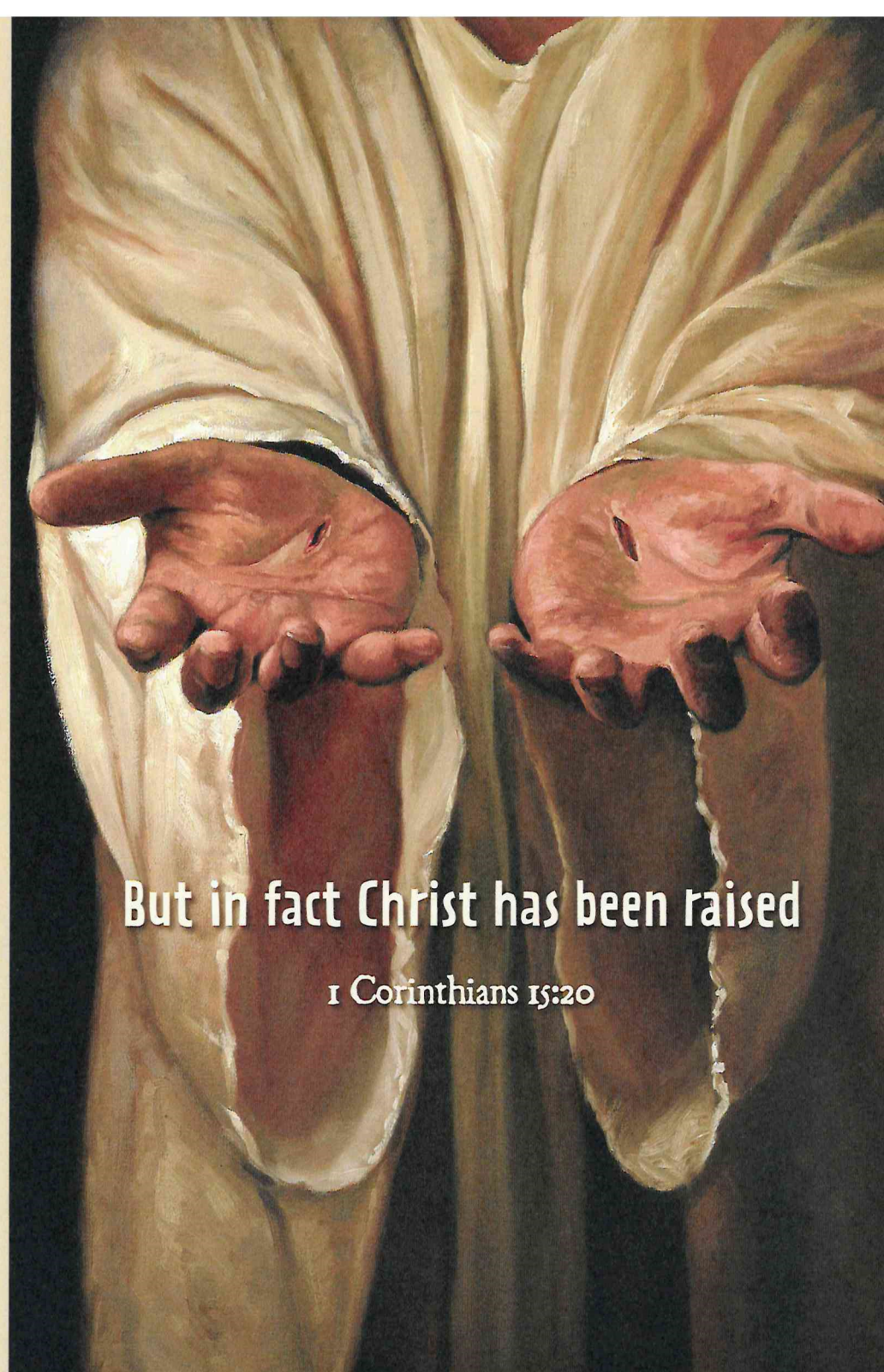
<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."



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1 Corinthians 15:20