

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).



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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	April 6
Elder	Chuck Bannister	Ted Veit
Ushers	Chuck Bannister & Ted Veit	Rod Amidon & Deb Bolcko
Greeter	Barb Done	Kristen Waterstram-Rich
Altar Care	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Kristen Waterstram-Rich
Office Help	April 4 NA	April 11 Sharon Fiaschetti

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were *"still a long way off,"* He saw us and *"felt compassion"* (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making *"him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"* (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we *"will trust, and will not be afraid"* (Is. 12:2).

In Our Prayers

Those with Health Concerns: **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** (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

Celebrations
Birthday Peter Baird 4/3

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 10:30am Sunday School - RLC	Sunday, 3/23 42
Wed, 4/2 6pm Dinner	Giving \$1,810
7pm Worship - RLC	Weekly Budget \$2,803
Thurs, 4/3 7pm Choir Practice	YTD Giving \$35,519
Sun, 4/6 9am Worship	YTD Budget \$33,636
10:15 Voters Assembly	
10:30am Sunday School - RLC	

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Divine Service III
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 March 30, 2025

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About the Cover

Our sin merits the anger and wrath of God. But His strict warning of judgment against sin is meant to lead us to repentance. God wants to show grace and mercy to sinners so that we may believe and receive forgiveness. Christ willingly received the wrath of God for all sin in our place when He died on the cross. He did this so that, like the prodigal son, we may know our heavenly Father's eternal embrace of comfort (see Luke 15:11–32).

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1–6

- ¹ You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.
- ² "Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my
song,
and he has become my salvation."
- ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells
of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- ⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done
gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
- ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of
Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel."

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .
¹¹"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And

the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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Isaiah 12:1