


Disciples of Jesus, Connecting Our Community to Christ
St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
18 Victor-Mendon Road, Mendon, NY 14506
(585) 624-1766 stmarkmendon.org
Pastor Brad Urlaub – pastorurlaub@stmarkmendon.org
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.



Serving in God’s House		
	Today	December 28
Elder	Ted Veit	Ted Veit
Comm. Assistant	Gary Weisensel	John Lehning
Ushers	Ken & Patty Hampson	Guenther & Margaret Heiss
Greeter	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Sally Hacker
Altar Care	Kristen Waterstram-Rich	Margaret Heiss
Office Help	December 26 Kristen Waterstram-Rich	January 2 Sharon Fiaschetti

God’s Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus,
the Son of Mary

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *“the virgin shall conceive and bear a son”* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, “God with us.” The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *“descended from David according to the flesh”* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *“Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *“did as the angel of the Lord commanded him”* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

Celebrations
<u>Birthdays</u> Don Snyder 12/25 Dave Bendschneider 12/26 Peter Lehning 12/27
<u>Anniversary</u> Peter & Lisa Lehning 12/21

Coming Up This Week	Attendance & Giving
Today 8:40am Prayer Group 9am Worship Voters Assembly	Sunday, 12/14 51 Giving \$4,492
Wed, 12/24 5pm Candlelight Worship 11pm Candlelight Worship	Weekly Budget \$2,803 YTD Giving \$132,549
Thurs, 12/25 10am Christmas Day Worship	YTD Budget \$143,150
Sun, 12/28 8:40am Prayer Group 9am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	

Serving in God’s House			
	December 24 5pm	December 24 11pm	December 25 10am
Elder	Chuck Bannister	Guenther Heiss	Chuck Bannister
Ushers	John & Peter Lehning	Rod Amidon & Deb Bolcko	
Greeter	Barb Done	Kay Killenbec	

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Divine Service II
Order of Worship
December 21, 2025

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Candle Lighting
Entrance Hymn: 342

Confession and Absolution, 167
Service of the Word, 168
Kyrie
Salutation and Collect, 172
Scripture Readings
Choir Anthem
Gospel Reading
Hymn of the Day: 353
Sermon
Nicene Creed, 174
Prayer of the Church, 175
Offering
Offertory, 176

Service of the Sacrament, 177
Preface
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei
Distribution Hymns: 347, 355
Nunc Dimittis, 182
Post-Communion Collect
Benediction
Closing Hymn: 344



About the Cover

The loving gaze of a mother upon her child is a special thing. When Mary looked into the eyes of her newborn, she was looking into the eyes of God, and He was looking back at her. Jesus is Immanuel, which means "God with us." He looks upon us with His infinite and never-ending love. He poured out His love on the cross in order to forgive our sins and have us forever.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
¹¹"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

Epistle: Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all

the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

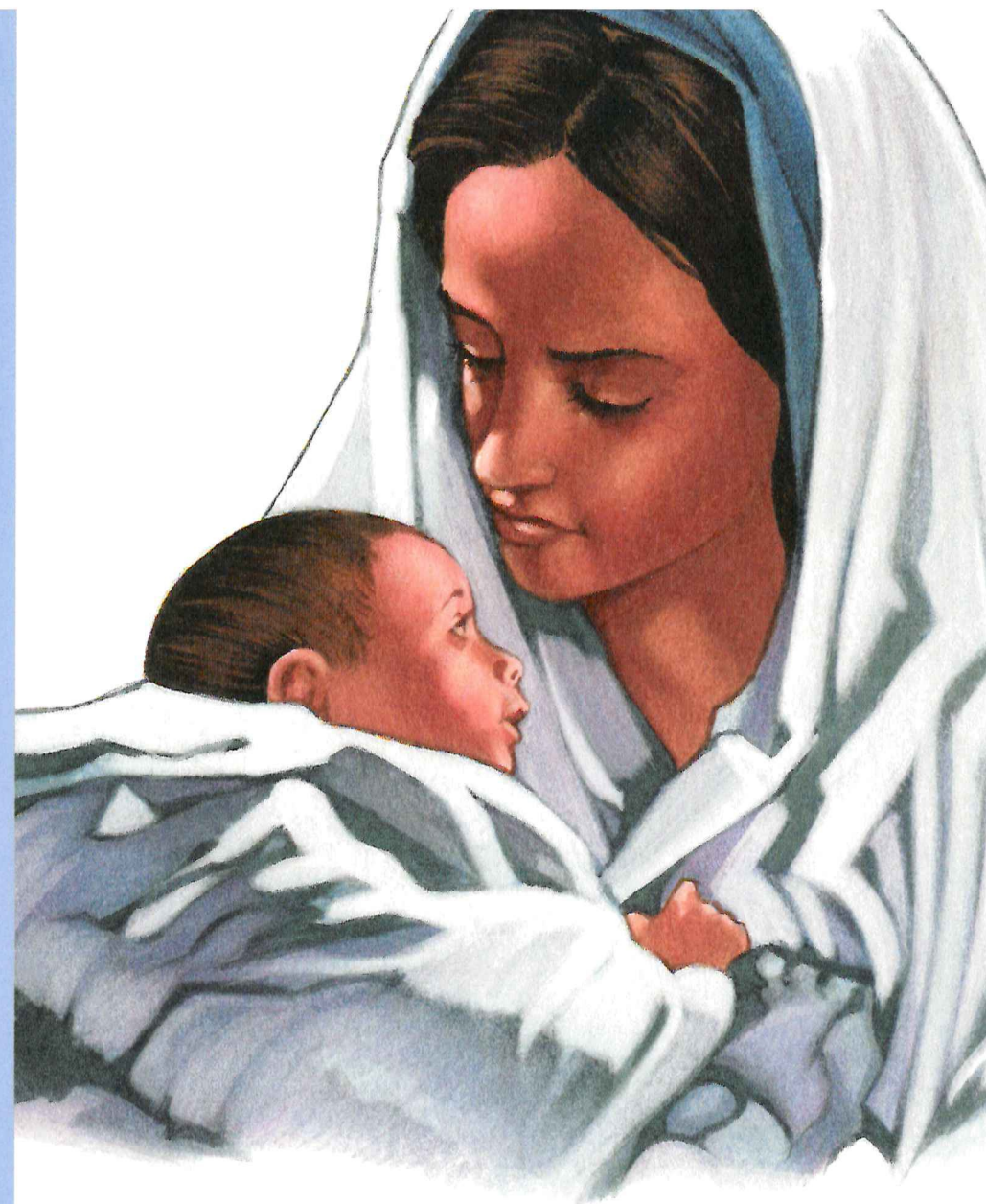
Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us).

²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



They shall call His name
IMMANUEL