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Advent Midweek 3



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A Special Welcome to Our Visitors:

Welcome to St. Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshipping the Lord with us this evening. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about St. Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building is over 100 years old. Unfortunately this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this evening. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find St. Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Midweek of Advent 3

Vespers

The Child Who is John's Joy

[It was a joyous scene when the ark of God drew near to Jerusalem in King David's day. The ark of the covenant was such a gift of grace and mercy, David did something that adults—especially kings—never do. He leapt for joy before the ark. But it was an even more joyous scene when John the Baptist, the forerunner, met Jesus, the Savior, for the first time, while they were both still in their mothers' wombs. John, in the womb of an elderly, formerly barren woman, leapt for joy at the voice of Mary, the Virgin carrying God's Son in her womb. God's special presence on earth would no longer be tied to a gold-covered box but rather to the incarnate Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts have every reason to leap

for joy as John the Baptist leapt. God's presence is among us as Christ draws near to us in His Word and Sacraments, and He has promised to be near to us forever when He comes again on the Last Day.]

Common Versicles

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

✠ Psalmody ✠

Psalm

Psalm 98:1-6

[Antiphon spoken by congregation, then alternate whole verse by whole verse between pastor and people.]

Antiphon:

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!
His right hand and His holy arm have
worked salvation for Him.
- ² The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness
in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered His steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Office Hymn

“What Child Is This”

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✠ **Readings** ✠

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 6:12-23

☒ A reading from Second Samuel, the sixth chapter.

¹² And it was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. ¹³ And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷ And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the

LORD. ¹⁸ And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts ¹⁹ and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

²⁰ And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!” ²¹ And David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will celebrate before the LORD. ²² I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.” ²³ And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

L A reading from Philippians, the fourth chapter.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

L A reading from Luke, the first chapter.

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Offering

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, when John heard the voice of Your mother, You caused him to leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb for You were now present in the flesh to save all flesh. Draw near to us in Your Word and Sacraments and stir up our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your gracious visitation, may leap for joy and serve You with gladness through this life into the life and the world to come, where we shall behold You face to face in the resurrection of all flesh; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Litany

L Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have chosen to send Your only-begotten Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to be clothed in our human flesh, to redeem us from sin and death.

**C This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.**

L You laid down Your sweet head in humble circumstances while Bethlehem ignored Your birth. Grant mercy to all who humbly confess their sins, so that those who are humbled might be lifted up in Your presence.

**C He lies in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding.**

L Forgive us that we have so often relegated Your coming to the stable of our concerns, preferring to focus on the hustle and bustle of life rather than to receive You in faith.

**C Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

L You did not cry for Your own sake, but You wept over us with deep concern. Hold us to Your breast when we sorrow and weep over sin, that through Your love we might see Your joy through our suffering.

**C Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.**

L You have come near to Your people in the preaching of Your incarnation. Continue to grant such proclamation that gives life to Your people, though we have not deserved it.

**C The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

- L** Protect and prosper the preaching of the Gospel that creates and sustains faith. By Your Means of Grace, place us with You, comforted and secure, on the lap of Mary.
- C Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!**
- L** Send Your Spirit to lead us back to the font, that we might repent of our sins and receive Your healing power in Holy Absolution. Through our pastors, You have spoken gracious words of forgiveness to relieve us of the terrible burden of sin.
- C Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!**
- L** This night/day You offer Your body and blood to us poor sinners as the ultimate Christmas feast. You come among us as both Offerer and Offering at our altar. Grant that we might receive this feast in faith for the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal salvation.
- C Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!**
- C Amen.**

Collect

- P** Almighty God, by the atoning sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You established Him as our Mercy Seat of forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts clean with Christ's blood through the preaching of the Gospel so that, having been set free from our sins, we may rejoice in the Lord always and thank Him for His unfailing mercy toward us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Collect for Peace

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (410)
- C Amen.**

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Hymn

“When All the World Was Cursed”

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