

Sunday, December 23rd, 2018

The Fourth Sunday in Advent



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

W I N C H E S T E R  T E X A S

Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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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 morning. 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 morning. 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!

Mission Statement:

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Divine Service Setting Two

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

"Praise the Almighty"

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Read Together

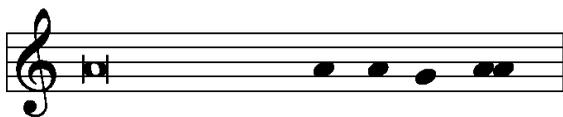
1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47

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

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is none holy like the Lord;
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*
My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Kyrie

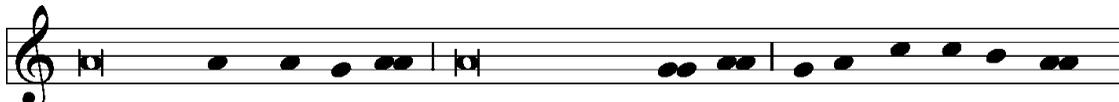
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



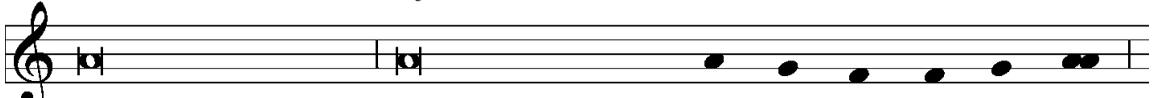
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



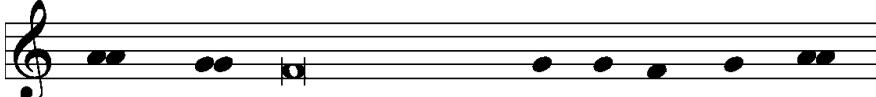
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



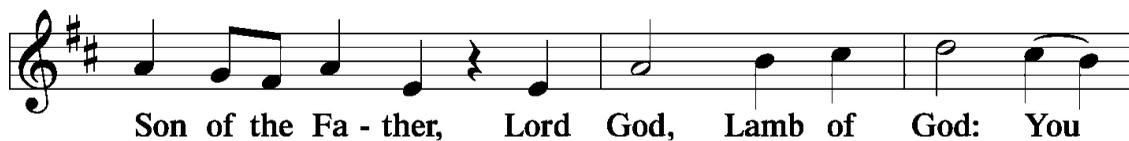
C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!
³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
⁴O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”
⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices
and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to
the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the
first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

Sit

Offering *(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)* Ushers

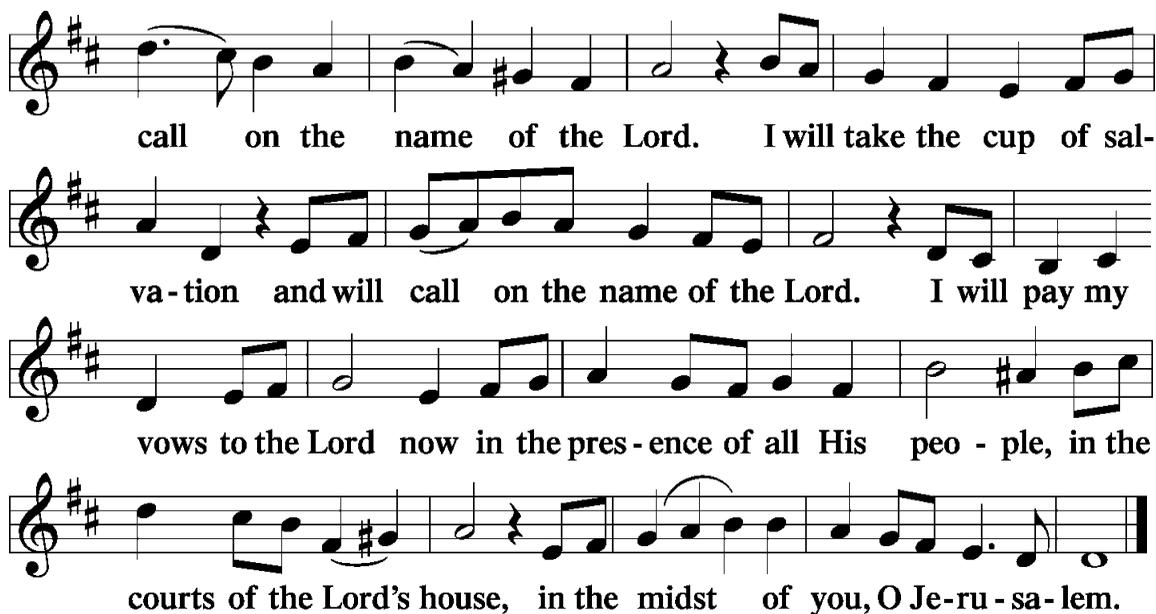
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Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



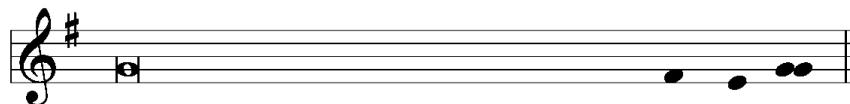
C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Benediction

Number 6:24-26



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

"No Temple Now, No Gift of Price"

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Postlude

Prayers at Saint Michael's

Members and Friends

- Betsy Anderson
- Marie Ashutabi
- Inez Brand
- Caleb Burton
- Kourtney Burton
- Steve Burton
- Clint Bushacker
- Sherry Cook
- Owen Coulter
- Lera Ephraim
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Tommy Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Courtney Groce
- Diana Hardman
- Stanley Herzog
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- CJ Lehmann
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Amy Lochte
- Romona Lopez
- Karen McDougall
- Joe Mobley
- Lillian Pietsch
- Pat (Nanita) Ramirez
- Erwin W. Schulze
- Emmett Stabeno
- James Zoch
- Thelma Zoch

Serving in the United States Armed Forces:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky



Missionaries:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- Rev. Duane Meissner – LCMS International Missionary – Belize

Greeting You This Morning: are Jerry and Jenny Althaus. Greeters next week will be Tom and Margaret Atkins. (*Greeters need to be 20 to 30 minutes early to church to greet.*)

This Week's Events at Saint Michael's:

Today, Sunday, December 23rd

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School, Bible Study and Youth Bible Study – *Education Building*

Monday, December 24th (*Christmas Eve*)

- 6:00pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Program – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, December 25th (*Christmas Day*)

- 9:00am – Christmas Day Service – *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, December 26th

- 6:30pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

Sunday, December 30th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*
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Children's Christmas Eve Program: Today is the final practice for the Children's Christmas Eve Program during the Sunday school hour (10:15 am - 11:15 AM).

All Boards Meeting and Training: Our annual All Boards Meeting and Training will take place January 6th at 4:00 pm in the Education Building. All board members and officers should plan on attending this meeting. At the meeting we will go over everyone's duties and responsibilities and will also set calendar items for the year.



Our tradition at Christmas is to place poinsettias in the church. The beauty of the poinsettias set the church ablaze in praise and glory of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THE POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN THE CHURCH BY:

Jerry and Jenny Althaus in thanksgiving to God for his many blessings.

Amanda Behrens in memory of loved ones who are not here to celebrate.

Marc Brand in memory of my father, Adolph Brand, brother Timothy Brand and sister, Rhoda House.

Marc and Joycelyn Brand in honor of Inez Brand.

Casey and Jenny Fajkus in memory of Josie Zoch, Melvin and Frances Zoch, Emil and Rita Fajkus, Luis and Evelyn Svoboda, Marvin and Caroline Dube and Melvin and Lorine Iselt.

Tommy, Kelly, Edward, Lynette, Jon and Linda in honor of our mother, Jeanette Franke.

Carolyn Fritsche in loving memory of my husband, Stanley, our parents, and loved ones and friends.

Mirlyn Griffin for God's many blessings.

The Hielscher Family in loving memory of Judy Hielscher.

The Hielscher Family in loving memory of Barbra and Carroll Hielscher.

Pastor Nate, Candice, Jack and Carter Hill in thanksgiving to God for the blessing of St. Michael's.

Don Jakobeit and family in memory of Orda and Susanne Jakobeit and Clarence Jakobeit and in honor of Charles and Delores Votaw.

Ron and Darline Kaiser in thanksgiving to God for his many blessings and in memory of loved ones.

Morgan Ray and Delores Karisch in memory of our parents, W.H. and Hulda Karisch, Alfred and Alma Menzel and thanksgiving for God's blessings.

Mildred Kasper in loving memory of my husband, Elgin and son, Gary.

Daniel and Karen Kilian to the Glory of God.

Marvin and Elizabeth Kipp in loving memory of our parents and loved ones and friends.

Delton and Elna Koenning to the Glory of God and the birth of Jesus.

Lauren Lehmann, Jody and Jessie Pinter to celebrate the birth of Jesus and wishing Granny and everyone else a Merry Christmas.

Liebscher and Noack Families in loving memory of Larry Liebscher, Grandpa and Grandma Liebscher and Grandpa and Grandma Noack.

Roger and Dorothy Loewe in honor of our grandchildren who have birthday in December, Peyton and Zane Loewe and Ryan Peschke.

Laura Matthijetz for God's many blessings.

Mark and Leann McClain in loving memory of Mark's parents, Bill and Betty McClain and his brother, Richard.

Clarence and Dianna Mitschke in loving memory of Martin, Lena and Melvin Mitschke.

Jeanette Mitschke in memory of Rudie Lee Mitschke, Rudie and Wanda Mitschke and Otto and Alma Kappler.

Marceil Prestridge in memory of Neal Prestridge and in honor of the birth of our Savior.

Betty Richter and Donald Noack for God's many blessings.

Evelyn Parker in memory of love ones.

Raymond and Marie Schulz in loving memory of our children, Steven and Diana.

Darlene Warren in memory of Charlie Warren.

Kirt and Jordan Watts in loving memory of Tammy Watts.

Mary Watts Family in loving memory of Milton and Esther Pampell.

Angeline and Elma Zoch in memory of my parents, Arthur and Milda Lehmann, sister and brother-in-law and nephew, John and Evelyn Cavanaugh and John Jr.

Barry and Sandy Zoch in memory of passed loved ones.

Elmo and Angeline Zoch in memory of my parents, Eldor and Clara Zoch and sister and brother-in law Robert and Claren Dunk.

Missy Zoch in honor of God's many blessings.