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Christmas Day Service



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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.

The Nativity of Our Lord

Divine Service Setting Two

The Child Who is the Lord

[When a child is born, there are questions we typically ask: "Is he healthy?" "How much does she weigh?" "What did you name her?" But one of our hymns asks an atypical question about a child born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago: *What Child Is This?* There is a wonderful answer to the question, and it is proclaimed by an angel: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." *What Child Is This?* It is the Lord Himself. The eternal Lord took on flesh and was laid in a manger. One day, this child would bear the world's sin in His flesh and be laid in a tomb. But then He would rise from death so that we might be God's redeemed children, born from above in Holy Baptism.]

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Choir Anthem

“He Is Born, The Child Divine”

Adult Choir

*He is born the Child Divine,
Play the oboe, sound the bag pipes.
He is born, the Child Divine;
sing ye all, he is born today.*

*Prophets from the ages past
Have foretold the Savior’s coming;
We for more than four thousand years.
Have awaited this joyous time.*

*Ah! How fair is the Holy Child,
And how perfect are His graces.
Ah, How fair is the Holy Child;
Oh, how sweet is the Child Divine!*

*King of all forevermore,
Little Infant though Thou art,
King of all forevermore,
Reign in ev’ry human heart.*

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

“Once in Royal David’s City”

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Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

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.

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.

C Amen.

Versicle

P What Child is this?

C He is Immanuel, God with us, God for us, God who comes as one of us to save all of us!

P What Child is this?

C He is our Wonderful Counselor who comforts us with the Good News of sins forgiven.

P What Child is this?

C He is our Mighty God who dealt the deathblow to death with His Good Friday death.

P What Child is this?

C He is the Son of the Everlasting Father whose outstretched arms on the cross embrace us all.

P What Child is this?

C He is our Prince of Peace who signed the cosmic peace treaty with His spilled blood.

Kyrie



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.



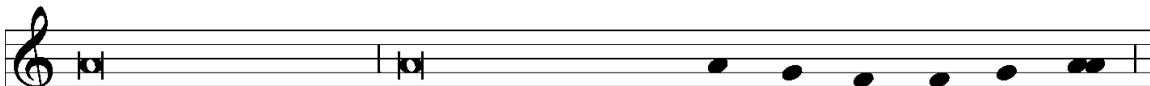
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



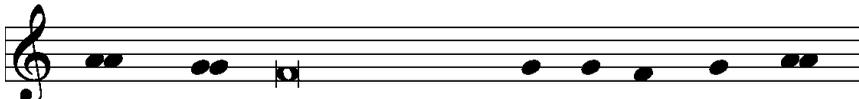
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



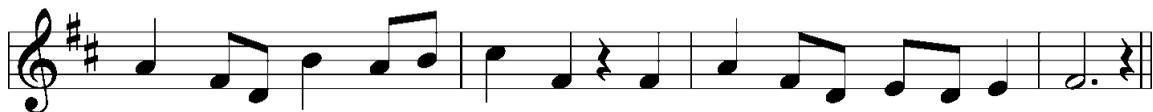
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis"



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
You make this most holy day to shine with the brightness of the true Light.
Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also
come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
³ You have multiplied the nation;
You have increased its joy;
they rejoice before You
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
You have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem *“O Sing Of Christ, Whose Birth Made Known”*

Adult Choir

*O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone So we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity, The icon of His grace.*

*He came to that which was His own, But He was not received;
Yet still through Him God's glory shone, And some His name believed.
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n above,
Born not of human ancestry But born of God in love.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell Among us here on earth
As God with us, Emmanuel, To bring this holy birth.
Though rich, You willingly became One with our poverty,
That we might share Your wealth and name For all eternity!*

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Alleluia and Verse



C 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 Reading

Luke 2:1-14

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And

the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

“What Child Is This”

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Sermon

Rev. Nate Hill

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Loving Father, in the incarnation of Your Son, Your everlasting light has dawned on those who sit in the darkness of sin and death to bring salvation for all people. Cause Your saving light to shine on us through Your Word and Sacraments and thereby call us out of darkness into Your saving light so that we, like the shepherds, glorify and praise You for all we have heard and seen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, at the birth of Your Son, the angelic choir announced peace on earth. Send forth faithful pastors to proclaim Your peace, that troubled consciences would find refuge in Your Son, the Prince of Peace, whom You sent not to make war with us but to make peace with us by the shedding of His blood which blots out every sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, as Your Son upholds the governments of this world, remember this country. Grant humility and wisdom to the President, Congress, and all who make and administer our laws that Your will would be done and Your truth prevail. Bless all who are in the armed forces, and protect them from all harm and danger as they serve in foreign lands to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this land. Preserve peace in this nation that the glad tidings of great joy that are for all people would ring out here and abroad. Train us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passion so that we live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age as we await the appearing of our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Generous Father, Your Son came into this world not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. Help us to follow our Lord in serving our neighbor in love. Overcome all greed in us and open our hearts so that we don't hesitate to share the many blessings You've freely given us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate God, Your Son was born to die and rise and become for us the firstborn from the dead to heal and restore our human nature. Grant Your

healing touch to those who are sick, suffering, or dying, that according to Your good and gracious will, You would relieve Your servants and deliver them from all afflictions. Bless them with patience and steadfastness as Your Son leads us to the glory of the resurrection, where He will wipe away all tears and make us perfect as He is perfect. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, Your Son is our Mighty God who won the victory over death and the grave. Grant us peace as we gather this Christmas without those who have died in the faith and now rest from their labor. Comfort us with the promise that we will see them again in the resurrection on the Last Day when death will be no more and we will live in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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

Ushers





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.