

Sunday, December 30th, 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas



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

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

LSB #706

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

Ps. 98:1- 4; antiphon: Is. 52:10

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
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.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
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.

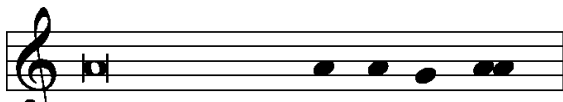
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

*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.*

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Kyrie

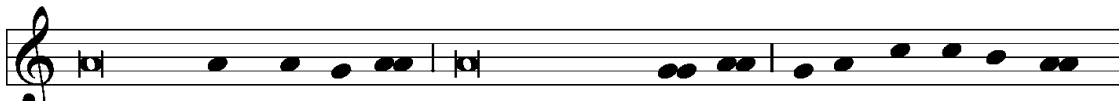
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



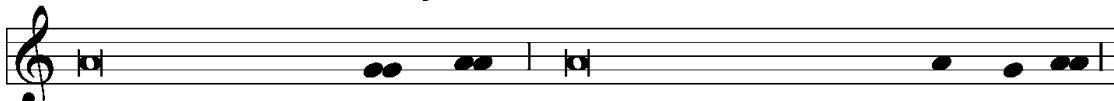
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



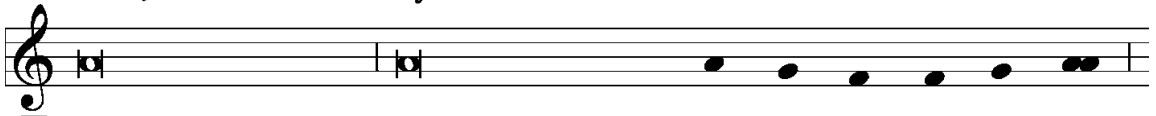
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



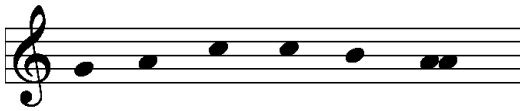
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



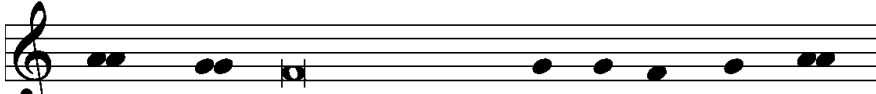
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people,

¹¹“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.’

¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 2:22-40

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a

sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

LSB #389

Sermon

"Give Love as Gift"
Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. Nate Hill

Stand

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

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

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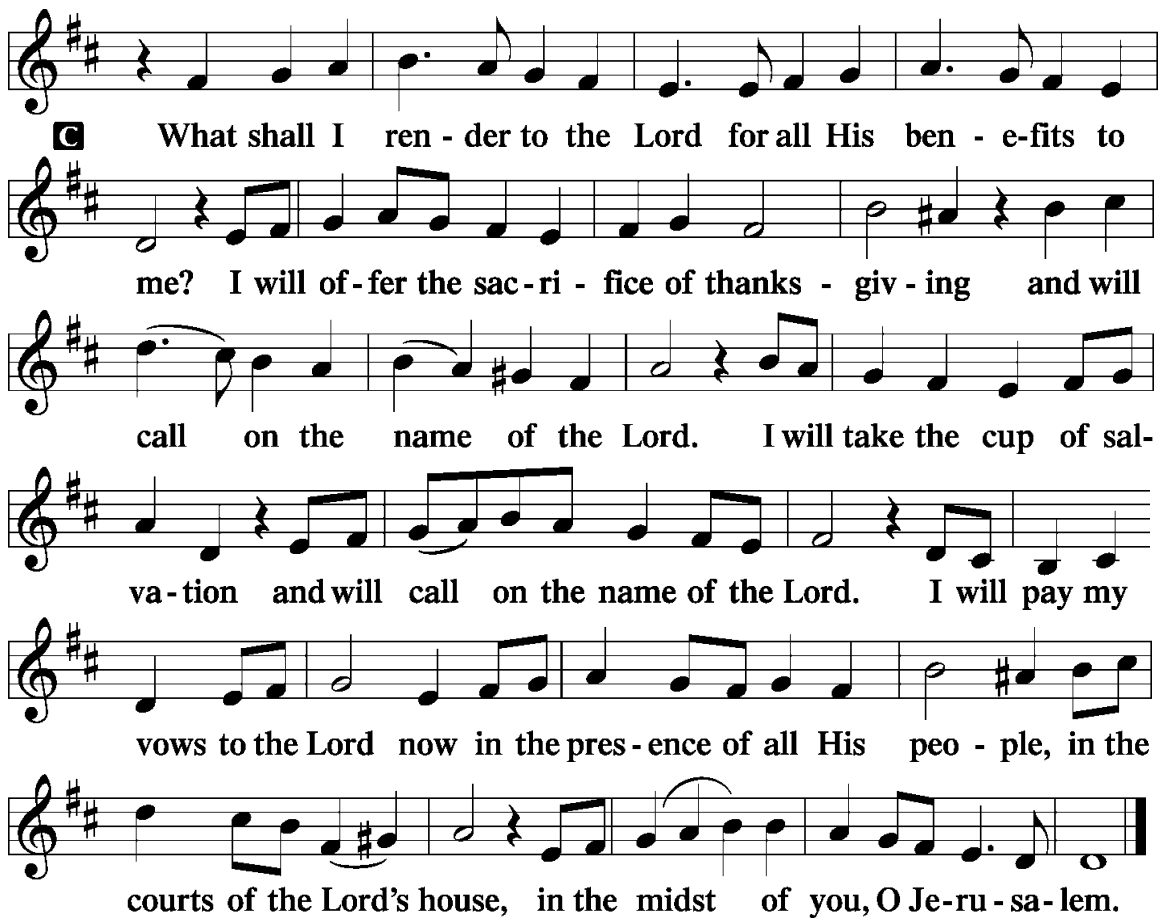
Offering *(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)*

Ushers

Stand

Offertory

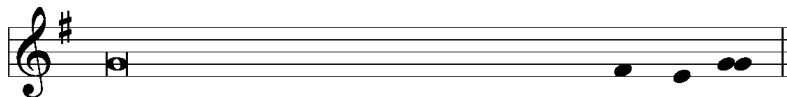
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



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

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

LSB #386

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
- Elmo Zoch
- 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:

Sunday, December 30th

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

Monday, December 31st (New Years' Eve)

- 7:00pm – New Years' Eve Service w/ Communion – *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, January 2nd

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*

Sunday, January 6th (Installation of Congregation Officers and Board Members)

- 9:00am – Worship Service w/Communion – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*
 - 4:00pm – All Officers and Boards Meeting – *Education Building*
 - 5:00pm – Christmas Tree Tear Down – *Sanctuary*
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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.

Poinsettias: If you purchased a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary you may take it home anytime between the close of New Year's Eve service and noon on Wednesday, January 9th.

Thank You: Thank you to all the generous people who contributed to making this year's Christmas Eve Service so special.

Church Greeters: Would you like to help welcome friends and visitors to Church? If you would like to continue to serve or be added onto the greeter list please notify Amanda Behrens before February 3rd.

A Note from Your Pastor:

Dear Saint Michael's Family - As 2018 comes to a close and we look forward to another year in ministry and Saint Michael's, Candice and I have spent time counting our blessings. As is the case every year, so many of those blessings have come from you, our church family. We are so deeply grateful for our call to serve Saint Michael's now for our seventh Christmas season and are often overwhelmed by the congregation's generosity toward us. We are also appreciative of the many volunteers who do ministry in this church and community year-round, most recently those who made the Advent and Christmas seasons so special. From decorating the church to coordinating the Christmas program and serving during the additional worship services, you are integral to the work of this church. We sincerely thank you and we look forward to 2019 and our ministry together as we worship God, love one another, and serve all people.

In Christ – Pastor Nate



End of Year Giving

In Proverbs 2:6, God's Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ's wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. The Board of Directors has set a goal of raising \$50,000 by December 31, 2018 to support the ministry of FLHS and we are well on the way toward that goal. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to March 1, 2019 will have registration fees waived for the 2019-2020 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! Please call today to obtain registration materials.

Raffle Items

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!