

Sunday, January 10th 2021

The Baptism of Our Lord

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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Our service today will take place in the sanctuary. We ask that you only participate in the service in the sanctuary if you are free of any COVID-19 related symptoms and have not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. All who participate in the sanctuary are asked to sanitize their hands upon entry, wear a mask for the entirety of the service, and leave at least six feet of lateral space in each pew between groups. Every other row has been marked off for increased distancing between groups.

For those who would prefer to continue to participate in the service from their vehicles, you are able to do so. Please park on the east side of the church building and you will be provided with a bulletin.

- By tuning your car radio to 93.1 FM, you will be able to hear the service taking place inside. Please participate fully in the congregational responses, singing, and prayers!
- In order to register your attendance with us today, please fill out the attendance sheet on the back cover of your bulletin. You will tear this page off and hand it in with the offering. An usher will come to collect the offering and attendance sheets from you during the final hymn.
- The Adult Bible Study will be broadcast over the FM transmitter on the same frequency used during the service. If you would like to listen in on the Bible Study but do not want to enter the sanctuary, you are welcome to do so from your vehicle.

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 "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

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1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
“Go out to ev’ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
And this My invitation:
Let ev’ryone abandon sin
And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win
Full pardon and remission
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”

6 But woe to those who cast aside
This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

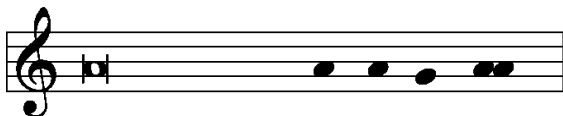
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Kyrie

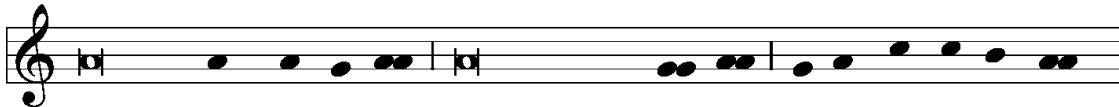
Mark 10:47



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.



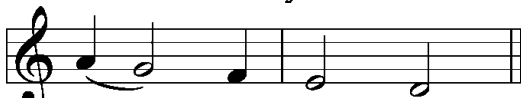
C Lord, have mer - cy.



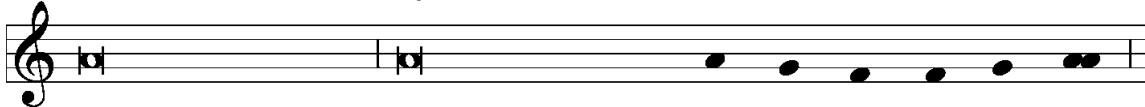
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



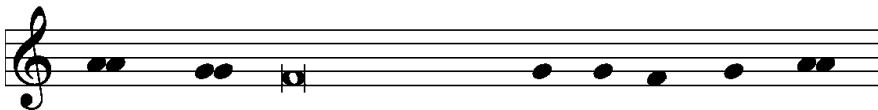
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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

“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



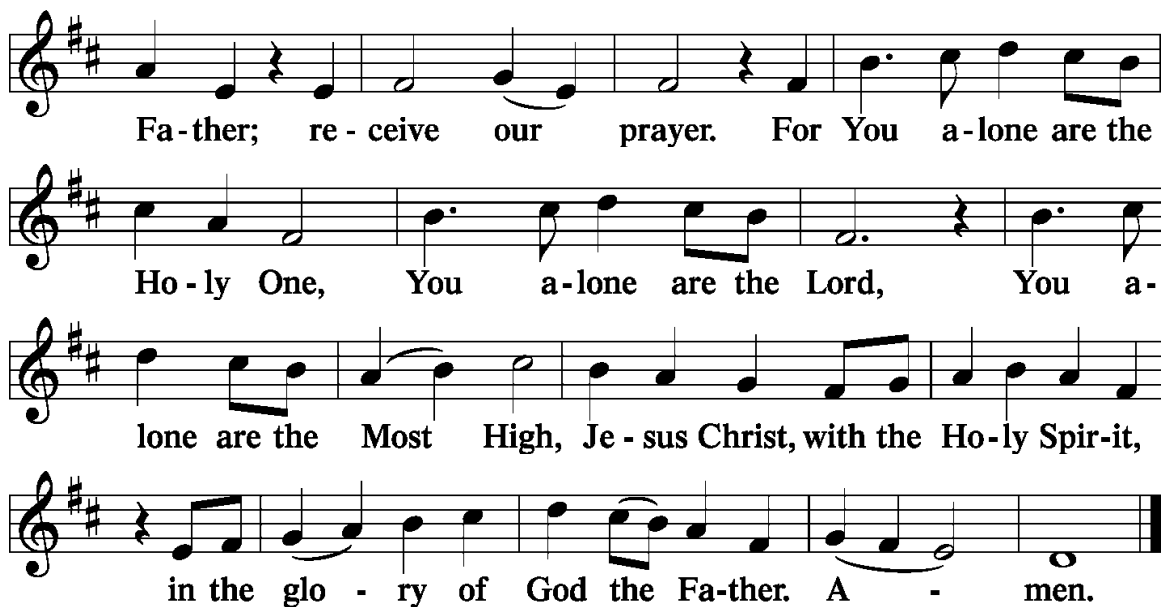
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



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

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

- ¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.
- ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

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

Mark 1:4-11

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

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1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
 May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
 pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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Sermon *“You’ve Got to Give Credit Where Credit is Due”* Rev. Nate Hill
Psalm 29

Apostles’ Creed

**☩ 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)

The Lord's Prayer

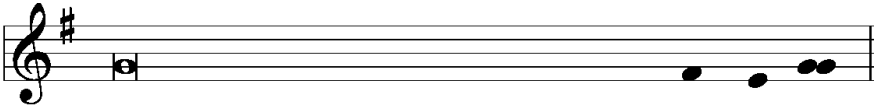
P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Benediction

Numbers 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

Those participating in the service from their vehicles will have an usher approach their vehicle during the closing hymn to collect the offering and attendance sheet.



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
 Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the
 So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
Son of God, sent to re - deem.
O - ver us the cross You trace.

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Postlude

Offering

Ushers

The offering will be collected today as you exit the church building. Please consider transitioning to making your regular tithe or offering online at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give



Please also fill out the attendance register on the back page of your bulletin, tear it off and place it into the offering basket.

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PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Marie Ashutabi
- Megan Hart Burch
- Sherry Cook
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Kathy Griffin
- Larry Griffin
- Tracy Griffin
- Darline Hamff
- Robert Hamff
- Anna Jakobeit
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson
- Leann McClain
- Mark McClain
- Roy Medack
- Jodi Miller
- James Nawara
- Lillian Pietsch
- Herbert Roeber
- Barbara Spence
- Geneva Suttle
- Amy Wagner
- Sandy Zoch
- Thelma Zoch

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Kevin Gonzalez – US Marines – San Francisco, California
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Damien Hernandez – US Marines – San Diego, California
- 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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, December January 10th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:15am – Adult Bible Study – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Children's Sunday School – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*

Monday, January 11^h

- 6:00pm – Finance Board – *Education Building*

Tuesday, January 12th

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – WAVFD – *Fire Station*

Wednesday, January 13th

- 9:00am – Bible Class – *Education Building*

Thursday, January 14th

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

Sunday, December January 17th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:15am – Adult Bible Study – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Children's Sunday School – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*
- 4:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*

Offering Envelopes: The 2021 offering envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please be sure to pick yours up.

Sunday School: Today in Sunday School, the children will learn about how God saved the Hebrews by parting the waters in “Crossing the Red Sea.” Ask your children to tell you what they know about this story. *Talk about, “How does God fight for us and save us from sin, death, and the devil?” Discuss Baptism and how water combined with God's Word washes you clean from sin and gives you eternal life.*

Flower Chart: The 2021 flower chart is in the back of the narthex, please feel free to sign up. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Amanda Behrens in the church office and she will help you.

Historic Church Window Preservation Project: Work to repair and preserve our historic church windows has been completed! The total cost of the project was \$63,159. To help defray the costs of this important project, we are asking members of the congregation to consider making a generous donation to help cover the cost. A contribution of any amount would be greatly appreciated, but the following contribution amounts will be acknowledged on a commemorative plaque in honor or memory of the person or thing of your choice:

- \$3,500 – The amount equal to the cost of preserving one window
- \$1,750 – The amount equal to half the cost of preserving of one window
- \$875 – The amount equal to a quarter of the cost of preserving one window

Contributions will be accepted until February 1st and can be made by writing “Church Window Project” in the memo line of a check written to Saint Michael’s. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Marceil Prestridge at 832-567-8636.

12/31/20

Dear St. Michael's Family,

Merry Christmas! What a year it has been...

This is my favorite time of year. I love evening services during Advent, and I love all the decorations and lights that make our church extra beautiful. I love the music and the traditions. I love getting to celebrate Christ's coming and focusing on His second one that will be coming. I love it all! This time of year also makes me reflect on my many blessings, which is why I write to you today.

My dear church family, each year you give us such a generous gift, and each year we are deeply humbled and grateful. You love and support us so well, and we can't adequately thank you. (We still can't figure out how you coordinate it

without us knowing about it!) I want to personally thank you. Your love and support have been so amazing, and you have blessed our family richly through it.

As a pastor's wife, in particular, I am blessed by you. You are kind and loving to my kids, and you are helping raise them in the faith. You are patient and tolerant when we are distracting in church. You spoil them with hugs, high-fives, and gifts. You support and appreciate my husband. You provide us a wonderful home and land to use. (Both of which I am especially grateful for in 2020!) You regularly and unexpectedly gift us and share in life with us. You care for us far more than I ever expected... Thank you. Thank you for calling us. Thank you for raising us. Thank you for providing for us and blessing us. Thank you for making us part of your family.

We love you all very much, and there is rarely a week that goes by that Nate and I don't count St. Michael's among our greatest blessings. We thank you, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to use St. Michael's for years to come!

Your sister in Christ and your grateful pastor's wife,

Candice M. Hill

**SAINT MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

DATE: January 10, 2021

NAME(S) AND CONTACT INFORMATION*

		MEMBER	VISITOR	DESIRES A CALL	COMMUNING TODAY?
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***NOTE:** VISITORS, PLEASE PROVIDE ALL CONTACT INFORMATION; MEMBERS, UPDATED INFORMATION ONLY