

Sunday, November 27th 2022

The First 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 Saint 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 Saint Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building was built in 1906. 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 Saint 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	Pastor
Opening Hymn	<i>"Prepare the Royal Highway"</i> LSB #343

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. 118:25-28; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 We bless you from the house of the Lord.
 The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
 Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God; I will extol you.
*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, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

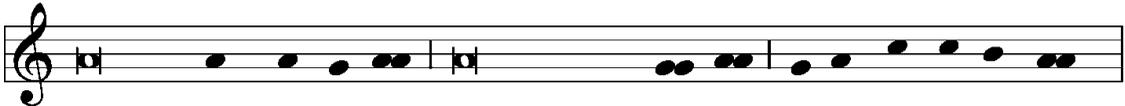
Mark 10:47



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.



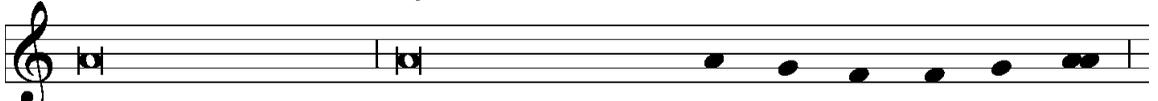
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



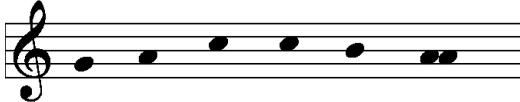
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



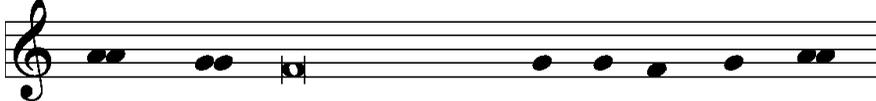
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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



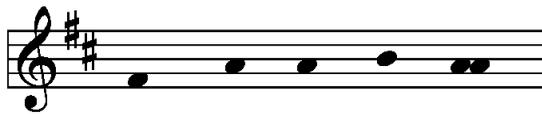
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
5O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 122

1I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

2Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

3Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

4to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

5There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

6Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!

7Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”

8For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

9For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field;

one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

LSB #332

Sermon

"Not One, But Two Advents"
Matthew 24:36-44

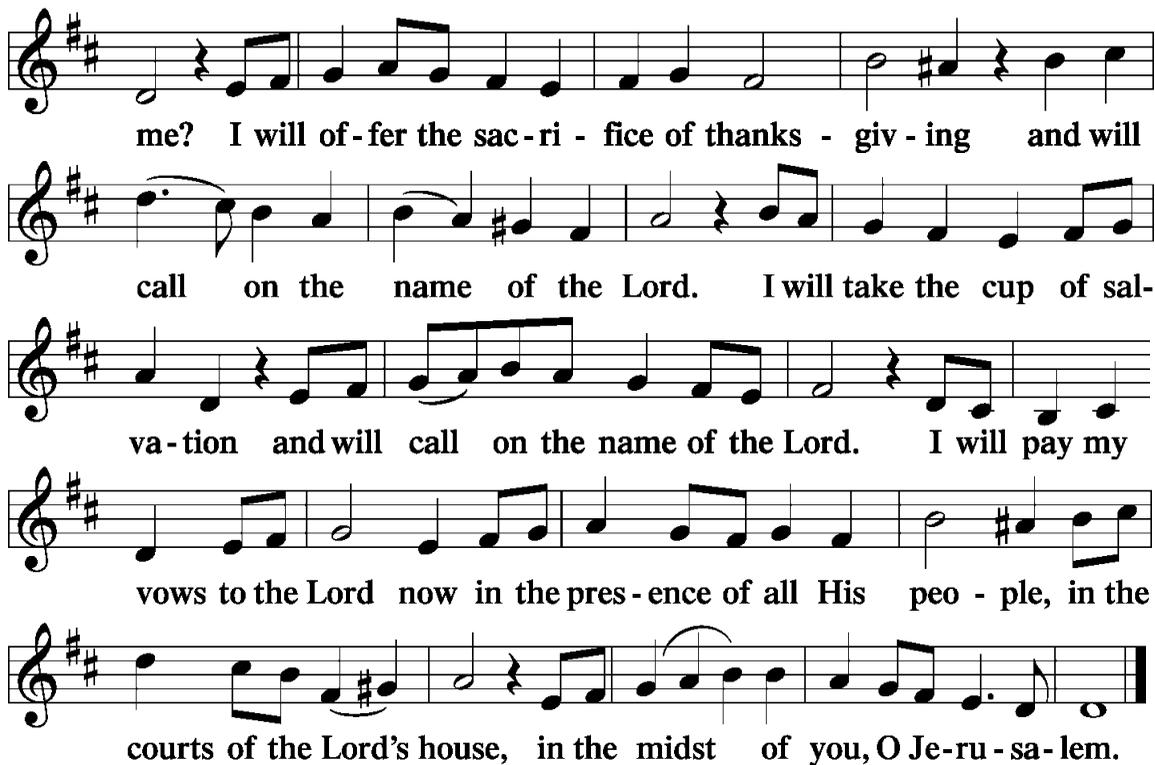
Rev. Nate Hill

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.**

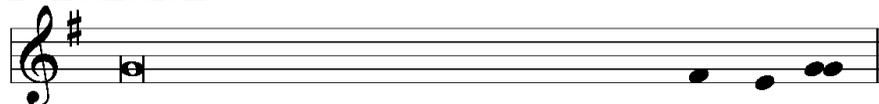
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



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

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

Closing Hymn

"The Advent of Our King"

LSB #331

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- James Carr – *Buddy Smith's Coworker*
- Jeannie Doyle – *Larry Herzog's Daughter*
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Marian Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles & Rose Lehmann's Daughter*
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- John Kocurek – *Irma & Daniel Gersch's Brother-in-Law*
- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause – *Diana Roeber's Friend*
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Ruth Medack – *Maclyn Lehmann's sister*
- Katrina Miertschin
- Travis Miertschin
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Catherine Trevino – *Buddy Smith's Coworker's Daughter*
- Amy Wagner

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton – US Army – Fort Carson, Colorado
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Kaleb Pyle – US Army – Fort Bliss, Texas
- Dylan Robbins – USMC – Newport, Rhode Island
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Erik Vallejo – Texas National Guard – United States Border

MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- John & Jenn Wolf – LCMS Missionaries – Kenya

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING: are given to the glory of God by Morgan Ray and Delores Karisch in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, November 27th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 10:15am – Christmas Program Practice – *Sanctuary*
- After the service – Christmas Tree Setup – *Sanctuary*

Monday, November 28th

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

Tuesday, November 29th

- 7:00pm – Voters' Meeting – *Education Building*

Wednesday, November 30th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Advent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

Friday, December 2nd

- 6:00pm – WACA Christmas Party – *Zilss Hall*

Saturday, December 3rd

- 8:00am – Trustees' Work Day

Sunday, December 4th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 10:15am – Christmas Program Practice – *Sanctuary*

Explore Epiphany Sunday: “Explore Epiphany Sunday” is an initiative by the pastors and congregations involved in supporting Epiphany-Bastrop to encourage their members to regularly visit Epiphany. The intent is to show their support for the ministry and serve as a sort of critical mass as we invite others and grow. What a wonderful encouragement you can be for the congregation at Epiphany – Bastrop! Saint Michael's is assigned to the first Sunday of every month for our “Explore Epiphany Sunday”. If you would like to participate, please plan on attending our service at Saint Michael's and then skipping the Sunday Bible Study to instead caravan with our other members to Epiphany to attend their service which takes place at 11:30!

Christmas Tree Setup: Come help get the sanctuary ready for the Advent and Christmas season. TODAY, Sunday, November 27th after service we will be putting up the tree and other decorations. If you have any questions please reach out to Amanda Hankemeier (979-540-8143). We hope to see you there! Many hands make light work.

Rehearsals for Children's Christmas Eve Program: At this year's Christmas Eve Service, we will once again be blessed to enjoy a program put on by the children of our congregation. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate, please plan on having them attend all rehearsals for the children's program. Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School Hour each week and begin November 20th. There will also be a final rehearsal at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 21st. In order to ensure that the children are well-prepared for their songs and speaking parts, attendance at each of the December rehearsals is mandatory. Please contact Amanda Hart at 979-540-0600 or another member of the Board of Education for more information.

GEMS: Our Post Oak GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) Group is meeting Sunday, November 27, at 2:00 PM at Holy Cross, Warda. This group is open to all girls 5th-12th grade. We will have a brief meeting, an activity, and snack time. Moms are welcome too! Please join us for this time of fellowship and fun! GEMS is a teen LWML group we are starting up in our zone, and we would love to see young ladies from all of our churches represented!

WACA Christmas Party! You are all invited to come to Zilss Hall on December 2 at 6pm for the WACA Christmas Party! There will be dinner, a Christmas Carol sing-a-long, Bingo, activities for the children, and the arrival of Santa Claus! We hope to see you there!

Bingo for Seniors: Immanuel, Giddings is excited to partner with *A Perfect Way Home Health Care* to offer an opportunity for all seniors in our community to get together for bingo and fellowship. Mark your calendar for the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at Immanuel's fellowship hall. **We will begin Wednesday, December 7th**. Everything is provided at no cost, including bingo supplies, prizes, and food. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact the Immanuel church office (979) 542-2918. For all other information you may contact Mrs. Brittany Behrens 979-540-0181.

POINSETTIAS AT CHRISTMAS



We will soon be celebrating the birth of our Lord on Christmas. We would like to have Poinsettias in our church for the Christmas Season. The beauty of the Poinsettias gives praise and glory to the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

We will be selling Poinsettias with the proceeds going to the LWML. The Poinsettia plants will cost you \$8.00, will have 4 to 6 blooms and will be fully dressed. The plants will remain in church until after the New Year's Eve Service when you may take them home.

Please fill out the form below and give it along with your \$8.00 to Mirlyn Griffin no later than Sunday, November 27th. Be sure to designate what you want printed in the bulletin (Memorial or Honorarium) about your Poinsettia. **Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.**

We will look forward to having the church ablaze in the beauty of your Poinsettias at Christmastime.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM (Please print clearly)

Name _____ Phone _____

I wish to order # _____ Poinsettias at \$8.00 each

Enclosed is my check (or cash) for \$_____.

Please print the following in the bulletin about my Poinsettias:
