

Second Sunday in Advent December 4, 2022

Order of Service

Divine Service III, page 184 in the hymnal

7:45 hymns - 346, 344, 770

10:30 hymns - 346, 344, 770, 349, 353

Sermon

"I Can't Do Anything Right!"

Luke 7:33-34

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the

bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-9, 12: For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing to your name." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

Luke 7:24-28, 31-35: When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.' For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Jeff Bolzman
Eric Roedel, Wayne Bierlein, Larry Kischnick
Organist Pam Bernreuter

Acolytes . . Chris Esckelson, Aiden Balcer
Usher Captains Matt Buchinger
Jeff Mossner
Altar Guild Nancy Bierlein
Ann Thurston

Wednesday

Elders Scott Wenzel, Matt Brown,
James Janson
Organist Dr. Jon Eifert
Usher Jeff Mossner

Christmas Concert today at 3:00 p.m. featuring the choirs of St. Michael's Church and School. Be sure to come and enjoy beautiful Christmas songs and hymns and invite your family and friends. Also note that Valley Lutheran High School will hold their Christmas Concert here at St. Michael's next Sunday at 3:00.

Dr. Jon Eifert and Jeff Bolzman are team teaching a Sunday Morning Bible class entitled "The Anti-Catechism." We meet between services in the meeting room at church.

Blood Drive: Give the gift of life at St. Michael's church on Tuesday, December 6th from 1 to 6 p.m. Make an appointment by calling 866-642-5663 or at Versiti.org. Pizza and shirts will be available.

Sisters of Ruth: All widows are invited to join us at Innovations in Richville on

December 7th. Meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend! Call Luann Hecht by Monday December 5th so she can let them know how many will be attending.

Items for the January newsletter and calendar should be turned in to the church office by Monday, December 12th.

Youth: Join us on December 17th at church from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for game night with prizes and cookie decorating. We'll also practice a skit for the Kidz Min Christmas party on December 18th.

Are you a Thrivent Member? Do you still have Thrivent Action Team Projects available to apply for in 2022? Each Thrivent member can apply for 2 Action Team Projects per year to obtain a \$250 gift card per project. Please contact Pam Mossner at 989-239-6999.

Mary Martha & LLL Christmas party December 13 in the over flow room. at 5:30 eat at 6:00. To get tickets call Eric Roedel 989-295-9627 or Dale & Judy Janson 989-868-4294 \$15.00 per person.

School News

Gift cards through RaiseRight (scrip) are available for purchase between church services in the foyer or at the school office during office hours. Order forms are available with a drop box in the church

foyer. Orders should be placed by Dec 15 to insure delivery for Christmas. In stock gift cards will be available till Dec 21 . Orders may also be placed online when creating an account through RaiseRight.com.

Coyer Candle fundraiser for the Hot Lunch program. Brochures are in the foyer. Place your order with Sarah Willette at 989-395-5438 or in the school office. We receive 50% of the proceeds for our program.

Thank you to all who donated to the Vassar Food Pantry! It was a wonderful variety of food and families will be all set up to celebrate Christmas. Peggy Barnes, Director, Vassar Food Pantry

Attendance

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| Thanksgiving Eve | 188 |
| Thanksgiving Day | 114 |
| Sunday | 318 |
| Wednesday Advent | 132 |

This week at St. Michael's

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| Today | Second Sunday in Advent Worship 7:45 a.m. Bible Classes/Kidz Min 9 a.m. Communion 10:30 a.m. Christmas Concert 3 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Blood Drive 2- 6 p.m. Elders 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Sisters of Ruth 11:30 a.m. Handbells 6 p.m. |

Advent Communion 7 p.m.
Thursday Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Next Sunday . . . Third Sunday in Advent
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/Kidz Min 9 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
VLHS Christmas Concert 3 p.m.

Church Office 989-868-4791
New website . . . stmichaelsrichville.org
Email . . church@stmichaelsrichville.org
School Office 989-868-4809
Child Care 989-868-3830

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. The sermon for next Sunday: "Beauty We Can't See". We often feel our need for God's presence only when we see what it looks like when He's absent.

Faith based movies in Vassar: When her husband has a mental breakdown and goes missing, a woman and her young son set out to find him on the streets, sparking a movement that inspires a city. Remarkable true story from Sony AFFIRM ("War Room," "Miracles from Heaven," "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"). Receive a free ticket for "5000 Blankets" or enjoy a popcorn & pop combo on us when you donate a blanket. Presented in partnership with Tuscola County ISD and Woman's Life Vassar Chapter. For group (15+) bookings please call (989) 823-3030

now. Special offer includes \$5.00 ticket and \$5.00 medium popcorn & pop combo (optional). Show times are on the flyer in the foyer.

Prayers

Health

Anthony Bierlein, shoulder surgery at Towne Center on 12/9
Vivian Reinbold, Hospice, Gladwin
Sonja Auernhamer, Hopsice, Vassar Comfort Care

Thanksgiving

Charles Barnett, 92nd birthday on Dec. 1st

Missions

Rev. Dr. Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff Riga, Latvia
Quintin teaches at the Luther Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, an LCMS partner church. He assists in the education and pastoral formation of ministry candidates who come from around Eurasia to attend the academy. He also is involved in starting an English-language service in Riga for expats and English speakers

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, through John the Baptist You once proclaimed salvation. Grant that we may receive Your mercy through

*faith and serve You in holiness and
righteousness all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
Amen."*