

First Sunday after Christmas

December 28th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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Hymns 373, 386, 371, 374, 383, 377	Hymns 373, 386, 374

Sermon

"Christmas All Year Long"
Pastor Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 63:7-14: I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. He said, "Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me"; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them, who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble;

like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the Lord. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

Galatians 4:4-7: But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Matthew 2:13-23: When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the

child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Charlie Zwerk, Scott Wenzel, Dave Miller; Dennis Thurston
Organist	Heiki Palm
Usher	Mike Buchinger; Brian Knoll

Altar Guild Liz Hecht, Jenny Bickel

Wednesday

Elders	Scott Wenzel, Mark Schiefer
Organist	Calista Daenzer
Usher	Brian Knoll

This week at St. Michael's

Today	Communion 7:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed	New Year's Eve Communion 6 p.m.
Next Sun.	Worship Service 7:45 a.m. Bible Class 9 a.m. Communion 10:30 a.m.

The roses at the sides of the altar are in loving memory of Christopher Esckelson, who passed away 19 years ago today; and for his 42nd birthday on December 30th.

Installation of Officers will be after the offering in the 10:30 service; immediately following that will be the Installation of Pastor Mark Auernhamer as associate pastor.

Artifacts from our Church History are available to see between services and after late service in the church basement, and take home any that have sentimental value.

Pastor Gillaspie's Bible Class will not meet today.

New Year's Eve Communion Service will be at 6:00 PM.

Sisters of Ruth will meet at church, January 7, for lunch at noon. Pizza will be ordered. Bring Christmas cookies for dessert.

The Pew Candles are used for special services, i.e. Easter, Church Anniversary, Christmas, and weddings (upon request). They are temporarily fastened to the pew. They are not firmly attached. For your safety, please do not hang onto them when standing up or sitting down.

Parents of young children: Be sure to check out the pew pack station and try one of our new colorful doodleboard tablets for your child to use during services. Donated by the Outreach Board.

Attendance

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Knowing and Being Known in a New Year" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved. John 17:3

Prayers

Health

*Bruce Bierlein; Michelle DeCoe; Don Duperon;
Hope Hecht; Makenna Hoeppner; Ann Houser;
Bev Jacobs; Dave Janson; Jim Karst; Barb Kern;
Jenna Mathews; Carolyn Navarre; Eugene
Palmreuter; Barb Rupprecht; John Schemm;
Bev Schemm; Rollie Wenzel*

Mission

*Rev. Matthew and Kali Wood serve on behalf
of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
(LCMS) in Indonesia, based in Medan as an area
facilitator with responsibilities in Japan, South
Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and Australia.*

Prayer of the Day

"Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions and grant
us
Your continual help so that all our works may
glorify Your holy name.
Finally, by Your mercy receive us into the
eternal kingdom prepared for us
by Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."