

Second Sunday in Advent

December 7th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
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Sermon

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace"

Rev. Wes Gllaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day

the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Romans 15:7-13: Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12: In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these

stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Scott Wenzel; Ben Bekemeier, Dennis Thurston, Jason Hecht*
Organist *Calista Daenzer*
Usher *Don Bierlein; Klair Bierlein*
Altar Guild *Laura Rushford*
Acolytes *Ashlynn Esckelson, Brittany Bickel*

Wednesday

Elder *Lucas Brown*
Usher *Klair Bierlein*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Concert 3 p.m.
Mon . Mary Martha/LLL Christmas Party 6 p.m.
Tue Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.
PTL 6:30 p.m.
Trustees 7 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed . . Advent Worship Service 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Next Sun. Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Concert 3 p.m.

Advent Devotions: "Every Heart Prepare" is the devotional booklet provided by Lutheran Laymen's League with help from an Endowment Fund grant. They are available at the exits. We invite everyone to take a book home for family or private devotions to help us remember "Jesus is the reason for the season!"

Midweek Advent Worship: The theme for our Wednesday services is "The Glad Sound of Immanuel." This week we look at the hymn "O Come O Come Immanuel." We will have Wednesday morning worship at 9:00 for our students and all others who wish to attend, and the same service again at 7:00 PM. The School Children's program will be on the 17th at both 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Michigan High School Youth Gathering: Today, We will have a parent meeting between services in the basement at the Church with more info. about this event, as well as forms in the foyer available to grab.

Lion Consulting with Julian Petzold will be hosting a question/answer session about School & Childcare Security today after the 10:30 service.

Christmas Concert Today at 3:00. We lift up our voices as we praise our newborn King!

Mary Martha/LLL Christmas Party Tomorrow, Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m. at Millington Christian Fellowship Church. Please contact Sally Janson(989)550-2192 or Wayne Bierlein(989)551-3011 with any questions.

Blood Drive Tuesday, Dec. 9th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Park Hall. Making appointments is

appreciated. Call 1-866-642-5663. We hope to see YOU there, giving the gift of life.

Gift Card Fundraiser: Simplify your gift giving needs by stopping by the table in the church foyer between church services Nov.30-Dec. 14. Orders can be made by going online to Raiseright.com. More information can be found in the church newsletter or by contacting Cheryl (989)882-5621 or Lavonne (989)863-0081.

Items for the January Newsletter are needed to the church office by next Monday, Dec 15th.

Youth Group Event: (7th- 12th grade) Concert to see TobyMac, Crowder, and Jermy Camp, March 12th at 7 p.m., at the Dow Event Center. Cost will be \$40/ticket. Please RSVP with Carrie Hoepfner by Dec. 15th

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.

New Officers: Please forward your email addresses and phone numbers to Linda Trombley (ratherbeknitting@gmail.com)

The Passion Drama has donated funds to put together two first aid kits, and a de-choking device called the LifeVac that will be near the AED. To learn more about how to use the LifeVac device, you can visit www.lifevac.net or reach out to Josh Doud (989)-325-2059 for more information. Thank you to Emily Bierlein for spearheading this project with the help of other nurses in our congregation.

Envelope Boxes for 2026 can be picked up in the foyer. Please do not use until Jan. 1st, 2026.

Attendance

Thanksgiving.	296
Sun. Nov. 30 th	218
Wed. Dec 3 rd	475

Weekly Income: 11/23-11/29: \$28,636.07
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Misc. Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday:"Pictures of Patience" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8)

Prayers

Health

Karen Bauer; Larry Bauer; Bruce Bierlein; Craig Compton; Michelle DeCoe; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Dave Janson; Jim Karst; Barb Kern; Jenna Mathews; Eugene Palmreuter; Norm Petzold; Barb Rupprecht; John Schemm; Bev Schemm; Pauline Scherzer; Rollie Wenzel

Thanksgiving

Marvel Bekemeier's 90th Birthday; Dec. 5th

Mission

Rev. Steven and Martha Mahlburg serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Sri Lanka. Steven partners with the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Sri Lanka to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

"Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of
Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You
with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."