

The Baptism of our Lord

January 11th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
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Hymns	Hymns
394, 405, 400, 395, 600	394, 405, 400
Wednesday Hymns	399, 397

Sermon

"With You I Am Well Pleased"

Pastor Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope. This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.

Romans 6:1-11: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17: Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Charlie Zwerk, Dave Miller, Kevin Kern; Jason Hecht
Organist	Calista Daenzer
Usher	Jeff Mossner; Matt Buchinger

Altar Guild Lois Bierlein, Donna Bierlein

This week at St. Michael's

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Mon Newsletter Deadline

World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.

Tue PTL 6:30 p.m.

Trustees 7 p.m.

Adult Choir 7 p.m.

Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class 9 a.m.

Communion 10:30 a.m.

Baptisms: Gwen and Robin Schultz, children of T.J. and Tamra Schultz, and their grand-daughter Rayne Schultz received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on January 5th. T.J. and Tamra were received into membership after attending membership class. We welcome this family to St. Michael's!

Pastor Gillaspie's Bible Class will not meet today.

LLL meets Monday the 19th at 7:00. Pastor Gillaspie will lead a Bible study.

Church Council meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m.; Voters Meeting Sunday, Jan. 18th immediately after late service in the overflow room.

Quilting Mon. Jan 12th at 9 a.m in the church basement. Anyone is welcome to help.

No Worship on Wednesday: Much of the church building will be closed off this week for carpet cleaning.

175th Anniversary Kick-off: St. Michael's was founded in 1851 and turns 175 this year! We are pleased to have District President David Davis as

our guest preacher on Sunday, January 25th. Pastor Elmer Schiefer, a son of St. Michael's who is 100 years old, will also be in attendance that day.

Lutherans for Life's Sanctity of Human Life is being observed next Sunday, with the theme "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made," based on Psalm 139:14, "*I praise you Lord for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*" A special door offering will be collected(Jan. 18th & 21st) for Lutherans for Life and Focus on the Family's Option Ultrasound as they work with clients facing life decisions. Both of these prolife organizations work with families giving them HOPE that is only found in our newborn Savior Jesus. Please plan ahead for these mission opportunities and pray for the efforts of Life Sunday.

Youth Group Event: February 1st, Snow Tubing at Snow Snake in Harrison, MI. We will meet for early service at 7:45 at St. Michael's. If you are planning to attend please RSVP to Mrs. Hoeppner by January 26. More information can be found in the Jan. Newsletter.

Adult Choir We are excited to extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join the Adult Choir here at St. Michael's. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or simply love to sing from the heart, our choir is a welcoming space where voices come together to inspire, celebrate our faith, friendships and harmony. Rehearsals resume on Tuesday. Come Join Us!

Lutheran Witness Envelope for the Lutheran Witness Magazine subscription will be \$22.50 for 2026.

Thrivent Members: Thrivent offers a program where eligible members receive an extra \$25 in

Choice Dollars during their birthday month. These funds can be directed to an enrolled charity of your choice. This is a wonderful opportunity to support St. Michael's Church or School. Please let me know if you need any help directing your Choice Dollars.

Dear Member's of St. Michael's...

"I want to thank everyone that sent cards and prayers during Norm's long illness; Pastor Gillaspie for his many visits to see Norm and his wonderful funeral service. To the luncheon crew who served us and cleaned up after us: We are truly blessed to belong to such a wonderful church. God's blessings to all of you."

-Vera Petzold & Family

Additional Shut Ins: Lois Braun, Winter Village #239; Irene Rodammer, Winter Village.

Attendance

New Years Eve	63
Sun. Jan. 4 th	
Wed. Jan. 7 th	

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Outstanding Universal Value" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that's not the goal. 1 Corinthians 1:18-19

St. Lorenz's German worship service will be held today at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11th in the Church. The service will focus on Epiphany (Epiphanias), a time to reflect on and grow in a dawning awareness of God's presence in us here and now, as we stand on the verge of a new year of His grace. The service will be broadcast locally on Spectrum/Charter cable channel 191. It can also be viewed via the St. Lorenz website (Media - Traditional Worship), the St. Lorenz app, and the Frankenmuth-Gunzenhausen Facebook page.

Prayers

Health

Lewis Abraham; Michelle DeCoe; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Ann Houser; Dave Janson; Jim Karst; Barb Kern; Jenna Mathews; Carolyn Navarre; Eugene Palmreuter; Barb Rupprecht; Don Weber; Rollie Wenzel

Thanksgiving

*Hadley Buetow; born Dec. 29th
to Nicholas & Becki Buetow*

Mission

Jana Inglehart serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as the regional communication specialist for the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In this missionary role, she assists national churches and missionary pastors in church planting through the provision of media tools they can use to give witness to the Gospel.

Prayer of the Day

"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 eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."