## First Sunday in Advent November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
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	355, 338

#### <u>Sermon</u>

"Clothe Yourselves With The Lord Jesus Christ" Rev. Wes GIllaspie

## **Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 2:1-5: This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Romans 13:11-14: And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us

behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Matthew 24:36-44: "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Charlie Zwerk; Dave Miller,
	Matt Brown; Dennis Thurston
Organist	Calista Daenzer
Usher	Matt Buchinger; Jeff Mossner
Altar Guild	Trisha Vasicek, Jennifer Haines

## Wednesday

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## This week at St. Michael's

Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Tue Elders 7 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed Sisters of Ruth 11:30 p.m.
Advent Communion Service 7 p.m.
Thurs ECC 6:30 p.m.
Next Sun Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Concert 3 p.m.

No Kidzmin or Adult Bibles Classes today.

Passion Drama Meeting today, at 7 p.m in the overflow room.

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

Midweek Advent Worship: This year we're doing something new. We will have Wednesday Advent Worship at 9:00 AM so our school students can attend, and everyone else is invited as well. We will also have the regular 7:00 PM service. This Wednesday, December 3rd, will be Communion at 7:00 PM. Our theme for December 3rd and the 10th is "The Glad Sound of Immanuel." We'll look at two Advent hymns: "Hark the Glad Sound" and "O Come, O Come Immanuel" respectively on the 3rd and the 10th. The School Children's program will be on the 17th at 9:00 AM and at 7:00 PM.

*Ushers Needed!* Members between the ages of 3 and 103, male or female, can be an usher for church services. Contact Don Bierlein (989) 529-5661.

CHRISTmas Decorators needed: We are looking to find a couple more helpers to decorate our church for Christmas - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. If you have a liking for making our church beautiful for Jesus' birth, contact Beth Bierlein: (989)385-0310 or Renee Rodammer (989)882-3503.

Lion Consulting with Julian Petzold will be hosting a question/answer session about School & Childcare Security on December 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 service.

Christmas Concert December 7th at 3:00. We lift up our voices as we praise our newborn King!

Michigan High School Youth Gathering: Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Mary Martha/LLL Christmas Party Mon. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at Millington Christian Fellowship Church. Tickets are \$16, please contact Sally Janson (989) 550-2192 or Wayne Bierlein (989) 551-3011. More information can be found in the foyer.

*Blood Drive* Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Caring Closet in Saginaw Supported by Outreach. Sat. December 13th, The Caring Closet will host the second annual "Kelly Loves Christmas 4 Kids" event — giving children the joy of shopping for their family members in need. More information can be found in the church

newsletter. Questions, contact Ann Zwerk (989) 672-9363.

Gift Card Fundraiser: Simplify your gift giving needs by stopping by the table in the church fover 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.

The Passion Drama has donated funds to put Jesus--chosen, but chosen for what? (Romans together two first aid kits. The plan is to have one 15:7) back near the AED in the foyer, and one at the very front of the church in the Pastor's room. There is also 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.

## Elected Officers in 2026

Congregational Chairman: Mark Frank Contributions Coordinator: Carol Hess Church Elder: Rodney Hecht, Kevin Kern School Board: Jeff Bolzman, John Sahr, Jenny Bickel Trustee: Collin Bierlein, Ron Spiekerman Cemetery Board: Dennis Reinbold, Matt Buchinger Financial Secretary: Becky Squanda, Matt Bierlein Childcare: Emily Bierlein Discipleship Board: Nicole Palm

**Attendance** 

Outreach Board: Pam Mossner

Weekly Income: 11/16-11/22: . . . . \$54,091.51 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: "Chosen for What?" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; God calls believers to trust and follow

St. Lorenz German Christmas Song Fest Today at 3 p.m., The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual "Weihnachts-Singfest" of German hymns and readings for Advent and Christmas.

# Prayers

#### Health

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

## Mission

Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as the regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), which encompasses 22 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean.

## Prayer of the Day

"Stir up, we implore You, Your power O Lord and come

to us that by Your protection we may be rescued from our sins and saved by

Your mighty deliverance; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."