

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church and School

“Every Heart Prepare”

“Reflections of Mary” Musical Drama

Third Midweek Advent Service

+ December 17, 2025 + 6:30 pm

(* = please stand)

WELCOME

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*** OPENING SONGS:** “What Child Is This / O Holy Night”

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Including parts of Isaiah 40)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

C: **Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

P: Every valley shall be lifted up,

C: **And every mountain and hill be made low;**

P: The uneven ground shall become level,

C: **And the rough places a plain.**

P: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

C: **And all flesh shall see it together,**

P: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” *(we pause for a time of silent reflection and confession).* O Almighty God,

C: **Merciful Father, we confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and left undone. Forgive us for the sake of Your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, whom You sent to redeem the world.**

Prepare our hearts to worship Him at the celebration of His first coming to be our Savior, and prepare our hearts to receive Him with repentance and faith when He comes again on the last day to be our judge. Amen.

P: By God’s grace, and through faith in the saving life, death, and resurrection of His Son, we have received the forgiveness of all our sins. Let us lift up our heads in confidence as we await our redemption at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

C: **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,**

P: Cry to her that her warfare is ended,

C: **That her iniquity is pardoned.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 5:2; Jeremiah 23:5; and Isaiah 7:14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

DRAMA 1 - The Announcement

SOLO: *“Mary Did You Know,” word and music by Mark Lowry*

DRAMA 2 - The Arrival

(Children’s message around the manger)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: “Silent Night / Peace Peace”

DRAMA 3 - The Shepherds

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (*arrangement by Wendysue Fluegge*)

DRAMA 4 - The Savior

SOLO: “Gather at the Manger,” *words and music by Wendysue Fluegge*

*** PRAYER**

DRAMA 5 - The Mission

*** BLESSING**

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*** CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** “Joy to the World” (*arrangement with a new melody by Wendysue Fluegge*)

SERVING TODAY

Presiding (P): Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Guest Musician/Dramatist: Wendysue Fluegge