



St. Michael

Lutheran Church

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS



Saturday (Contemporary Worship)	5:00p
Sunday (Traditional Worship)	8:00a & 10:45a
Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes resume 1/6	9:30a
The Bridge	11:00a

FIRST WEEKEND AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29/30, 2018

Theme of the Day: This past week, we celebrated Christ's birth. We continue the celebration this weekend as we ask the question, "What child is this?" He is Christ our King.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

C: **Which thou has prepared**

P: Before the face of all people;

C: **To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to**

P: Be the glory of thy people Israel.

C: **Behold, this child is appointed**

P: For the fall and rising of many in Israel.

C: **What Child is this?**

P: Christ our King.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(stanzas 1, 2)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on

us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem **361**
(stanzas 3, 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, as we ask the question, “What child is this,” govern our hearts that we may never forget your mercy, your love, and your forgiveness for all people. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS POINT US TO CHRIST OUR KING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:1–6

SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:7–12

SONG Infant Holy, Infant Lowly **393**

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:22–35

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SERMON

Please see the insert for the sermon notes.

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OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 5:00p and 8:00a
10:45a

What Child is This
In the Bright Sky

Sophie Caudill
SMLC Academy Student

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Following the pastor's prayer, "Let our loving hearts enthrone him," the congregation is invited to respond, "**Christ our King.**"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (Sung to the tune of *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI (Sung to the tune of *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Away in the Manger	365
Angels from the Realms of Glory	367
Joy to the World	387
Let Us All with Gladsome Voice	390
Once in Royal David's City	376

POST COMMUNION (Sung to the tune of *Angels from the Realms of Glory*)

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord, who is our King, bless you and keep you,

C: **The Lord, who gives us our identity, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.**

P: The Lord, look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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SILENT PRAYER

Jesus, throughout this new year help us to remember, "What Child is This?" You are Christ the King. Amen.