December 7, 2025

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Prelude

Breath of Heaven/Mary's Song

Announcements

Introit What Child Is This?

No. 317

*Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:21–22

And since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

*Hymn of Praise

Angels from the Realms of Glory

No. 313

*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:8-11

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we are reminded of the divine purpose for the incarnation of Christ: that his name was called Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen nature and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank you for his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension for sinners like me. We plead your forgiveness and pardon in his redeeming name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

What Child Is This?

No. 317

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-21

(Pew pg. 857/LP pg. 1069)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

pg. 970

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

No. 321

*Doxology

No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation

Once in Royal David's City

No. 322

1. Preparation

2. Restoration

3. Exaltation

Question:

- 1. How are we to understand the relationship between the Old Testament and New Testament? Explain
- 2. In what ways does Isaiah show us the preparation that God makes for Jesus' incarnation?
- 3. What does it mean to have a ministry of restoration? In what ways does Jesus Christ restore us? Explain.
- 4. What does it mean that the Gospel goes into the ends of the earth? How do we reflect this in the church?

The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music O Holy Night

*Hymn of Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 323

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

Do You Hear What I Hear

Musician AM Grayden Lash

Musician PM Emily Thevenin

Intercessory Prayer Andrew Gretzinger

Songs for Next Week

Hark the Herald Angels Sing	No. 311
What Child Is This?	No. 317
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	No. 321
Joy to the World	No. 299

^{*} Congregation: Please stand as able.

Weekly Calendar

SUN 12/7	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship AM Service – LORD'S Supper
	5 PM	Worship PM Service

WED 12/10 1 PM PM Care Group

SAT 12/13 10 AM Christmas Cookie Exchange

SUN 12/14
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
Worship AM Service
No Worship PM Service
Shepherding Groups Meet

Serving the Lord

	12/7/25	12/14/25	12/21/25
Nursery During Sunday School	Karen Carleton	Curtis Family	Calla Bailey
Nursery During AM Service	Isaiah Martin & Cassy Erickson	Andrea Tummond & Cordie Armstrong	Deanna Curtis & Nora Jones
Nursery During PM Service	Grace Martin	N/A	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Robbin Kern	Martha Lietchy
Treats/ Clean	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ed Ross	Ben Armstrong
Elder	Andrew Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin
Deacon	Jason Lash	Ben Armstrong	Ed Ross
Communion Prep	Yon Lindborg	N/A	N/A

Announcements

*Cookie Exchange: Annual Cookie Exchange, <u>December 13</u> @ 10am.

* Messiah Concert Michigan City: Details below.

Michigan City Messiah 2025
Saturday, December 13, 7pm & Sunday, December 14, 2pm
St. Mary The Immaculate Conception Church
411 W. 10th. Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

*Christmas Choir Announcements:

- -This year there will be a Children's Choir performing on December 14th and Christmas Eve service (December 24th). Talk to Chris if you have questions.
- -Adult Choir will be on December 21st and Christmas Eve Service (December 24th). Please sign up at the welcome desk. Talk with Chris if you have questions.
- *Christmas Candlelight Service: On Christmas Eve our annual candlelight Service will be held at 5PM.

EVENING WORSHIP 5:00 p.m.

	
Prelude 321	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
Call to Worship	
+Hymn 308	. "Good Christian Men Rejoice"
+Prayer of Invocation	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 45
+Hymn	"Psalm 45 B"
Prayer of Intercession	Elder led
Reading of God's Word	
Preaching of God's Word	Andrew Gretzinger
+Hymn 219	
+Benediction	
*Doxology	
Postlude 318	Angels We Have Heard On High"

⁺The congregation will stand at these times