

# The Amazing



# Story of Christmas

5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service

## Order of Service

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

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Christmas Eve – 5:30 p.m.

December 24, 2024

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### Welcome and Invocation

#### Opening Song

*"Joy to the World"*  
(verses 1-4)

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#### Call to Worship

*Pastor:* This is the night of wonder, the night of joy.

A Child is born to us, the Savior of the world.

Come, let us gather with hearts full of hope.

**People:** **We come as a family to celebrate the birth of Jesus,  
The Light of the world, shining brightly for all to see.  
We bring our joy, our love and our thanksgiving.**

*Pastor:* Let us lift our voices in praise and adoration,  
For unto us a Child is born,

A Son is given. Glory to God in the highest!

**People:** **We will sing with joy. We will worship with gladness,  
For in this humble birth we find God's greatest gift.  
Glory be to God, and peace on earth to all!**

*Pastor:* Come, let us worship the newborn King!  
Together as family, we celebrate His love,  
His peace and His hope. Amen.

**People:** **Amen!**

#### Special Music

### *The Amazing Story of Christmas*

#### Part One – "Mary and Joseph"

##### Song

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*  
(verses 1-3)

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#### Part Two – "The Animals"

##### Song

*"Away in a Manger"*  
(verses 1-3)

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## Part Three – “Angels”

**Song** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* **380**  
(verses 1-3)

## Part Four – “Shepherds”

**Song** *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* **388**  
(verses 1-2)

## Part Five – “Wise Men and the Star”

**Song** *“We Three Kings”*

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

## Part Six – “Conclusion”

**Song** *“Jingle Bells”* *lyrics on screen*

**A Christmas Thought** *Pastor Dave Bass*

## **Offering**

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**Special Music** *offered by Kit Cochran and Samantha Zehnder*

## **Prayers**

## **Lighting of the Candles**

**Closing Song** *“Silent Night, Holy Night”* **363**