

St. Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our mission is to celebrate and share God's love in Jesus Christ

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Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM
Service of the Word
Now the Feast and Celebration

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ.

Our worship services this morning are streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.

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INTRODUCTION

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly is invited to stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN #364 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" MFURAHINI HALELUYA

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there."
Refrain

Refrain

- Let us sing praise to him with endless
joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to
destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!
- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the
grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain
- 2 For three long days the grave did its
worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.
Refrain
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922.

GREETING

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Assisting Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

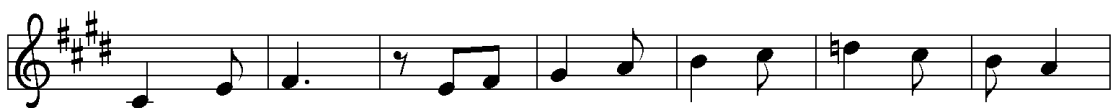
ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now the Feast"



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The assembly is seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-20

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Lector: A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and

said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Lector: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 30

Assisting Minister: ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

ALL: ²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Assisting Minister: ³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

ALL: ⁴Sing praise to the LORD, All you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

Assisting Minister: ⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

ALL: ⁶While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.

Assisting Minister: ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

ALL: ⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

Assisting Minister: ⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

ALL: ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”

Assisting Minister: ¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

ALL: ¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING:

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is invited to stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.

Assisting Minister: The holy gospel according to John. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Assisting Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #373 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

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| 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply. | 4 Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave? |
| 2 Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more. | 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now:
hail, the resurrection, thou! |
| 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise. | 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love! |

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

The assembly is invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation, responding with “hear our prayer.”

A brief silence.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Restore all people who cry to you for help especially...and those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

The assembly is seated

OFFERING

Offering is still being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Two Meditations on *Llanfair*”

The assembly is invited to stand.

OFFERTORY

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Assisting Minister: Holy God, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge, as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death, we thank you for the sustenance of your Word. For your Word of life, we give thanks.

ALL: For your Word of life, we give thanks.

Assisting Minister: We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word, in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways. When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil, you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death. For your Word of promise, we praise you.

ALL: For your Word of promise, we praise you.

Assisting Minister: Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son. Upheld by the voice of your Word, may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy, serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days. For your Word of power, we plead.

ALL: For your Word of power, we plead.

Assisting Minister: Abide with us in your Word, O God, that we may speak your blessing to others, today and forever. **All: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Assisting Minister: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW 674

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Refrain

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe
again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

ALL: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” - arr. Garrett Parker

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Holly Zahradnick.

"Cherishing our Elders" - May 22

Sign up Now!

Please join a hands-on inter generational project to support Lutheran Social Ministries "Cherishing our Elders" program. LSM provides affordable housing, social services and healthcare to more than 1,400 NJ seniors. Many are home-bound and have limited incomes. LSM's ministry helps seniors with food and personal care items and nurtures fellowship with cards or room decorations. Our work session will begin with a light lunch at 12:00 Noon in the social hall. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office so we can plan our meal and project supplies.** All ages and abilities welcome to join in! Project details to follow; contact Kay McConnell with questions. LSM info: <https://www.lsmnj.org/cherishing-our-elders/>

EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

Since last month, the news of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has filled news reports and social media. Heartbreaking images of people saying goodbye to loved ones and lining up to leave the country have occupied our media.

People are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova. Many of these Ukrainians need shelter and basic necessities as food, water and toiletries.

Lutheran Disaster Response is joining companion churches and partners in response to this crisis. These partners provide immediate support and supplies. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an interfaith call for peace in the region.

There are ways to help in support of those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries affected by this crisis. Please pray for healing, peace and hope in their time of need. An offering labeled "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" can be placed in the offering plate in the rear of the Sanctuary or sent to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

St. Michael's Spring Clean-up Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, starting at 8:30 AM**. We will perform general outdoor clean-up, including picking up trash, raking leaves, and trimming shrubs and mulch to flower beds. All are welcome! The more, the merrier. Bring trimmers, garden tools, including rakes, leaf blowers and a wheelbarrow.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be **no Bible study May 4**. Join us May 11 to finish up the series talking about a Royal Pain. Please join us in-person or on Zoom. If you have questions please contact the church office or the Pastor.

DIGITAL SIGN IN

To help keep each other safe, you are welcome to sign in with our new digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or on the tables in the Narthex. You are also welcome to still sign in on the hard copy on the table in the Narthex.



WORSHIP SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

We are asking that folks try not to sit directly behind each other during worship and instead sit in-between the groups in the pew directly in front of you. Think about it like taking a class picture back in school, when you had to stand in the 'window' between the two people in front of you.

