

St. Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Luke 3:1-4



Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'” Luke 3:4-6

**Installation of
The Rev. Christopher Bruesehoff
as Pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church**

December 5, 2021 at 3:00pm

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 11:00am worship service is 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.

Land Acknowledgement

"The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenne-Lenape, called "Lenapehoking." The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenne-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, "as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine." shared by The Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Tribal Nation (<https://nlltribe.com/land-acknowledgement/>)

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Divinum Mysterium” - F. W. Zachow

Laura Dishong, harp

GATHERING

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Bishop: Creating God,
you traced rivers across our landscape
and connected the land in a web of water.
As the Cooper and Delaware Rivers come together
you gather your people together
like tributaries to a river.
We come from city and town,
from suburb and countryside.
Together, we join the ceaseless flow of your love.

We give you thanks for the waters that sustain us.
We give you thanks for the currents that connect us.
We give you thanks
that you have brought us this far by faith,
saving us by water from the flood,
delivering us by water into freedom,
birthing us by water into new life.

Now,
as we give thanks for the gift of baptism
in which you call us your beloved,
we pray that you spill your endless Spirit upon us.
Carry us gently when the way is rough.
Urge us forward when we want to hold back.
Quench our thirst for your presence
and pour us out for the sake of others,
in Cherry Hill, in New Jersey,
in all the world.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN #513*“ Listen God is Calling ”*

NENO LAKE MUNGU

During his 43 years as a missionary in Tanzania, Howard Olson collected many African hymns. These hymns come out of an unwritten, oral tradition. “Listen God is Calling” originated in Kenya. It is a call and responses form, which means a leader begins a phrase and after a few notes everyone joins in. This is a very typical way of singing since the music is not written down for African worshippers, and they must learn it by hearing it. It is also consistent with the corporate nature of African culture in general. African music too, reflects a close relationship between the cantor and the congregation. Music is not for someone, but with someone. (information from the book “Set Free: A Collection of African Hymns” by Howard Olson, published by Augsburg Fortress)

*Refrain**(Listen,)*

**listen, God is calling, through the
Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

(Listen,)

**listen, God is calling, through the
Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)

share the good news*(that he came to save us)***and set us free. Refrain**

2 (Let none be forgotten)

throughout the world.*(In the triune name of God)***go and baptize. Refrain**

3 (Help us to be faithful,)

standing steadfast,*(walking in your precepts,)***led by your Word. Refrain**

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

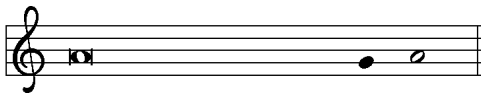
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GREETING

Pastor: 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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



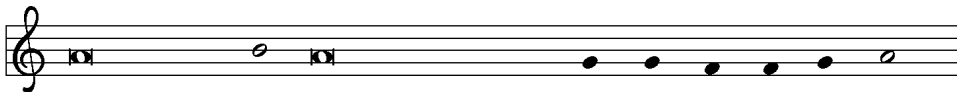
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

WORD

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

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:5-9

⁵Thus says YHWH,

who created the heavens and spread them out,

who gave shape to the earth and what it produces,

who gave life to its peoples and spirit to its inhabitants:

⁶I, YHWH, have called you to serve the cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand, and I watch over you.

I have appointed you to be a covenant people, a light to the nations:

⁷to open the eyes of the blind,

to free captives from prison,

and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.

⁸I am YHWH! This is my Name!

I will not yield my glory to another god or my praise to idols!

⁹See how former predictions have come true.

And now I declare new things!

Before they spring forth, I tell them to you."

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

SECOND READING: Romans 12:4-8

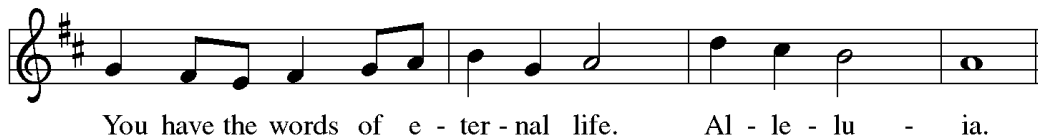
⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members--and these members don't have the same function--⁵so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body. And as members of that one body, we belong to each other.

⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophecy, use it in proportion to your faith. ⁷If your gift is ministry, use it for service. If you are a teacher, use your gift for teaching. ⁸If you are good at preaching, then preach boldly. If you give to charity, do so generously; if you are a leader, exercise your authority with care; if you help others, do so cheerfully.

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Luke. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, Philip his brother tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene. ²In those days, during the high-priesthood of Annas

and Caiaphas, the Word of God came to John, ben-Zechariah, in the desert. ³John went through the entire region of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as is written in the words of Isaiah, the prophet:

"A herald's voice in the desert, crying,
'Make ready the way of our God;
clear a straight path.
⁵Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will be leveled.
The twisted paths will be made straight,
and the rough road smooth-
⁶and all humankind will see the salvation of God.' "

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated

SERMON

HYMN #579

"Lord You Give the Great Commission"

ABBOT'S LEIGH
vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" is an exposition of Christ's Great Commission found in three of the Gospel accounts, perhaps the most famous of which is Matthew's version: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:19-20)

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| 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity: | 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry. | 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: <i>Refrain</i> |

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: *Refrain*
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
may we serve as you intend for the work of ministry.
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

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INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

Bishop: Having been authorized by the church to install Rev. Christopher Bruesehoff, our co- worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

Council President: After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, have called Rev. Christopher Bruesehoff as pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

The bishop addresses the pastor.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As my Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

The bishop questions the pastor.

Bishop: Rev. Bruesehoff, in the presence of this assembly, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that this ministry comes from God through the call of the church? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop: Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the

means of grace? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop: Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Bishop: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.

The bishop questions the assembly.

Bishop: People of God, will you receive Pastor Bruesehoff as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

ALL: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

ALL: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop to Pastor: Rev. Bruesehoff, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The bishop proclaims God's blessing over the newly installed pastor.

Bishop: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The congregation calls the pastor to the Word and the sacraments.

Representative 1, presenting a symbol of baptism: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

Representative 2, presenting the pastor a Bible: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

Representative 3, presenting the pastor a chalice and paten: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

Bishop: People of God, I present to you Rev. Christopher Bruesehoff, your pastor. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joyful, Joyful!”

Handbell Choir

The assembly is invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

ALL: 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.

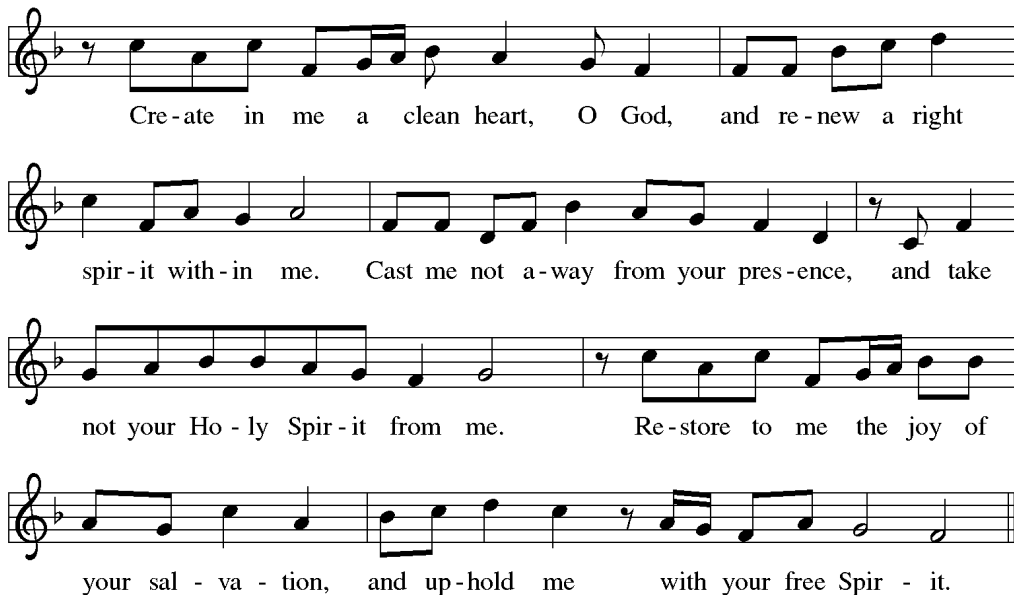
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Offering is 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hillert



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

ALL: Amen

THE PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence. Responding to each petition with the words “Your mercy is great”.

Silence for reflection.

Assisting Minister: You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill especially...those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Pastor: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

ALL: Amen

SENDING HYMN ELW 538 *“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”* ENVIADO

A rousing and energetic setting of a popular hymn from Central America. The theme of the text is one of mission and social justice. The piece is built on the tune Enviado which originates from Nicaraguan folk music.

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat*

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat*

The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today. *Repeat*

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
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DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Christ is near.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Trumpet Tune for a Festive Day”*

*Thank you to everyone who made today's worship service possible.
It's good to be the church together!*

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 6

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

7:00 PM Book Club

Tuesday, December 7

12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 PM Communication Meeting

Wednesday, December 8

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting

7:00 PM confirmation

Thursday, December 9

7:30 PM Holden Service - Advent

8:00 Handbell Choir

Friday, December 10

12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, December 11

9:00 AM Weight Watchers Meeting

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 AM In-Person

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM In-Person/Facebook
and YouTube

4:30 PM Compassionate
Friends Service

6:00 PM Confirmation

6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

