

ST. MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8 2026 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM
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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 11:00 worship service this morning 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.*

DIGITAL SIGN IN

You are welcome to sign in with our digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or the iPad in the Narthex.



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INTRODUCTION

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Light Shone in the Darkness”

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.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, $\text{\textt{T}}$ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in $\text{\textt{T}}$ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN :***“Lord of Light”***

ELW 688

1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,

through reproach and suff'ring won:
Refrain

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: ***Refrain***

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: ***Refrain***

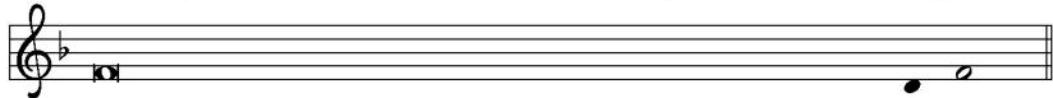
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



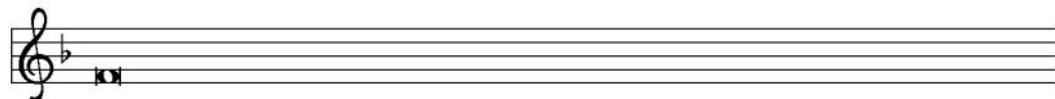
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



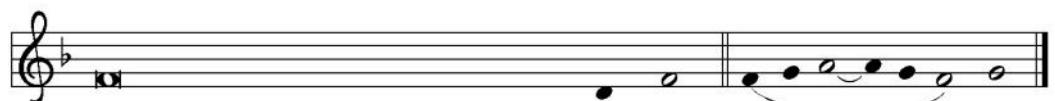
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

 and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
 they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
 and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight

 and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

 will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

 a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush

 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

 a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY**"Christ Be Our Light"**

ELW 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home, responding with "receive our prayer".

A brief silence.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of

Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving, especially...we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

8:15: “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

11:00: “*Rejoice in the Mission*”

Vocal Choir

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 or app.

The assembly is invited to stand.

OFFERATORY

“Let the Vineyards to Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

A musical staff in G clef, starting with a note. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a short rest. The key signature is one flat, indicated by a 'B' with a flat sign. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, ending with a sixteenth note.

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

A musical score for a single instrument, likely a woodwind or brass instrument. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The music consists of a series of notes and rests, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests of varying lengths. The notes are primarily on the A, C, and E lines of the treble staff, and on the A, C, E, and G lines of the bass staff. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The first staff has 8 measures, and the second staff has 7 measures. The music is written in a clear, legible font, with the notes and rests clearly marked on the staff lines.

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

A musical score for a single instrument, likely a woodwind or brass instrument. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with a fermata over the eighth note of the first measure of the second staff.

presence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

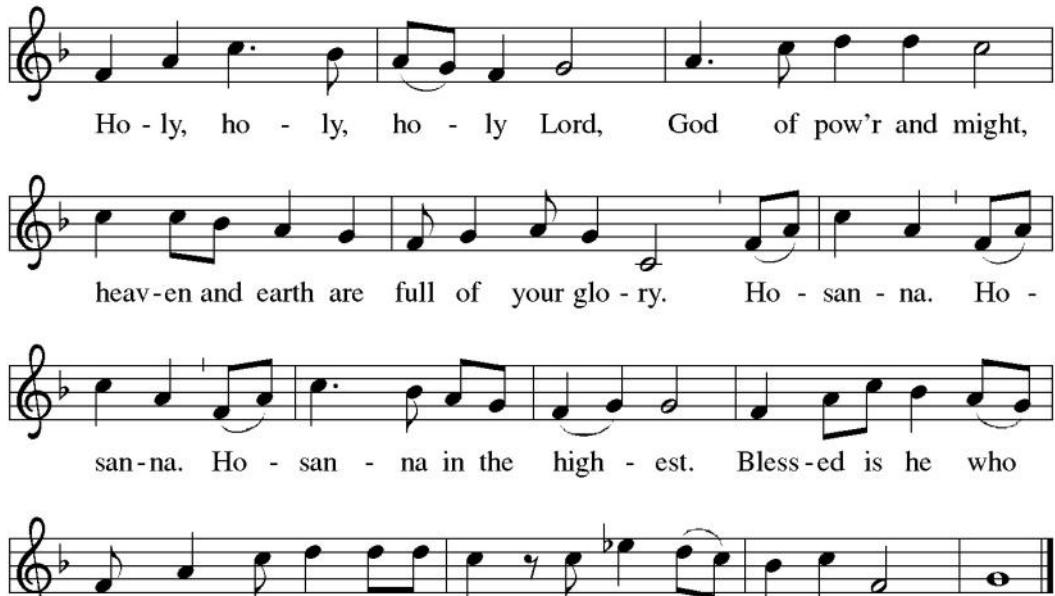
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

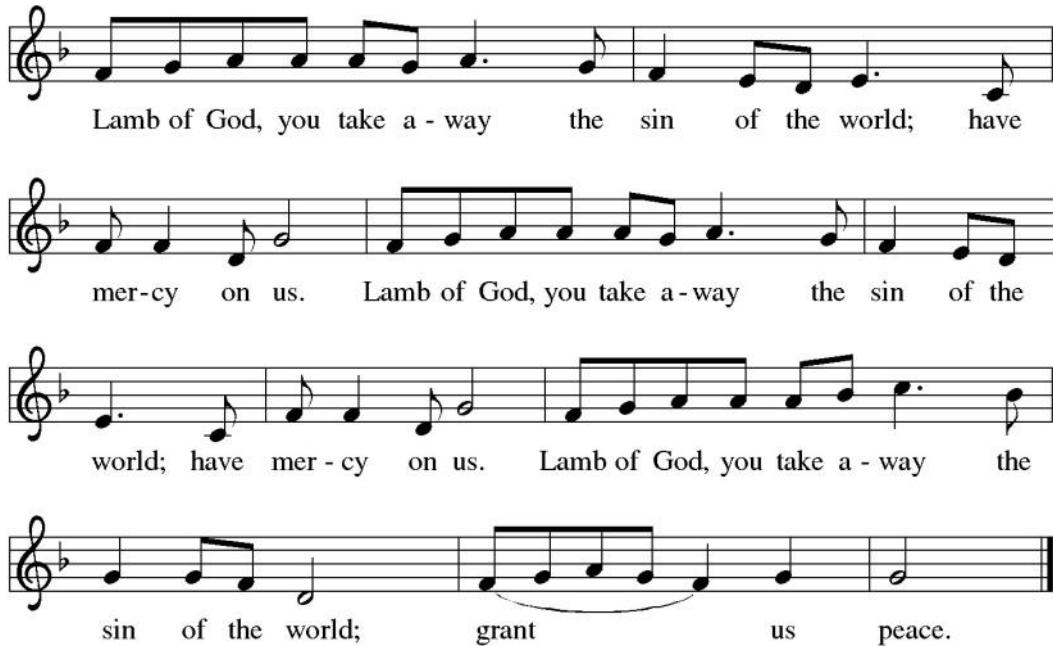
We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Communion will be distributed continuously under the direction of the ushers. Take an empty cup to receive from a pouring chalice (let the communion assistant know if you prefer grape juice). Please let the pastor know if you require a gluten free host. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond,

“Amen”. Worshippers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW 712

1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

4 Called by worship to your service,
 forth in your dear name we go,
 to the child, the youth, the aged,
 love in living deeds to show;
 hope and health, good will and comfort,
 counsel, aid and peace we give,
 that your servants, Lord, in freedom
 may your mercy know and live.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
 till your love's revealing light
 in its height and depth and greatness
 dawns upon our quickened sight,
 making known the needs and burdens
 your compassion bids us bear,
 stirring us to ardent service,
 your abundant life to share.

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After all have communed the assembly is invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's Grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

ELW 204

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Go, Make Disciples”

ELW 540

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach-ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Go, Make Disciples”

*The Eternal Candle is given by Wayne, Kay, and Jimmy McConnell
in loving memory of Nancy Ryan*

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs

Saturday, February 14, 2026

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will meet on an irregular schedule. The class schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 11

All classes start at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions about confirmation or are interested in being a presenter for this years program please contact Pastor Chris.

CHRISTIAN ED

Check out our bulletin board for full details and schedules for our groups. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- **Little Ones & Loved Ones** (birth to 4/years) will meet on 2/8
- **MichaeLights** (6-12th grade) will meet on 2/15
- **Pray & Grow** (K-5th grade) will meet on 2/22
- **Faith in Conversation** (All Adults) will meet on 3/1

All groups meet at 9:30 AM. Please see Pastor Chris, or Kim Billet with questions.

RENTING SPACE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

We welcome opportunities to share our space with St Michael's family members and friends in our community. There are a variety of rooms available for social gatherings, such as bridal or baby showers, birthday and retirement celebrations and memorial events. We have hosted music lessons, recitals, auditions and rehearsals. Our social hall stage is well-suited to support students or performers at all levels. Civic groups or social / hobby clubs are also invited. Flexible office space is available for those who work from home but occasionally need a site for meetings or interviews. Honorariums for the use of church spaces vary based on event details. Please note that the church building and grounds are smoke and alcohol free.

IHOC ADOPT A BOX COLLECTION

IHOC is collecting personal care items for adults and children in shelters. Between now and March 15th, you can help by filling a shoe box or plastic gallon bag with personal care items (soap, wash cloths, deodorant, razor, shampoo, conditioner, menstruation products, toothbrush and toothpaste, lotion). **Hotel/travel sized products are especially appreciated.** Boxes and bags can be dropped off in the narthex. Please label your box/bag as male, female, gender neutral, child, or infant.

MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 12:00 PM in the Social Hall. Holly Zahradnick's group is responsible for drinks and dessert. Bring your lunch and ideas for future projects. New members are always welcome.

EPIPHANY MADNESS

On the bulletin board in the narthex are envelopes bearing the names of our final round competitors! Each dollar in the envelope of your hymn counts as one vote. \$1 = 1 vote; \$5 = 5 votes. At the end of the week we total up the votes and the hymn with the most votes moves on to the next round. You can vote in person or you can email Pastor Chris and he will help you vote virtually. The winning hymn will be celebrated in worship on February 15, 2026. This year the money raised will replace the Lower Sunday School Room floor (creating a safe and welcoming space for our growing disciplines and visiting groups) and Support Global Refuge (an organization providing safety and hope for refugees and immigrants worldwide).

2026 IHOC MALL WALK—FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Join IHOC on Sunday, February 22 for the 2026 Mall Walk. Kick off is 2:30 PM at the Moorestown Mall. You can join or sponsor the SMLC Team of walker and help us defend our fundraising title (we have raised the most money for the last 13 years—help us make it 14!). The walk is lots of fun and includes live music, and activiti4es. You can register online for \$15 or on the day of the walk for \$25. All participants receive a t-shirt. Check out the yellow flyers on the desk in the narthex or reach out to Ruth Morgenroth for more information (856-261-3464). If you would like to volunteer for the t-shirt or face painting tables—we can always use extra help—please contact Ruth. Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/4bS29cT>

FESTIVAL CHOIR INVITATION

Mark Dishong will be continuing the Festival Choir this spring as a seasonal ensemble available to all SMLC members and non-members. It is designed to provide an opportunity for singers whose schedules prevent them from making a yearly commitment to sing in the Adult Choir. The core group of this ensemble will be the Adult Choir. All Youth are also welcomed to join this music ministry. Festival Choir will sing for the Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy, March 29 at 11:00am and Easter liturgy, April 5 at 11:00am. Festival Choir Rehearsals dates are Sundays (12:00-12:45 p.m.) February 15, 22, March 1, 15, 22, and 29. *To find out more information about the Festival Choir please contact Mark Dishong at markdishong@gmail.com.*

STITCHING SISTERS

Stitching Sisters will meet on Thursdays February 12 & 19 at 11:00 AM in the choir room. Bring your lunch, needles, and yarn! All are welcome. See Allyson Zinman with any questions or concerns.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM JH Casserole Drop-off
8:15 AM Worship In-Person
9:30 AM Little Ones & Loved Ones
9:45 AM 2027 Gathering Families Meeting
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,
YouTube
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal
12:30 PM ROOTS class
6:00 PM NA Meeting

Monday, February 9

Tuesday, February 10
6:00 PM Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Confirmation Class

Thursday, February 12

11:00 AM Stitching Sister
7:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 13

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15
8:00 AM Michaelights Shrove Pancake
Breakfast
8:15 AM Worship In-Person
9:30 AM Little Ones & Loved Ones
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,
YouTube
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal
12:30 PM ROOTS class
12:30 PM Reconciling Works
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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