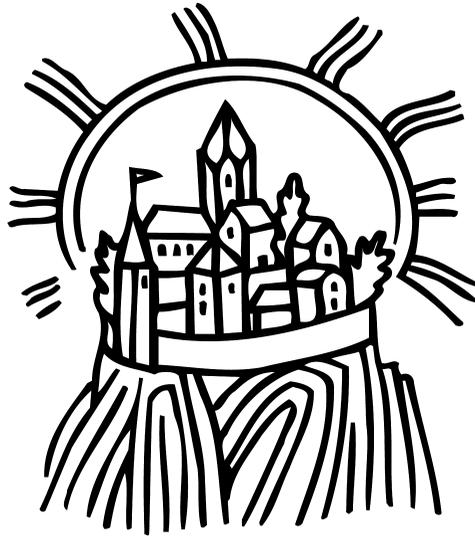


ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

at 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM

ELW Holy Communion Setting Six

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.

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 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.

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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 “Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service”

GATHERING

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

The assembly is invited to stand if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Lord of Light”

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- 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 suffering 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

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.**

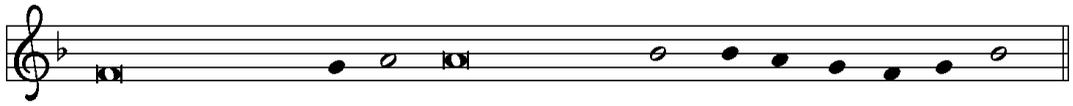
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



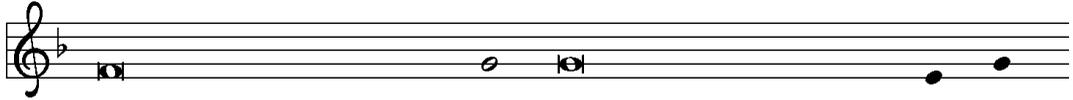
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



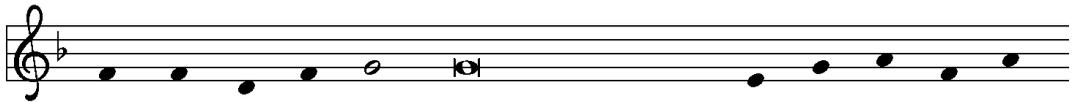
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



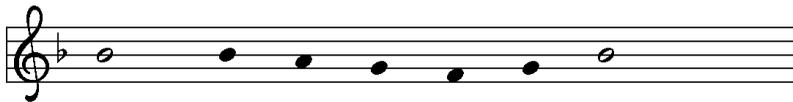
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



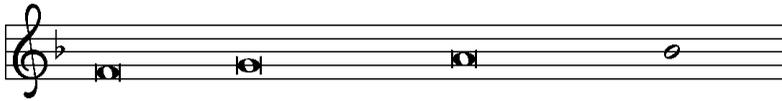
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirits 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. **ALL: Amen**

The assembly is seated

ANTHEM: “Let Us Love One Another”—Sunday School Singers

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 substance for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Lector: A reading from Isaiah

¹Shout 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.

²Yet 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 delight to draw near to God.

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.

⁴Look, 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.

⁵Is 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?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is 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?

⁸Then 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.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if 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.

¹¹The 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.

¹²Your 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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.

Lector: A reading from First Corinthians

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

⁶Yet 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 doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, 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”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches

everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being 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. ¹²Now 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.

¹³And 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.

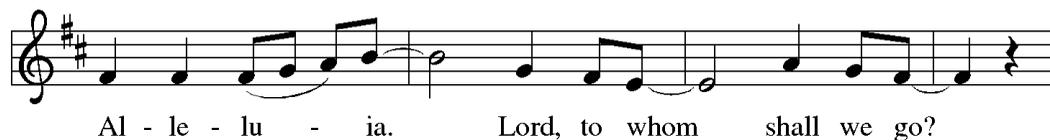
¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after

lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON

The assembly is invited to stand.

APOSTLES' 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

Assisting Minister: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding with “receive our prayer”.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Inspire our wonder at Creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the oceans to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way, especially....those we name aloud....and those we hold in our hearts. Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Shape our congregation to be the salt of the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need.. Make use steadfast in our trust in your, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **ALL: Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

The assembly is seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:15: “Majesty and Praise”

11:00: “Majesty/Shout to the Lord” - Sydney Misunas, soloist

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.

The assembly is invited to stand.

OFFERTORY



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



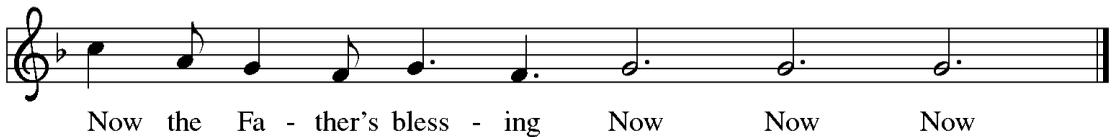
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



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OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

ALL: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

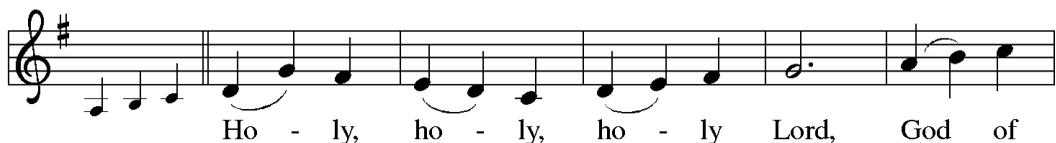
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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



pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

ALL: We praise you, O God.

Pastor: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

ALL: We bless you, O God.

Pastor: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

ALL: We thank you, O God.

Pastor: 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pastor: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All who are guided by faith to receive the Lord's Supper are welcome at Christ's table. 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, in household groups, under the direction of the usher.** 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

Pastor: Come and taste the joy of God!

LAMB OF GOD



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

The assembly is seated.

After all have communed the assembly is invited to stand if able.

TABLE BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's Grace. **All: Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
 till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
 till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you all.

ALL: Amen

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Pastor: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod, † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

ALL: Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Go, Make Disciples”

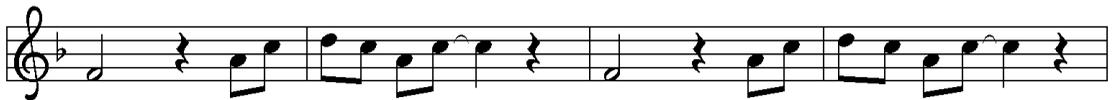
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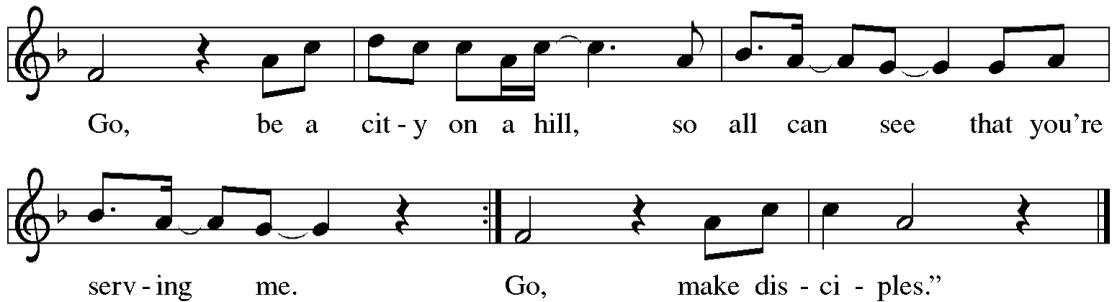
“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



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

Assisting Minister : Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Go, Make Disciples”

Special Thanks to Rev. Jeffrey Ziegler for leading worship today.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Gano Family in loving memory of Curtis Gano, on what would have been his 52nd birthday. From his Mom, Dad, Brother, and Sister.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS & POLICY HOLDERS

Thrivent Financial is incorporated as a nonprofit and is required to make charitable donations every year. Thrivent members and policy holders can apply for grants on behalf of a charity or nonprofit in which they are a member or volunteer. Last year, Thrivent members applied for and received the following grants for SMLC:

- \$250 grant to buy books for members interested in participating in the Bishop's Book Club Challenge,
- (2) \$250 grants for groceries to supplement our Thanksgiving and Easter food donations to the residents of Lutheran Social Service's homes in Camden
- \$500 challenge grant to further supplement our Thanksgiving food donation
- \$250 grant to purchase supplies for GOD's Work Our Hands "Cherishing Our Elders" project
- \$250 grant which was applied toward the Christmas Luncheon that welcomed new congregation members.

If you are a Thrivent member or policy holder who would like to provide a St. Michael's program or activity with a Thrivent grant, we would love to hear from you. The Church Council is developing a list of projects and programs that could be sponsored, but we would also love to hear your ideas. We would also be happy to help you complete the grant application (it is not difficult). Please call Ruth Morgenroth (856-261-3463), Kay McConnell (609-781-1070), or Lisa Gess (856-768-3091) if you are an interested Thrivent member or if you would like to find out more about the program.

EPIPHANY MADNESS

We are officially in Round 4 of Epiphany Madness—*The Final Four!* That's right, only four of the original 32 hymns remain and in just 2 weeks we will celebrate our winner. Vote for your favorite hymns with cash (or electronic donation)—one dollar counts as one vote. The money collected will be used to support our youth as they attend retreats and other events. In each pairing, the hymn with the most dollars at the end of the round will move on to the next round of competition—until one hymn climbs above the rest! Our winner will be announced on February 19th and celebrated in worship.

CROSS ROADS WINTER YOUTH RETREATS

Give your children a taste of Summer this Winter! Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center will be hosting two youth retreats this winter:

- Elementary Retreat (Grades 3-5): February 10-12, 2023
- Middle & High School Retreat (Grades 6-12): March 10-12, 2023

Please note that SMLC will cover the cost of \$45/per participant.

To REGISTER, use this link: <http://bit.ly/3Z7e8uj> and fill out the form, but do not purchase the registration yet. When you fill out your child's registration, under congregation write "St. Michael's, ELCA, Cherry Hill" and the camp will send you a link to purchase your registration at our reduced rate. Under Chaperone, please write "Elizabeth Winkelman".

Any questions? Please reach out to Pastor Chris.

ANNUAL IHOC MALL WALK

The Interfaith Homeless Outreach (IHOC) Annual Mall Walk will be held in person indoors at the Voorhees Town Center on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Activities begin at 1:30 PM and the Walk starts 2:30 PM.

For over 10 years, SMLC members have participated as a team. In addition, our congregation's team has won first place for team fundraising. Please help us hold onto that title! The walk is an enjoyable way to have fun while supporting a very worthy cause. If you have walked with our team in previous years, we hope you will join us once again. If you have not walked, we would love you to join us! If you are unable to join us on the day of the walk, you can still participate by sponsoring a walker.

Those interested in joining our team to walk, or those interested in sponsoring a walker, please contact Sydney Misunas (267-688-4543) or Ruth Morgenroth (856- 261-3464) . Make sure to pick up a green brochure from the table in the Narthex (which has more information about registration and donating online). We hope many of you can join us!

PARISH FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE DINNER

Parish Fellowship will be hosting a Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Join us in the social hall for a special meal of pancakes, sausage, fruit, donuts, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Please sign-up in the Narthex or use the Sign-Up Genius link: <http://bit.ly/3QN1BYRA>

A free will offering will be collected at the dinner.

Last day to sign-up will be Sunday, February 19, 2023.

IHOC "ADOPT A BOX"

IHOC will once again be collecting personal care items for adults and children in shelters. The following items are the most requested:

- Soap/Washcloth, Deodorant/Razors, Shampoo, Socks, Menstruation Products, Combs/Brushes, Shaving Cream, Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Hand Towels

Care items may be placed in shoe boxes or plastic gallon storage bags. Items can be collected at any time before **Friday, March 24, 2023**. *If you have any questions, please reach out to Ruth Morgenroth or Peggy Schlagle. Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

- Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm
- Sunday, February 26 at 6pm
- Sunday, March 5 at 6pm

If you have any questions about confirmation or are interested in being a presenter for this years program please contact Pastor Chris.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM in person and on Zoom. We are currently discussing Rob Bell's book "Love Wins". Please contact the office if you need the Zoom link. See Pastor Chris with any questions.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE DINNER CASSEROLES

Joseph's House continues its ministry to feed the homeless in Camden. The next opportunity to provide DINNER casseroles is **Sunday, February 12, 2023.**

Please sign up using the digital link: <https://bit.ly/3kAQtT4>

Casseroles can be dropped off before or after worship services and placed into the fridge in the church kitchen. See Kay McConnell with questions or call the office.. Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

St. Michael's Adult Choir will rehearse after the 11:00 liturgy at 12:00p.m. The Adult Choir will sing an anthem on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 11:00 AM liturgy October through May.

The Hand Bell Choir rings several times a year and rehearse Thursdays at 7:30 PM.

New members are welcome. Those interested in joining may contact Director of Music, Mark Dishong for more information

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5

8:15 AM Worship In-Person
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship In-Person/Facebook/
YouTube
12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM NA Meeting

Monday, February 6

7:00 PM: Book Club

Tuesday, February 7

12:00 PM NA Meeting
7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
7:30 PM Communication Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

7:00 AM Monthly Prayer Service
9:30 AM Weight Watchers
11:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, February 9

12:00 PM NA Meeting
7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 10

Cross Roads Elementary Retreat
12:00 PM NA Meeting

Saturday, February 11

Cross Roads Elementary Retreat
8:00 AM Weight Watchers

Sunday, February 12

Cross Roads Elementary Retreat
8:15 AM Worship In-Person
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship In-Person/Facebook/
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