

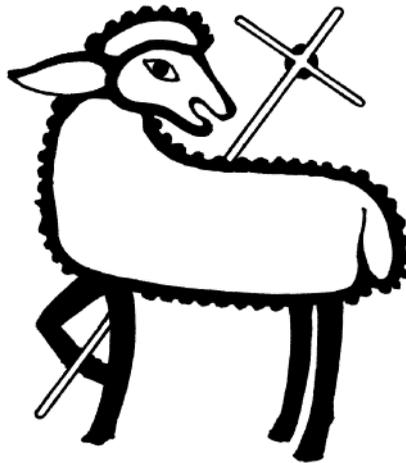
# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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*They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).*

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 18, 2026 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM**

*ELW Setting Three*

## **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**

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning"*

### **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.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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 † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN :**

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come”*

ELW 314

1 Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

3 Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

2 Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

4 Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong

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**GREETING**

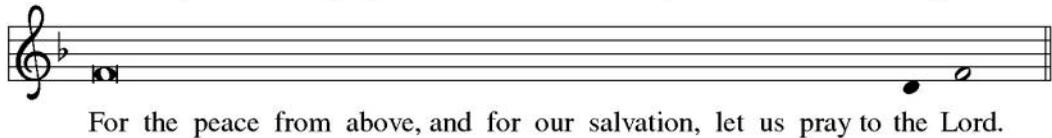
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

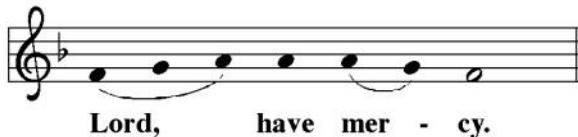
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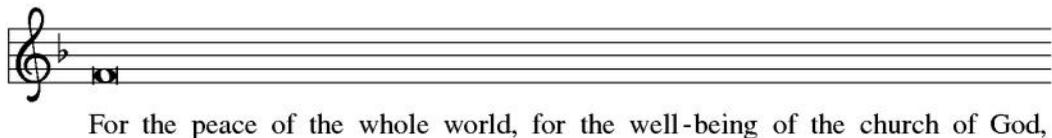
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



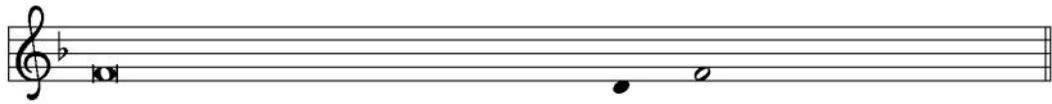
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



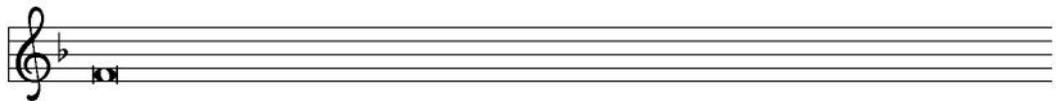
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.

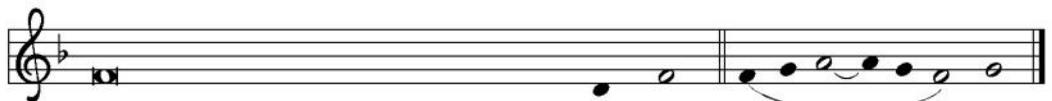


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## GLORIA

Assisting minister

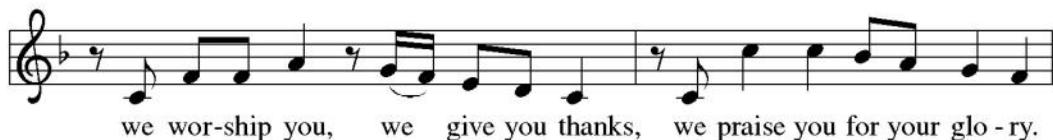


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, 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 49:1-7**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."
- <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—
- <sup>6</sup> he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

## **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**John 1:29-42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"*

ELW 696

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| 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult<br>of our life's wild, restless sea,<br>day by day his clear voice sounding,<br>saying, "Christian, follow me":  | 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,<br>days of toil and hours of ease,<br>still he calls, in cares and pleasures,<br>"Christian, love me more than these." |
| 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it<br>by the Galilean lake,<br>turned from home and toil and kindred,<br>leaving all for Jesus' sake.               | 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,<br>Savior, may we hear your call,<br>give our hearts to your obedience,<br>serve and love you best of all.              |
| 3 Jesus calls us from the worship<br>of the vain world's golden store,<br>from each idol that would keep us,<br>saying, "Christian, love me more." |  |

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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, responding with "receive our prayer".

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness , especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. 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: "Lamb of God"  
11:00: "The Only Son from Heaven"

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 Be Fruitful"



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



bles - sing. 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 -



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



pres - ence, 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.**

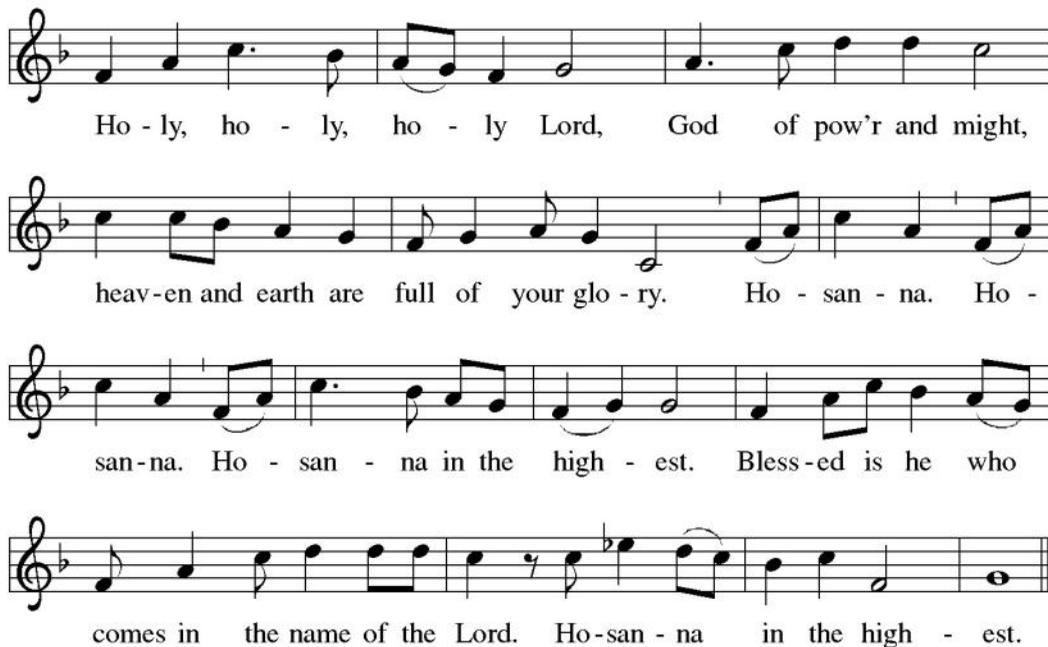
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 HYMNS***“Light Shone in Darkness”*

ELW 307

1 Light shone in darkness at the world's creation,  
bathing in beauty nature's revelation.  
All that has being, cry in adoration,  
"Praise for the light. Amen!"

3 Light shines in darkness till the full creation;  
Christ's body, groaning, suffers tribulation,  
longs for God's justice, global transformation,  
prays for the light. Amen!

2 Light shone in darkness at the new creation;  
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.  
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,  
praise for the light. Amen!

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*“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”*

ELW 312

1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.

3 Jesus, come! in new creation,  
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
come, our first and greatest Sign!

2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants,  
let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!

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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***“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

ELW 841

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and  
 heaven ring,  
 ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
 Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning  
 skies,  
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark  
 past has taught us;  
 sing a song full of the hope that the  
 present has brought us;  
 facing the rising sun of our new day  
 begun,  
 let us march on till victory is won.
- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the  
 chast'ning rod,  
 felt in the days when hope unborn had  
 died;  
 yet with a steady beat, have not our  
 weary feet  
 come to the place for which our parents  
 sighed?  
 We have come over a way that with
- tears has been watered;  
 we have come, treading our path  
 through the blood of the slaughtered,  
 out from the gloomy past, till now we  
 stand at last  
 where the white gleam of our bright star  
 is cast.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our  
 silent tears,  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the  
 way;  
 thou who hast by thy might led us into  
 the light,  
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our  
 God, where we met thee;  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of  
 the world, we forget thee;  
 shadowed beneath thy hand may we  
 forever stand,  
 true to our God, true to our native land.

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Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE***“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”**The Eternal Candle is given by the people of St. Michael's.*

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Confession of Peter**

*Sunday, January 18, 2026*

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

### **Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156**

*Monday, January 19, 2026*

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

### **Agnes, martyr, died around 304**

*Wednesday, January 21, 2026*

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

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

- Sunday, January 25
- 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:

- **Pray & Grow** (K-5th grade) will meet on 1/18
- **Faith in Conversation** ( All Adults) will meet on 2/1
- **Little Ones & Loved Ones** (birth to 4/years) will meet on 2/8
- **MichaelLights** (6-12th grade) will meet on 2/15

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. Help us spread the word and contact the church office for more information.

### **BOOK CLUB MEETING 2/2/26**

Our next meeting of the SMLC Book Club will be Monday, February 2 at 7:00 PM. Join us for our discussion of our next selection, *Chenneyville* by Paulette Jiles. All are welcome!

### **2026 ENVELOPES ARE HERE**

If you ordered giving envelopes for 2026, they are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up; if you do not wish to take your envelopes, please contact the office.

### **BUDGET FORUM & ANNUAL MEETING**

Members, mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings:

- TODAY, Sunday, January 18 at 9:30 AM: Budget Forum Meeting
- Sunday, January 25: 2025 Annual Meeting (directly following the 10:00 AM worship service)

While all are welcome to attend, please note that only full members will be welcome to vote. If you are unsure of your status, please reach out to Pastor Chris prior to the meeting.

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Worship Assistants can now update their availability through the end of March using the Church Connect app. This helps the office know who is available and who is not during this time period. *Please update your availability by Sunday, January 25th.*

### **MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING**

The next meeting of Martha Circle will be Tuesday, January 20 at 12:00 PM in the Social Hall. Dottie Leonard's group is responsible for drinks and desserts. Bring your lunch and your ideas for the new year. As always, new members are always welcome.

### **CROSS ROADS WINTER YOUTH RETREATS**

Give your child a taste of summer this winter by registering them for a winter retreat.

- Elementary Retreat (grades 3-5): February 6-8, 2026
- Middle/HS Retreat (grades 6-12): March 6-8, 2026

The cost is \$100/student; use the code CHERRYHILL at registration to save \$50! Use this link to register: <https://bit.ly/3KY25gC>. If you have questions or concerns, please see Pastor Chris.

### **JOSEPH'S HOUSE BREAKFAST CASSEROLES**

Joseph's House continues its ministry to feed the homeless in Camden. The next opportunity to provide BREAKFAST casseroles will be THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026. Casseroles can be dropped off between 10:00 AM and 12 Noon at the Elkins Road door. Please only use the tins and recipe provided by SMLC that can be found in the narthex. Use this link to sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3YEVD0G>.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, January 18**

8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Pray & Grow  
9:30 AM Budget Forum  
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, January 19**

### **Tuesday, January 20**

12:00 PM Martha's Circle  
6:00 PM Property Meeting  
7:30 PM Christian Education Meeting  
7:30 PM Stewardship Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 21**

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

### **Thursday, January 22**

10:00 AM JH Breakfast Casserole Drop-off  
7:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, January 23**

### **Saturday, January 24**

4:00 PM Youth Group D&D Campaign

### **Sunday, January 25**

10:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,  
YouTube  
11:00 AM Annual Meeting  
12:30 PM ROOTS class  
6:00 PM NA Meeting  
7:00 PM Confirmation Class



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