



St Michael's
L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Sunday, February 13, 2022—11:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome Statement

St. Michael's Lutheran Church lives out God's grace and love for all people. Faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we welcome those who have been part of church communities, those who have no previous church experience, and those who have felt excluded by the Church because of their race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental capabilities, financial resources, or family circumstances. In this witness we seek reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. As a diverse people we are then empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and work together for God's promised day of justice, peace, and mercy.

In Christ's love, we welcome you!



St. Michael's Lutheran Church is a Reconciling In Christ Congregation.



St. Michael's Lutheran Church is a member of the ELCA.

Worship Activity bags are located at the back of the Sanctuary, to help keep little fingers and minds busy with worship-themed activities.

The nursery is open! However, it is currently unstaffed. Parents/Guardians are welcome to accompany their child(ren) in the nursery. We ask that you help us provide a safe space for the littles by following the sanitizing instructions in the room after its use.

We continue to use COVID-19 health protocols in worship and in the building for the health and safety of the community. As our sanctuary seating opens up, **we remind you to space yourselves out so there is no one directly in front of you or directly behind you.**

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to the “blessed are...” and the “woe to...” and how these words are directed and to whom; with these in mind we find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. Then, in worship, Christ comes among us in the mystery of the holy supper, an invitation to live in him, and a power that offers hope and healing.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arise and Shine in Splendor
Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the comfort of the places we call home and the lives we live,

We come hungry for a better world for all.

In our society divided by power struggles and prejudice,

We come to affirm the power of God’s healing love.

With the honesty of our faith, our doubt, and our questions,

We come to seek, learn, and find strength.

And together we rejoice.

**We give thanks that God’s love is for each of us;
that God’s desire is to renew, heal, and make us whole.**

In the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal, “hymn” numbers are found at the top of the page; “page” numbers are found at the bottom of the page.

St. Michael’s Lutheran Church gathers for worship on the ancestral homeland of the Dakota people. We recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have called and continue to call this land their home.

Adapted from a call to worship written by Gill Le Fevre

All may make the sign of the cross †, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us blessed,
who challenges us live anew,
and strengthens us to be God's people.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise the Almighty
ELW 877

Adapted from "Strange Territory: A prayer reflecting on the Beatitudes" by Christine Jerrett.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God of life and of truth,
**Jesus invites us to see the world through your eyes
and we find ourselves disoriented:**
**You bless the poor
You bless the meek
You bless the pure in heart.
You turn our world and its values upside down.
We want to follow this Jesus,
but this is strange territory.
It doesn't look anything like
the life we have been taught to yearn for,
to work for, to believe will bring us happiness.**
**And because it looks so different
despair sets in:
fear that the future has been mortgaged
by our greed and carelessness;
that the cries of those who go without
and feel lost in the world go unheeded;
and those who have traded their souls
for power and money cannot be changed.**

**This day, set us at Jesus' feet
so we can learn to judge our lives differently.
Awaken in us that hunger and thirst for you
which will lead us to your will
and your peace.**

**Open our eyes to see your unexpected blessings.
Open our hearts to welcome you
when you come to us in strange ways.**

**Then form us into a community of blessedness
That shines with your joy and promise in the world.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and made new.

We are called to know God's blessing and
to live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

ANTHEM

In Thee is Gladness
arr. Joseph Goodman

*In Thee is Gladness, amid all sadness
Jesus, sunshine of my heart
By Thee were given, the gifts of heaven
Thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest, our bonds though breakest
Who trusts thee surely, has built securely
He stands for ever, alleluia
Our hearts are pining, to see thy shining
Dying or living, to thee are cleaving
Naught can us sever: Alleluia
If he is ours, we fear no powers
Not of earth nor sing nor death
He sees and blesses in worst distresses
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of his glory, with heart and voices,*

*All heaven rejoices, In Him forever, alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love him and praise him, and still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia*

*Worship begins with a
prayer of mutuality - the
presider and the
congregation seeking the
presence of God with and
for one another.*

*God speaks to us through
scripture, preaching,
silence, and song.*

These verses compose a
poem that is part of a
larger collection of
wisdom sayings that
contrast two

THE 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God,

**in Christ you make all things new. Transform us by the
riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make
known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

+WORD+

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the
wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the
seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit
in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything
they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the
righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Cantate Domino
Becki Slagle Mayo

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

ways of life. Life with God
brings blessing; the power
and vitality of God is
active in our life. Life
without God brings a
curse, the power of death.

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

ELW pg. 151

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.

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

As we sing the hymn of the day, we give thanks for Susan Palo Cherwein, it's author, a local Twin Cities musician who died in December. We give thanks for her life, poetry, and music.

A Statement of Faith from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

God feeds us with the presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Communion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Blessed Spring
ELW 447

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Let us pray:

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

**You reconcile and heal;
you overcome death.**

You are our God.

We worship you.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

+MEAL+

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance;
so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that
God has made

A brief silence.

*Each petition ends with "God of grace,"
The congregation responds, "receive our prayer."*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we
lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and
faith; through Jesus Christ our hope and life. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

We continue to receive communion in the pews. If you did not receive communion elements upon entering the sanctuary, please indicate that to an usher and they will deliver them to your seat. Gluten Free wafers are available, all of the elements are non-alcoholic. If you are communing from home today, we invite you to gather food and drink for virtual communion; bread, crackers, juice... any ordinary food and drink will do!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's meal where all are welcome!

DISTRIBUTION

This is the body of Christ, the bread of life broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation poured out
for you.

*God blesses us and
sends us into the world.*

+SENDING+

BENEDICTION

As we move from this time, hear these words of promise:
May God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in.
And in living your life
may it be a blessing to others
reflecting the love and promise of God.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning
ELW 723

DISMISSAL

*Our worship is over,
our service begins.*

Go with Christ into the world.
Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G Minor
Dietrich Buxtehude

WORSHIP NOTES

- ◇ Songs reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-703936. All rights reserved.
 - ◇ Songs with the abbreviation ELW are found in the ELCA hymnal titled, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.
 - ◇ Songs with the abbreviation ACS are found in the new ELCA hymnal supplement titled, *All Creation Sings*.
 - ◇ Songs with the abbreviation GC are found in the GIA hymnal titled, *Gather Comprehensive*.
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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastors: *The Rev. Brad Froslee, The Rev. Ali Ferin*

Musicians: *Tom Bartsch, organ*
St. Michael's Singers, Karen Wilkerson, director
Children's Choir, Cory Bock, director

Lector: *Laurie Krachmer*

Usher: *Carol Hansen*

Worship Flowers: *Chuck & Grete Hanson*

In celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary



2022 Church Council Members

Renee Berndt	CYF Committee
Brian Cihacek	Treasurer
Belinda Cline	Stewardship Committee
Sandy Eliason	Council Vice President, Worship Committee
Ginger Fairchild	Council Secretary
Chuck Hanson	Council President
Mike Krachmer	Social Ministry Committee
Deb Legan	Social Ministry Committee
Bill Lindquist	Personnel & Administration Committee
Aleksi Moran	CYF Committee
Mary Nosek	Community Life Committee
Peter Thompson	Property Committee
Greg Zarambo	Finance Committee

Meeting Schedule

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

January 10, 2023

2023 Annual Meeting, January 29, 2023



Announcements

Annual Meeting Recap

Thanks to all who attended the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30, and to all who held the congregation in prayer as we made plans for the coming year

- The congregation unanimously approved the first motion before it coming from the Building committee, Finance Committee, and Church council for the recladding of the exterior upper walls of the sanctuary and affiliated projects and the financing proposal.
- The congregation unanimously approved the budget for 2022.

Copies of the Annual Report are on the counter in the Narthex. Copies of minutes or financial reports are available upon request.

Winter Games!



NEW DATE! February 27th

1pm-3pm @ St. Michael's

Join us for snow art, scavenger hunt, snow games and more! Be sure to wear warm clothes, we will be outside most of the day.

This is open to all Middle school aged students and friends. Scan this code to sign up:



High School Team Leaders

Join us for St. Michael's Winter Games! High Schoolers are welcome to participate as referees and team leaders. If you want to join us please sign up here:





This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, February 13

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Education Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, February 14

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion

Wednesday, February 16

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Singers
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Choir

Thursday, February 17

- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Befrienders
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible & Brew

Friday, February 18

March Messenger Deadline

Sunday, February 20

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Worship