



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

Sunday, February 27, 2022—11:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of our Lord

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

Witnesses to the glory of God reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John as they accompanied Jesus. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the meal and are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Andante
G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you bring us together in this place,
we come to be fed,
to be renewed,
to seek understanding.

God, you challenge us in this place,
we embrace the challenge,
trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

God, you are revealed in this place,
sometimes in shining glory,
sometimes in tears and struggle.

God as we worship in this place,
refresh us, renew us, and challenge us
so that we would see your presence and glory anew.

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.

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

The Call to Worship is from the prayer "In this Place" by Rev. Gord

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who shines in glory,
calls us in hope,
and equips us to serve.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
ELW 553

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**
**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**
**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**
**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**
**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

ELW 140

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal,

you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beautiful Savior

Arr. John Helgen

+WORD+

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-42

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9:28-43a

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to

The conversation about Jesus’ suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus’ identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. "I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain

ACS 917

See next page



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had
 2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ
 3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his
 4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est



nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,
 press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,
 world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,
 val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,



heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 brings us now to sights un - seen.
 we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 as each life with grace is filled.
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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.**

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

+MEAL+

We invite you to share a
sign or word of peace
with those around you,
remembering those
who are worshipping
with us online today.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

They that wait upon the Lord
David Huntsinger

We continue to
receive offering in the
'Faithful in Giving'
box as you enter the
sanctuary. Thank you
for your generosity!

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to this meal,
nourish us with this holy food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ there is a place for you;
with Christ we proclaim there is enough for all.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have seen again your glory.
Send us now to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ. **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!

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

+SENDING+

BLESSING

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,
today and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine
ELW 671

DISMISSAL

Our worship is over,
our service begins.

Go with Christ from this place
to meet a world in need.
Be the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro
G. F. Handel

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

Musicians: *Tom Bartsch, organ*

Children's Choir;

Cory Bock, director, Wenshuai Zhang, accompanist
St. Michael's Singers, Karen Wilkerson, director

Lector: *Laurie Krachmer*

Usher: *Carol Hansen*

Worship Flowers: *Mary Vorhes*

In memory of her mother, Barbara Vorhes.

WORSHIP NOTES

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- ◇ Songs with the abbreviation TFBF are found in the ELCA hymnal titled, *This Far by Faith*.

Sighs Too Deep For Words Introduction

Beginning on March 6 and the following four weeks we will be employing parts of a liturgy titled: *Sighs Too Deep For Words*. We also anticipate other parts of this liturgy being incorporated during the Easter season.

This liturgy is the collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons developed by local churches (including St. Michael's). At its best, liturgy empowers us to worship. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally; it also strives to honor the fullness of God and humanity.

Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three.

We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ as you find yourself worshipping with *Sighs Too Deep For Words*.

We will also be asking you to provide feedback as we continue to give shape to this new liturgy. It will be an adventure!...and a part of our Lenten journey together!

Worship Schedule in Lent

This year at St. Michael's we will be adjusting the Wednesday Evening Services and activities during Lent. Recognizing the challenges of COVID-19, there will NOT be soup suppers.

March 2: Ash Wednesday

Services at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Lenten services of Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

April 14: Maundy Thursday

Services at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

April 15: Good Friday

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Starting March 2, Wednesday Evening Schedule

5:15-6:00 p.m. Youth Bells (balcony of sanctuary)

6:00-6:30 p.m. Youth choir (courtyard room)

Set-up, preparation for Worship (sanctuary)

6:30-7:10 p.m. Worship: Holden Evening Prayer (sanctuary)

7:15-8:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal (sanctuary)

(Adult bells will move rehearsals back to Thursday nights.)

Feed My Starving Children Event



Saturday, March 26
2:00-4:00pm

Coon Rapids Location
401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

For children 5 years and older,
youth, families, and the St. Michael's community!



Announcements

Winter Games!

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.



Middle School



High School



High School Team Leaders

Join us for St. Michael's Winter Games!
High Schoolers are welcome to participate
as referees and team leaders.

Augsburg Youth Theology Institute

July 26—July 1

The Augsburg Youth Theology Institute (AYTI) is an annual summer program for high school students (9th-12th grades) focused on theological reflection and vocational discernment connected to an annual theme. This year's theme is God's People [Re]Connect!

You can get more information like FAQ, What to Expect, and apply by visiting the website at: <https://www.augsburg.edu/ayti/>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Natalie:
youth@stmichaelselca.com

Summer Service Trip

July 30—August 6: Toledo, Ohio

Now open to students who have completed 8th—12th grades!



This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, February 27

- 8:45 a.m. Worship: In-person
- 10:00 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Worship: In-person & Live Streamed
- 1:00 p.m. Middle School Winter Games

Monday, February 28

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion

Tuesday, March 1

- 9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Elisabeth Circle * Please note the time change due to Ash Wednesday
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, March 3

- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bells

Sunday, March 6

- 8:45 a.m. Worship: In-person & Live Streamed
- 10:00 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Worship: In-person