



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

**Sunday, February 6, 2022—8:45 a.m.**  
**Fifth 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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## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. “Who will go for us?” queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.

### +GATHERING+

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Promised Land*  
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

### INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates us and forms us,  
who comforts us and challenges us.  
who redeems us and calls us,  
**Amen.**

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.

## OPENING HYMN

*O Beauty, Ever Ancient*

ACS 1100: 1, 2



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,  
O beau-ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: ANCIENT BEAUTY, Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the power of God to heal and transform our lives, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Holy God, by your grace you touch our fears with the fire of your compassion; you touch our brokenness with the flame of your forgiveness; you touch our hearts with the heat of your love.**

**In your abundant mercy, turn our hearts toward you and teach us what it means to follow in the way of peace.**

**Restore us in your love and set us free from the powers that seek to destroy, distract, and divide us. Forgive us and make us new. Amen.**

God claims us in grace  
and calls us to live in the promise of forgiveness  
which belongs to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

*Deep Waters*  
Pepper Choplin

## 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

Let us join our voices in prayer.  
**Gracious God, you have blessed each of us with unique  
gifts and have called us to follow you. Empower this  
priesthood of all believers to be ministers of your  
reconciliation and love. Keep us steadfast in our  
commitment to serve all creation in your name, through  
Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

## +WORD+

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Natalie Romero

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on  
a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of the Lord's robe  
filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above; each  
had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with  
two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And  
one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the

*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.*

King Uzziah died in 738  
BC, which is the context  
for Isaiah's magnificent  
(and terrifying!) vision of  
God in the temple. This  
vision is Isaiah's call to  
become a prophet to the  
people.

LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And the Lord said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And the Lord said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

## PSALM

## Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**For though the LORD is high, the LORD regards the lowly; but the haughty the LORD perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill a holy purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Hallelujah*  
ACS 1088



Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Traditional  
Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

### GOSPEL READING

**Luke 5:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**



Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ!**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ali C. Ferin

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O God, You Search Me*  
ACS 1082: 1, 2



1 O God, you search me and you know me.  
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.  
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,  
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.  
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,  
you have known its mean - ing through and through.  
still I search for shel - ter from your light.  
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:  
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:  
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:  
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:  
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell

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## THE 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.**

**+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.**

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

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

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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's table where all are welcome!

The body of Christ is given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**+SENDING+**

### BENEDICTION

Go with confidence into the days ahead,  
trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.

God will not abandon you, for you are God's own creation—  
and God's love endures forever.

**Amen!**

# CLOSING HYMN

## Will You Come and Follow Me

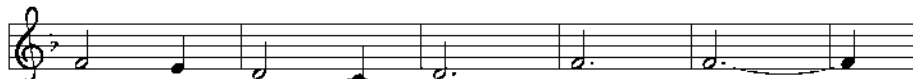
ELW 798: 1, 5



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - oners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



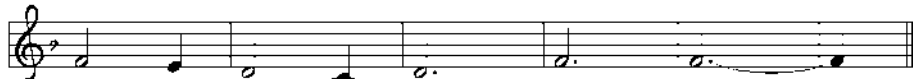
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Our worship is over,  
our service begins.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Allegro non troppo*

Charles Koechlin

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

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- ◇ 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*.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

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

**Director of CYF:** *Natalie Romero*

**Musicians:** *Jill Schendel, piano*  
*St. Michael's Singers, Karen Wilkerson, director*

**Lector:** *Verena Larson*

**Usher:** *Irmeli Moran*



## Announcements

### Welcome Natalie!

**TODAY @ 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a hot cocoa bar and smores, hosted by the high schoolers, and a game of jeopardy, hosted by the middle schoolers. We are excited to welcome Natalie to the St. Michael's community and are looking forward to getting to know her better!

### 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 6**

- 8:45 a.m.      Worship—In Person & Streamed
- 10:00 a.m.     Education Hour & Natalie Welcome Party
- 11:00 a.m.     Worship—In Person

### **Monday, February 7**

- 12:00 p.m.     Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.      Yoga Devotion
- 7:00 p.m.      Finance Committee—Virtual

### **Tuesday, February 8**

- 11:00 a.m.     Guatemala Team—Virtual
- 2:00 p.m.      Food Mobile Distribution
- 7:00 p.m.      Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 9**

- 12:00 p.m.     Faith in Daily Life
- 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 10**

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

### **Sunday, February 13**

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