



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

Sunday, January 16, 2022—8:45 a.m.
Second 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.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, generous God and mother of all, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things. We give you thanks for the waters of the flood. In these waters you call us to die to the old and to live in new ways.

Peace through nonviolent means is neither absurd nor unattainable. All other methods have failed. Thus, we must begin 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 Thanksgiving for Baptism this Sunday weaves together texts by J. Frank Henderson and words from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we give thanks for the waters of baptism and renewal we hear the promise of God's grace outpoured and the call through baptism to live in new ways.

We give you thanks for the waters of the River Nile. To them Jochebed entrusted her baby Moses in a reed basket. From them he was drawn out by Pharaoh's daughter and her Israelite maid. A child forged a bond that would transform.

Love is the more durable power in the world. . . . Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

We give you thanks for the waters of the Reed Sea. Through them Moses and Miriam led the covenant people. They risked their lives for the sake of a greater good and a stronger community.

Our world is a neighborhood. We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters], or we will perish as fools. For I submit, nothing will be done until people put their bodies and souls into this.

We bless you for the waters of Mary's womb. In them Jesus was nurtured and heard her song of justice; out of them he was born as your good news. We look to the great witness of justice and mercy and our interconnection of one to another.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

We bless you for the waters of Jesus' baptism. In these waters he was anointed by the Holy Spirit that he might make the whole creation new and open us to the joy of your everlasting life.

We know that in our struggle for justice we have cosmic companionship. This belief that God is on the side of truth and justice comes down to us from the long tradition of our Christian faith. There is something at the very center of our faith which reminds us that Good Friday may reign for a day, but ultimately it must give way to the triumphant beat of Easter drums.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us now, enlighten us with your Sophia—your wisdom: Renew our call to ministry and strengthen us for loving service, that we may proclaim and live the good news of Christ Jesus.

Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter—but beautiful—struggle for a new world.

Renewed in the waters of baptism and called to new life, let the people of God say, **Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN

Soli deo Gloria
ELW 878: vs. 1, 2



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voice - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voice - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing,
you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and healing to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the rulers your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the betrothed,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

PSALM

Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Come!
ELW 312: vs. 1, 2



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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Natalie Romero begins her ministry at St. Michael's this week. She joins us after serving as the Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries at Ascension Lutheran Church in Long Island for 10 years. Natalie is originally from Wisconsin and attended Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Join us in praying for Natalie, her spouse, Jerry, and their two daughters, Naomi and Josephine during this time of new beginnings!

INSTALLATION OF NATALIE ROMERO

On behalf of the entire congregation gathering here and in their homes, it is with great joy that we install our sibling in Christ, Natalie Romero as Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries of St. Michael's Lutheran Church. You have been entrusted with a ministry that we hold dear, ministry with and for the young people and families of this church. So we ask:

Do you promise to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus in the leadership of this church? If so, answer *"I do and I ask God to help me."*

Will you notice and nurture the gifts, questions and ideas of the people of this church, particularly the youngest members of this congregation? If so, answer *"I will and I ask God to help me."*

Will you lead with integrity and transparency, with diligence and hope, practicing honesty, humility, and courage? If so, answer *"I will and I ask God to help me."*

People of God, do you promise to support Natalie in her leadership; to care for and respect her family as beloved ones among us with your blessing and prayers?
If so, answer **"We do and we ask God to help us."**

We pray:

Empowering God, you share creative power with your people, inviting our participation so that the reign of heaven is revealed in our human activity. Bless Natalie with wisdom and compassion, with courage and kindness, with patience and tenacity, with good humor and great hope as she serves as the Director of Children Youth and Family Ministries. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+MEAL+

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deep River
Arr. Mark Hayes

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

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around 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 Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We feast on the promises of God.

We drink in God's grace.

In God there is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion will be distributed in the pews. If you did not receive elements upon entering the sanctuary an usher can provide them to you.

As we receive communion in our pews, hear these words.

This is the body of Christ broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,

for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

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.

+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.

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

SENDING HYMN

Go to the World
ACS 991: vs. 1, 2



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ!
With the gifts you bear, bless the world;
With the love you offer, bless those you meet.
Let us go now in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Only Son From Heaven
Enchiridion, 1524

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, pianist*
Karen Wilkerson, soprano

Lector: *Jane Doyle*



Congregational “Pre-Annual Meeting” Conversations

10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 16 & Sunday, January 23!

As we prepare for the Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022, we are planning to try something new. We will be holding pre-meeting conversations during the 10:00 a.m. hour (between worship services) to help people become more familiar with the finances of the church and to provide insights with regard to the proposed building projects and to hear from the congregation.

Look for the Zoom invitation link in your Friday email or send an inquiry to office@stmichaelselca.com



Sunday, January 16: Join in conversation online in Zoom to learn more about the proposed sanctuary wall project (recladding) and engage in conversation about the potential narthex redesign. It is planned that staff from the architectural firm LHB will be online, as well as members of the Property Committee.

Sunday, January 23: Members of the Finance Committee and Church Council will be present to discuss the financials at the close of 2021 and the proposed budget for 2022. This is a great time to learn more about both the budget and the budgeting process.



Announcements

Dear Members & Friends at St. Michael's,

January 12th, 2022, SMART (St. Michael's Assessment & Reopening Team) revisited topics from their meeting on January 5th, several factors initiated their desire to convene:

- Roseville Area Schools moved to distance learning starting January 18, returning to in-person learning on January 31. Other local districts are making this shift as well.
- Several area colleges have moved classes online and are limiting access to and from campus.
- High surges in area hospitals--including growing numbers of pediatric cases.
- Dramatic case count increases over the past week.

For these reasons, we will be pausing large, in-person gatherings, including in-person worship. At this point, we plan to resume in-person worship and gatherings on Sunday, January 30th but will continue to update the congregation should that change.

Please know that SMART, the pastors, and staff, do not make any of these decisions lightly. Our mutual and prayerful discernment has led us to plan for these next few weeks with an abundance of concern and care for our community. We recognize that for many, this feels like a step back into earlier days in the pandemic. However, we believe that these protective measures will help move our congregation and community forward in health and in hope. We know that for some, this decision brings disappointment and pain, and for others this decision feels long overdue. We hold this shared grief together.

With peace and compassion in these days,

Pastor Brad and Pastor Ali and The St. Michael's Assessment & Reopening Team:

Please see your Friday email or the St. Michael's webpage for additional information.



This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, January 16

- 8:45 a.m. Worship: Live Stream only
10:00 a.m. Pop-up sledding party at Parkview
10:00 a.m. Pre-Annual Meeting Congregational Conversation: Virtual
4:00 p.m. DEI Matters: Virtual

Monday, January 17

Church Office Closed

- 1:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion: Virtual

Tuesday, January 18

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting: Virtual

Thursday, January 20

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

Friday, January 21

Messenger Due Date

Sunday, January 23

- 8:45 a.m. Worship: Live Stream only
10:00 a.m. Pre-Annual Meeting
Congregational
Conversation: Virtual

Save the Date: Annual Meeting

St. Michael's Annual Meeting,
January 30, 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall.

We also plan to stream the meeting on Zoom. Watch your upcoming Friday Flyers for the Zoom link.

Agenda Items include:

- Voting on the sanctuary wall recladding and Narthex redesign
- Approving financing and the 2022 budget
- Electing Council Members

As we strive to follow COVID protocols to keep the staff and the congregation healthy, we will not be serving lunch.