



St Michael's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 30, 2022—8:45 a.m.
Fourth 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.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We pause to confess the places of sin and brokenness in our lives and in the world as we gather in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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 has made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you have called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may more fully know
the glory of your child born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, you are made new,
Your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of life everlasting
Live this day in the love and the promise of God.
Amen.

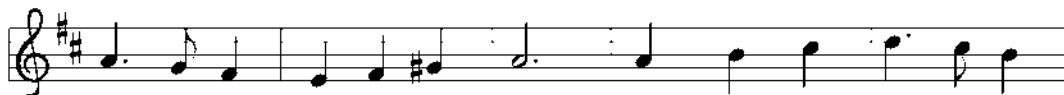
GATHERING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness!

ELW 733



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

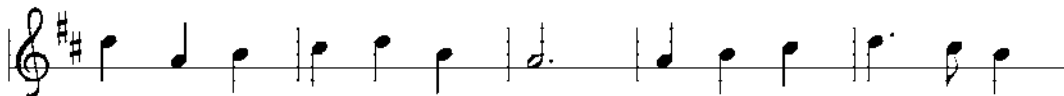


pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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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.

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

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

We pray: Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise. Guide us that we may love what you love; equip us that we may live our faith out loud, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+WORD+

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out a hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from
my mother’s womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Natalie Romero

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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.

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

ELW 644



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional
Text © 1995 Andrew Donaldson.

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

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.**

+MEAL+

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thee we Adore
arr. Ralph Johnson

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."*

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's table stretches to meet us where we are this day — in homes and offices, under the canopy of creation or in the walls of a sanctuary.

God's grace is there for us this day — in our certainties and our doubts, our joys and pains. There is a place for you and there is enough for all.

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.**

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.

+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.

May you know the promise of grace

and the call to live in hope, in faith, and in love,
this day and forevermore.

Amen.

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

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 5447



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brace - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into the world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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: *Tom Bartsch, piano*

Karen Wilkerson

Ted Brand

Barb Yarusso

Roger Syverud

Lector: *Dolores Rivard*



This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, January 30

8:45 a.m. Worship—Live Stream Only

12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting—Zoom

Monday, January 31

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Personnel & Administration
Committee

9:30 a.m.. Sarah Circle

Wednesday, February 2

1:00 p.m. Elisabeth Circle

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 3

9:30 a.m. Thursday
Morning Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Sunday, February 6

8:45 a.m. Worship—In Person

10:00 a.m. Education Hour

11:00 a.m. Worship—In Person

Annual Meeting

**St. Michael's Annual Meeting,
January 30, 12:30 p.m.
on Zoom**

The Zoom link is available in your Friday Flyer and congregational email on Friday.

Agenda Items include:

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

2021 Annual Report were emailed out to members. Contact the church office to stop in for a paper copy.