

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



NAME OF JESUS

January 1, 2012

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O God of ancient blessing, your servant Mary pondered in her heart the treasured words spoken about her son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Prepare our hearts to receive his spirit, that our tongues may confess him Lord. Amen.

Eternal and timeless God, you created time as a means of measurement for us until we can join you in the timeless celebration of heaven. Help us to see time as one of your gifts to us, to be used wisely and to your glory. The past year, like all years, was experienced in vastly differing ways by each of us. But in every time and circumstance, you were there. Thank you! Be with us now as we begin this year. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are called Christian. We were "Christ-ened" at the font. Bearing his name, we share the same Father and are invited to address him intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of the Father. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

Name of Jesus

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

Persons with impairments - St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.) We welcome any comments concerning St. Michael's efforts to accommodate persons with impairments or disabilities.

We extend a welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall after the service.

Let us join in celebration

The Epiphany of Our Lord

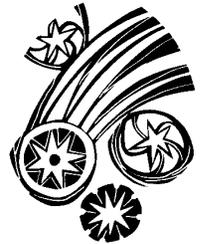
Friday, January 6, 2012

7 o'clock in the evening

St. Michael Lutheran Church

118 State Street

Harrisburg



Word and
Sacrament
followed by
a festive
international
themed re-
ception



The church is located on historic State Street near the river. Free parking on the street and in lots behind the church. For more information, phone 234-0092, www.stmikehbg.com.

FESTIVAL SERVICE FOR NAME OF JESUS

+++GATHERING+++

PRELUDE *Ave Maria* Gerald Peterson

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* ELW 295

GREETING

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.

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God's work. Our hands.

KYRIE

Sung in unison.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Presiding Minister | The Reverend Larry Hawkins |
| Director of Music | Daniel W. Deitzel III |
| Assisting Minister | Wayne Noss |
| Eucharistic Minister | Karl Hawkins |
| Cantor | Sue Will |
| Acolytes and Torchbearers | Isaac Hawkins and Eric Smith |
| Lector | Clair Gunnet, Jr. |
| Thurifer | Lennie Whitcomb |
| Greeters | Sue McDonald and Chris Persson |
| Ushers | John and Susan Wesley |
| Altar Guild | Floyd and Nancy Eberly |
| Offering Counters | Mike Ennis |

The Unhanging of the Greens will take place on Tuesday, January 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this “just as important as hanging of the greens” project, your help is very much appreciated.

Plan to attend the Epiphany Service on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. The Service of Word and Sacrament will be followed by a festive international-themed reception. You are invited to bake, buy, or borrow desserts that reflect a particular country of the world.

Calendar alert--**Next Technology Group session** will be a **discussion and training on websites** open to all people with any interest in learning how it is done in general and what an upgrade for St. Michael might look like in particular. This will take place on **Saturday, January 14 from 8 AM to 11 AM** at the church. Persons with laptops and tablet computers are invited to bring them along but are not necessary. Connie Fake of <http://www.afake.com/> will be present to advise us. She brings a good deal of experience in church websites. Plan to join us for what should be a great opportunity to personally learn more about the World Wide Web and to share your thoughts about our own website plans. Feel free to send questions or comments to Kevin Hepler, kevin@hepler.net

Offering envelopes for 2012 are ready for you to pick up. Take yours and any for your family. Please note that your envelope number may be different from 2011. Begin using your new 2012 envelopes today.

Bulletins have been paid for from church funds.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God by the Fellowship Committee.

If you have anyone you would like to have remembered in prayer, please tell Pastor Hawkins, or contact the church office at 234-0092 or churchoffice@stmikehbg.com. Names will be listed in the bulletin for four weeks unless requested otherwise.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Monserrate Garcia (Maria Archer’s Mom), Ken and Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+++**WORD**+++

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 8

The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The assembly sings the refrain where marked.



¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

BLESSING

God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

In His Temple Now Behold Him

ELW 417

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Lani Smith

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Helping Hands Ministry
 Interfaith Alliance
 Unhanging of the Greens
 Helping Hands Ministry
 Choir Rehearsal
 Epiphany Service and Reception
 Girl Scout Meeting
 Helping Hands Ministry

Today at 4:00 p.m.
 Monday at 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
 Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6, 2012*, are:

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

Readings for the *Baptism of Our Lord, January 8, 2012*, are:

Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,
 and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and
 will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

O God, whose grace and truth are revealed in the Word-made-flesh, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. Nourish and strengthen those who receive this holy communion, that through the body and blood of your Son all may rejoice at his birth and in his presence among us now and forever.

Amen.

+++SENDING+++

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements related to our participation in God's mission for the world are made prior to our being blessed and sent as workers in the Kingdom of God.

human beings that you should¹ care for them? R
⁵Yet you have made them little less¹ than divine;
 with glory and hon-¹ or you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works¹ of your hands;
 you have put all things un-¹ der their feet:**
⁷all¹ flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts¹ of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish¹ of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths¹ of the sea.**
⁹O¹ LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in¹ all the earth! **R**

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:15-21

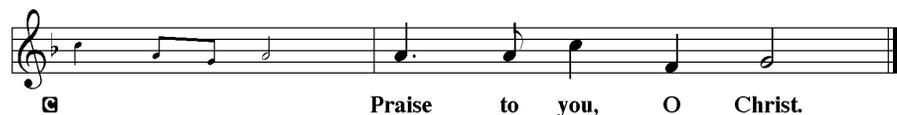
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The gospel of the Lord.



GOSPEL PROCESSION

At the Name of Jesus

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

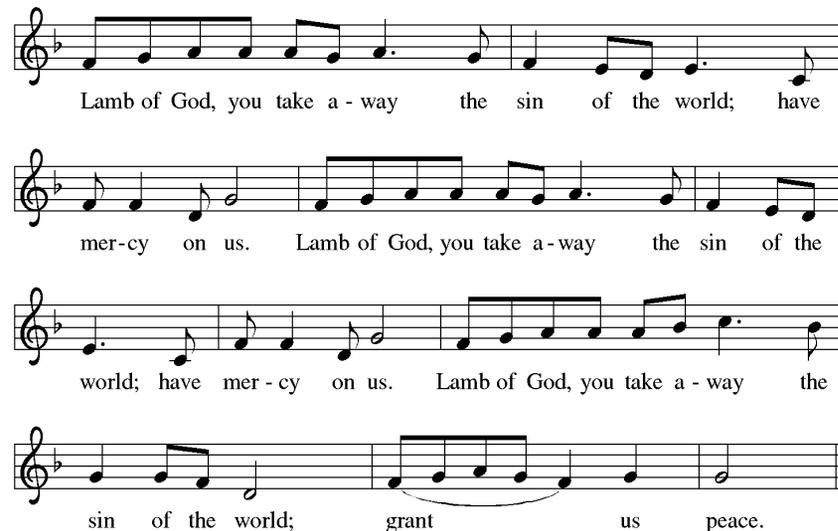
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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION HYMN

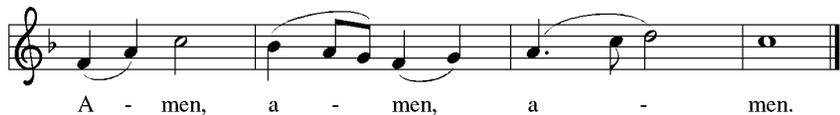
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



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.**

COMMUNION

To receive Holy Communion come to the altar as directed by an usher. The pastor will place the Host (bread) in your open hand; an assisting minister will offer you the wine. Wine is offered either from the common cup, or in your own small glass which you can pick up from a tray at the front of the center aisle. Trays for the used glasses are at the front of the side aisles on a window sill.

If you are in doubt about any direction, please look to an usher for assistance.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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

The assembly shares the Lord's peace with those nearby.

+++MEAL+++

CHOIR ANTHEM *O Savior, Precious Savior* Frances Havergal

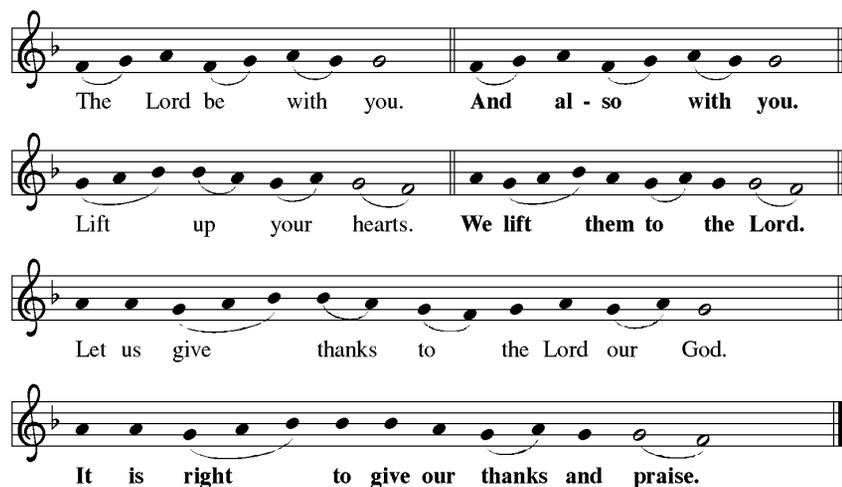
OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

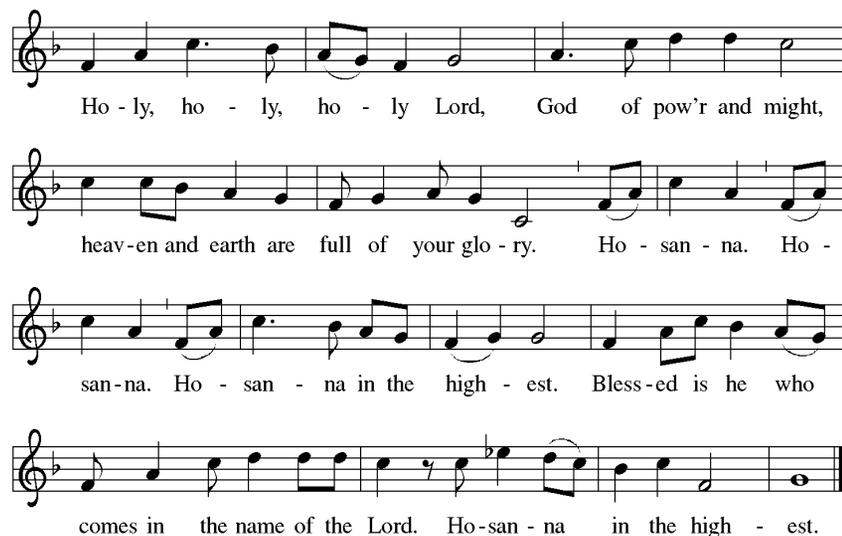
DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
All praise and glory are yours,