

**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2012

10:00 a.m.

## **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

Holy God, creator of light and herald of goodness, at the waters of his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved son. With the baptized of every time and generation, may we say yes to your call to repentance and be led to the life of abundance we experience in your kinship and your love. Amen.

Beloved Son of God, you chose to be obedient to your calling, seeking justice and compassion in a cold world. Help us to remember all for whom life can be unjust or unfeeling. Warm our souls through Word, Sacrament and fellowship so that we will follow your example and seek justice for those who are often unseen or ignored. Give us your Spirit to do your work. Amen.

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

**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.

## FESTIVAL SERVICE FOR BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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### +++GATHERING+++

**PRELUDE** *The Regal Trumpet* David Paxton

### 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** *When Long before Time* ELW 861

### GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### PHONE AND INTERNET INFORMATION

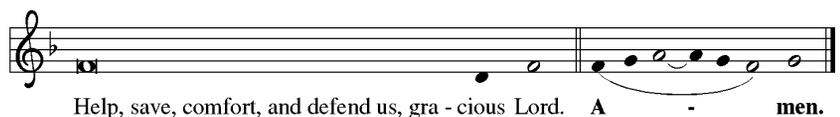
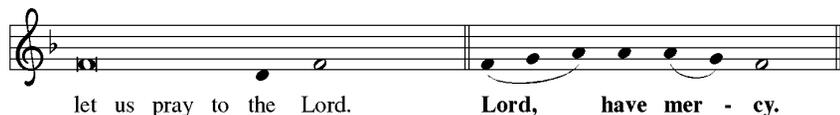
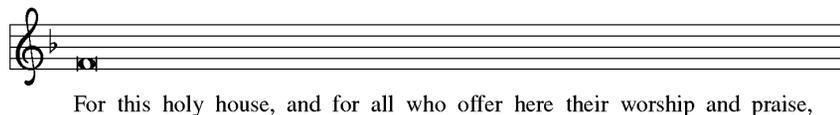
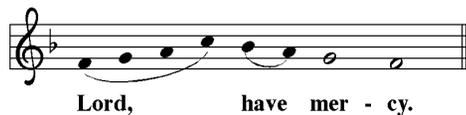
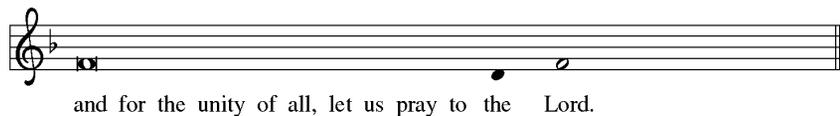
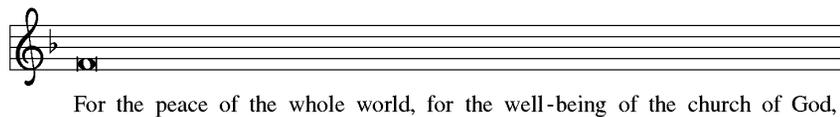
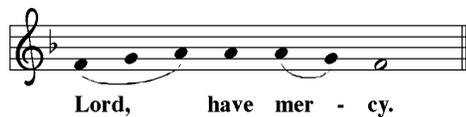
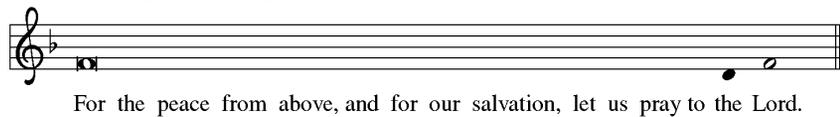
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*Sung in unison.*



Offering envelopes for 2012 are ready for you to pick up. Please take yours and any for your family.

The white rose on the altar has been placed in memory of Ken Harm who passed from life to Life with our Lord Jesus Christ on January 1. Ken's Funeral Service of Word and Sacrament was held yesterday.

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), Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister  
Director of Music  
Assisting Minister  
Eucharistic Minister  
Acolytes and Torchbearers  
Thurifer  
Cantor  
Lector and Bookbearer  
Bannerbearer  
Greeters  
Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Offering Counters

The Reverend Larry Hawkins  
Daniel W. Deitzel III  
Elizabeth Parker  
Ken Umbenhauer  
Marissa Archer and Isaac Hawkins  
Les Van Dam  
Kevin Hepler  
Terrell Archer  
Garfield Archer  
Lisa Kratzer and Dan Tosheff  
Greg Darr  
Ron Hartzell and Doug Kakuk  
Maria Archer and Wayne Noss

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting	Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Deadline for Worship Assistant Requests	Tuesday
Worship and Music Committee Meeting	Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Technology Work Group	Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
Deadline for February <i>Archangel</i> news	Next Sunday
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Eric Smith on January 8; Scarlet Mink-Border on January 10; Ken Harm on January 11; and Stephanie Winegar on January 12.

Readings for the *Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 15, 2012*, are:

1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

**Worship Assistants:** If there are any dates in February when you would not be able to serve, please contact Lindsay Mills 234-6644 or [lmills266@comcast.net](mailto:lmills266@comcast.net) by Tuesday, January 10.

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](mailto:kevin@hepler.net)

News items for the February issue of *The Archangel* are due next Sunday, January 15. Please send your news to Norma Ickes at [nickes@comcast.net](mailto:nickes@comcast.net).

## 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.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

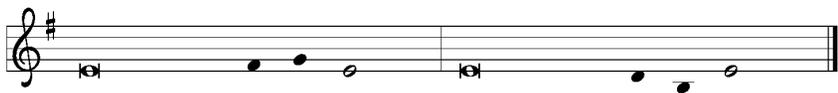
## PSALM

PSALM 29

*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.*



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. **R**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.*

## BLESSING

God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Thy Strong Word*

ELW 511

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*From God the Father, Virgin-Born*

Joseph Prentiss

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COMMUNION HYMN

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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SONG AFTER COMMUNION

*Refrain*

Lis- ten! you na- tions of the world: lis- ten to the Word of the Lord. An -

nounce it from coast to coast; de- clare it to dis - tant is - lands.

1 The Lord who scat- tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and

he will keep watch o- ver them as a shep- herd watch- es his flock.

2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra- diant- ly hap- py, for the

Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show- ers his peo- ple with gifts.

3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make

mer- ry. Like a gar - den re- freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -

gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach

na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

the LORD breaks the ce-<sup>l</sup>dars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip<sup>l</sup> like a calf,  
 and Mount Hermon like a<sup>l</sup> young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice<sup>l</sup> of the LORD  
 bursts forth in<sup>l</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD<sup>l</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
 the LORD shakes the wilder-<sup>l</sup>ness of Kadesh. **R**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
 and strips the<sup>l</sup> forests bare.  
 And in the temple of the LORD all are<sup>l</sup> crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a-<sup>l</sup>bove the flood;  
 the LORD sits enthroned as king for-<sup>l</sup>evermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength<sup>l</sup> to your people;  
 give them, O LORD, the bless-<sup>l</sup>ings of peace. **R**

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

MARK 1:4-11

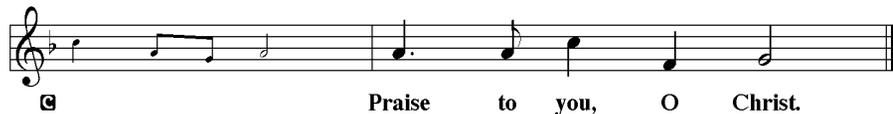
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.



## GOSPEL PROCESSION

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* ELW 304 vs 1-2

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *When Jesus Came to Jordan* ELW 305

## NICENE CREED

**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,**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

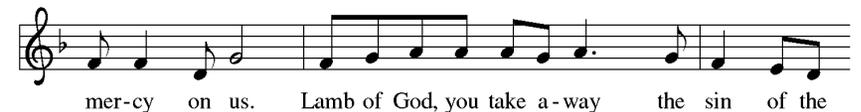
**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**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.*

## COMMUNION SONG



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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

**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.**

**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**

*Carol of the Baptism*

George Brandon

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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.