

**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
 January 29, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE *Come Down, O Love Divine*  
 Arr. by Jeffrey Quick  
 GATHERING HYMN  
*Word of God, Come Down on Earth* ELW 510  
 HYMN OF THE DAY  
*God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW 673  
 CHOIR ANTHEM *My Lord, What a Morning*  
 Ruth Elaine Schram  
 COMMUNION HYMN *Healer of Our Every Ill* ELW 612  
 SENDING HYMN  
*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310  
 POSTLUDE *Chorale Postlude*  
 arr. by Roger C. Wilson

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music	Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister	Les Van Dam
Eucharistic Minister	Angela Tanczos
Cantor	Mike Ennis
Acolyte	Louise Palmer
Lector	Elizabeth Benion
Bannerbearer	Will Hawkins
Greeters	Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Ushers	Floyd and Nancy Eberly
Altar Guild	Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills
Offering Counters	Mike Ennis and Wayne Noss



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**PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

Holy and awesome God, your son's authority is found in integrity and living truth, not the assertion of power over others. Open our imaginations to new dimensions of your love, and heal us of all that severs us from you and one another, that we may grow into the vision you unfold before us. Amen.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we come before you in admiration and adoration. You have given us the example of true faith and the perfect life. Guide and strengthen us to use the freedom we have been given so that we can be examples to others in works of love, faith, justice and righteousness. Free us from all that would distract us from your will. Amen.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

**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.

As part of our stewardship of the earth God has created for us, we are using our worship bulletins for a complete season of the church year. Please remove the worship service section and place it in the basket provided in the narthex. You may take this cover and the readings insert. Thank you for helping to conserve our natural resources and allowing the cost of paper to be redirected to other areas of ministry.

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power<sup>1</sup> of your works  
in giving them the lands<sup>1</sup> of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness and justice;  
all of your pre-<sup>1</sup>cepts are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup>er and ever,  
because they are done in<sup>1</sup> truth and equity. R**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people  
and commanded your cove-<sup>1</sup>nant forever;  
holy and awesome<sup>1</sup> is your name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the begin-<sup>1</sup>ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever. R**

## SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

<sup>8</sup>Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Installation of New Council Members	Today
Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Financial Resources Committee	Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Girl Scout Meeting	Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Souper Bowl of Caring	Next Sunday
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Presentation of Our Lord, February 2*, are:

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 84  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

Readings for the *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 5*, are:

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

On Sunday, February 5th, the MTS Committee will sponsor the 29th annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Help tackle hunger and poverty in the Harrisburg area by joining us after worship for a lunch of soup, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. Money collected will benefit Christ Lutheran's Outreach Clinic.

On Sunday, February 12, 2012 you are invited to attend Theatre Harrisburg's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Whitaker Center's Sunoco Theatre. A luncheon will take place at St. Michael at 12:30 pm with the performance starting at 2:00 pm. Tickets for the show are available for a very special rate of \$15.00 each and may be reserved by calling Sonya Mink at (717) 307-8731 or emailing her at [scarley68@gmail.com](mailto:scarley68@gmail.com). Cash or a check made out to St. Michael Lutheran Church will be accepted as payment. For more information on the show check out Theatre Harrisburg's website at [www.theatreharrisburg.com](http://www.theatreharrisburg.com).

Beginning in February, Family Promise (525 Hummel Avenue in Lemoyne) will need volunteers to answer the telephone, take messages, interact with guests and provide general oversight when the Network Director is not available. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping, or for further information, please contact Georgia Rehm at 564-0757.

Family Promise will host an Open House and Silent Auction on February 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP by February 3 so that they can plan for the luncheon and if you would like to donate a silent auction item. Contact Krissy at 737-1100 or fphcrdirector@gmail.com.

There is a new Helping Hands Ministries sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please offer your time to do what Jesus tells us—"feed my sheep". Sundays and Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please see Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions about this congregational ministry.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a "wish list" on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating some of these items to help feed the hungry.

There is still time to order Girl Scout Cookies from the troop sponsored by St. Michael. An order form is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Orders placed after January 20 will be available for pick up after February 17. Shirley Morales, Girl Scout Leader, says the cookies will be brought to St. Michael's on Girl Scout Sunday, March 11.

Bring in your empty, rinsed beverage cans for recycling. Ken Umbenhauer will take the cans to be recycled. All money collected will be used for the church's building fund, *For This Holy House*.

Non-perishable food items are needed to fill the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall. Your donations are given to Loaves of Love to help feed those less fortunate in our community.

Do you have someone you would like to be remembered in prayer? Please tell Pastor Hawkins, or contact the church office at 234-0092 or churchoffice@stmikehbg.com. Names will be included in the bulletin.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of his sister, Jane Biggs, birthday by Clair Gunnet, Jr.

Bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Frank J. Kehler by Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God by Sue McDonald and Chris Persson.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Monserrate Garcia (Maria Archer's mom), Pat Ennis Groeninger (Mike Ennis' sister), Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2012

### FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

### PSALM

PSALM 111

*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 fear of the LORD is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with <sup>1</sup>my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>1</sup>congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your <sup>1</sup>works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- <sup>1</sup>light in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor <sup>1</sup>mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- <sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to <sup>1</sup>be remembered;  
you are gracious and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to <sup>1</sup>those who fear you,  
remembering forev- <sup>1</sup>er your covenant.