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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 5, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Andante* Arr. by Todd Kendall
GATHERING HYMN
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ELW 553
PSALM *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* ELW 694
HYMN OF THE DAY
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW 708
CHOIR ANTHEM *Let the Praise Go Round*
Arr. by Hal Hopson
COMMUNION HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW 661
SENDING HYMN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858
POSTLUDE *From God the Father Virgin-Born*
Joseph Prentiss

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister Wayne Noss
Eucharistic Minister Garfield Archer
Cantor Les Van Dam
Acolyte Marissa Archer
Lector Maria Archer
Bannerbearer Terrell Archer
Greeters Nancy Eberly and Louise Palmer
Ushers John and Susan Wesley
Altar Guild Ron Hartzell and Doug Kakuk
Offering Counters Maria Archer and Sue McDonald



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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Everlasting God, you give strength to the powerless and power to the faint; you raise up the sick and cast out demons. Make us agents of healing and wholeness that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation. Amen.

Almighty God, you are the creator of stars that we see and can not see; you are the nurse to the wounded and healer of broken spirits. We are in awe of your power to rule the cosmos and in amazement that you care enough to stoop to touch and heal us. Come to us in your word and sacrament so that our lives will be healed and we will be enabled to touch the lives of others with your love. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL

MARK 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Souper Bowl of Caring	Today
Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Candy Making	Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Interfaith Alliance	Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Candy Making	Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
Worship and Music Committee	Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Candy Making	Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Worship Assistants Requests Deadline	Friday
Executive Committee Meeting	Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
Lunch and Theater	Next Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, February 12*, are:

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

The MTS Committee is sponsoring the 29th annual Souper Bowl of Caring this morning. 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.

Candy Makers will begin mixing, forming and dipping Easter Candy Eggs on Monday, February 6. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact Lindsay Mills at 234-6644 or lmills266@comcast.net

There will be a brief meeting of the Executive Committee next Sunday, February 12, immediately after the worship service. Committee members should plan to stay for this meeting.

Next 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 \$15.00 each and may be reserved by contacting Sonya Mink at (717) 307-8731 or scarley68@gmail.com. For more information on the show check out Theatre Harrisburg's website at www.theatreharrisburg.com.

On the Sunday of the Transfiguration, February 19, the *Alleluia* Banner will be removed from our nave until Easter. Households are needed to care for the *Alleluia* banner during Lent. If you would like to keep the *Alleluia* hidden, but safe, in faith, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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 know someone who 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 memory of Fred Mink by Sonya, Vera and Scarlett.

Bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Fred and Vera Mink’s anniversary by Sonya.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of *Souper Bowl Sunday* by the Ministry to Society Committee.

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.

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FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40:21–31

- ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- ²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
- ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
- ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.\