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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 26, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *The Lenten Garden* James Southbridge
GATHERING HYMN
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ELW 445
HYMN OF THE DAY
The Glory of These Forty Days ELW 320
CHOIR ANTHEM *Love One Another* Richard Blake
COMMUNION HYMN
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me ELW 325
SONG AFTER COMMUNION
We Give Thee But Thine Own VERSE 2
SENDING HYMN *Jesus, Still Lead On* ELW 624
POSTLUDE *It Is Well With My Soul* Lee Rogers

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister Kevin Hepler
Eucharistic Minister Will Hawkins
Cantor Lindsay Mills
Acolyte Eric Smith
Lector Janine Laurent
Greeters
Ushers Floyd and Nancy Eberly
Altar Guild Ron Hartzell and Doug Kakuk
Offering Counters Maria Archer and Mike Ennis



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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

God of our salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants. Amen.

Holy God, we are unworthy to come before you except by the grace of our baptism. Sanctify us by your Spirit. We rejoice that you have assured us that no one who hopes in you will ever be disappointed or ultimately regret their decision. Be with us through these days of Lent that we make grow stronger in our fight against temptation. Help us to always welcome the strength that God is willing to give. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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 PETER 3:18–22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

PROPER VERSE

One does not live by bread alone,*
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

GOSPEL

MARK 1:9–15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

PSALM

PSALM 25:1-10

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.



Your paths, O LORD, are stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.



- ¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**
- ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**
- ⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<i>Soul Food</i>	Today at 11:30 a.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Candy Making	Monday at 10:00 a.m.
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Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Lenten Meal	Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Girl Scout Meeting	Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Second Sunday in Lent, March 4*, are:

- Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16
- Psalm 22:23–31
- Romans 4:13–25
- Mark 8:31–38

During Lent, the “*Alleluias*” have been put aside – absent from our hymns and liturgy until we rejoice in Easter life. Our congregation’s Alleluia banner has been removed from the nave and is in safe keeping in the homes of our members and friends. This week we thank Lennie Whitcomb and Mary Quinn for their devotional care of the “Alleluia.”

The Lenten midweek lite suppers and evening prayer will begin on Wednesday, February 29. If you would like to provide the meal for one of the Lenten Wednesdays, please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

The book study, *Making Sense of the Cross*, will begin at *Soul Food* this morning and continue each Wednesday evening of Lent. A limited number of books are available for the study. Cost is \$13.00. You are encouraged to get a copy of the book and read each chapter before the session.

Have you noticed all the activities taking place at St. Michael? Our facility is used extensively and used by many throughout the week. This activity shows the spirit of ministry is abundant and alive at St. Michael. It also shows the need to stay on top of maintaining the church facility. This has led us to thoughtfully discern to support a Sexton position to help handle the workload. This new part time position is now open to receive applicants. Interested parties can contact the church at 717-234-0092 or churchoffice@stmikehbg.com by Sunday, March 4, 2012. The Sexton Position Description is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

The Technology Group will meet Saturday, March 10 at 9 AM at the church. We will be discussing among other topics, purchasing new hardware and software for the church office, expanding our mission of delivering church activity to persons at home or elsewhere via Skype, and website design efforts using Joomla. All are welcome. Questions can be directed to Kevin Hepler, kevin@hepler.net.

Please join the Ministry To Society Committee on Sunday, March 25th, for a bowling party at ABC East located on Eisenhower Blvd. Bowling begins at 1:00 and includes three games with shoes for \$10.00/person. Good news to all ... there's a snack bar and lounge available so nobody has to worry about cooking or bringing snacks. Just bring yourself. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The afternoon is sure to be fun as well as entertaining. For questions please see Cheryl Smith or Susan Wesley.

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.

Order forms for Easter Flowers and Palm Sponsorship are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for palms and flowers is March 11. Please place your orders before the deadline.

Order forms for St. Michael's Easter Eggs are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Place your order soon, don't miss out on these delicious treats! Deadline for orders is March 25.

John and Susan Wesley contribute to the altar flower fund to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Harm. This gift allows us to have altar flowers when there is no sponsor.

Bulletins are paid for from church funds.

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

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

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FIRST READING

GENESIS 9:8–17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."