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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 4, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE
GATHERING HYMN
Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake ELW 799
HYMN OF THE DAY
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said ELW 667
CHOIR ANTHEM
COMMUNION HYMN
In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELW 324
SONG AFTER COMMUNION
We Give Thee But Thine Own VERSE 3
SENDING HYMN *O God, My Faithful God* ELW 806
POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music	Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister	Les Van Dam
Eucharistic Minister	Terrell Archer
Cantor	Mike Ennis
Acolyte	Marissa Archer
Lector	Doug Kakuk
Greeters	Lisa Kratzer and Dan Tosheff
Ushers	Greg Darr and Clair Gunnet, Jr.
Altar Guild	Floyd and Nancy Eberly
Offering Counters	Maria Archer and Sue McDonald



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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

God of Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. Strengthen us in faith, that, with our disciples of every age, we may proclaim your deliverance in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn. Amen.

Almighty God, the source of strength, joy and life, we come into your presence in prayer with hearts of praise. Show us the cross you want us to carry as individuals, and the cross you want us to carry as a congregation. We admit that we are not always eager to be cross bearers. Help us to identify what is truly your will for us. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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.

of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

PROPER VERSE

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ,*
by which the world is crucified to me, and I | to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

GOSPEL

MARK 8:31–38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.



All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the LORD.



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-¹spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face ¹hidden from them;
but when they cry out, ¹the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts ¹live forever! R**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- ¹fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ¹LORD has acted!" R

SECOND READING

ROMANS 4:13–25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Helping Hands Ministry
Candy Making
Interfaith Alliance
Candy Making
Worship and Music Committee
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Helping Hands Ministry
Lenten Meal
Evening Prayer
Choir Rehearsal
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off
Technology Workshop
Deadline for Worship Assistant Requests
Daylight Savings Time
Girl Scout Sunday
Helping Hands Ministry

Today at 4:00 p.m.
Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday
Next Sunday at 2:00 a.m.
Next Sunday
Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Third Sunday in Lent, March 11*, are:

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

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 Doug Kakuk for his devotional care of the "Alleluia."

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 discuss 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.

Remember to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks one hour ahead before 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11. You don't want to be late for anything!

Next Sunday, March 11, Girl Scout Sunday, St. Michael will recognize the Girl Scout Troop we sponsor during our worship service and fellowship hour. Some of the girls will serve as greeters. Girl Scout cookies will be available for sale. Cost is \$3.50/box.

On Sunday, March 11, there will be two benefit concerts you might like to choose from to attend. At 3:00 p.m., St. Stephen's Cathedral will host a benefit concert for St. Barnabas Center for Ministry. Also at 3:00 p.m., Amanda Silliker will present a benefit concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hershey, to benefit the Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church. More information can be found in the March issue of *The Archangel*.

You have an opportunity to experience and learn about food-related needs in our community . . . And how you can help! A Hunger Banquet will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Christian Churches United. For more information, contact CCU at 230-9550 or ccuhbg.aol.com. Registration is due by March 9.

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.

If you have not done so, consider volunteering a few hours to help Helping Hands Ministries on a Sunday or Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. 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 tables in the narthex as well as 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 tables in the narthex as well as on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Deadline for orders is March 25.

Susan Will contributes to the altar flower fund to the Glory of God. 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 and in honor of Keni At-tick's birthday by Jackie Smith.

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 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."