

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
 March 11, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Safe in His Arms</i>	Tom Birchwood
GATHERING HYMN	<i>Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty</i>	ELW 533
PSALM	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	ELW 856
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>When Peace like a River</i>	ELW 785
CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>Each Morning Light</i>	David Catherwood
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i>	ELW 337
SONG AFTER COMMUNION	<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	VERSE 4
SENDING HYMN	<i>There in God's Garden</i>	ELW 342
POSTLUDE	<i>Glory be to God on High</i>	David Paxton

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music	Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister	Wayne Noss
Eucharistic Minister	Karl Hawkins
Cantor	Les Van Dam
Acolyte	Louise Palmer
Lector	Dan Tosheff
Greeters	Norma Ickes and Girl Scouts
Ushers	John and Susan Wesley
Altar Guild	John and Susan Wesley
Offering Counters	Mike Ennis and Wayne Noss



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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Holy One, creator of the stars and seas, your steadfast love is shown to every living thing; your word calls forth countless worlds and souls; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may be transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

God of the law and grace, we confess that we have broken your commandments. We chose to follow what has been convenient while we have ignored the rest. We excuse ourselves by pointing out the disobedience of other people or by denying our responsibility for what we do. Never let us take for granted or forget the cost to Jesus for our forgiveness. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

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.

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SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

PROPER VERSE

We proclaim Christ¹ crucified,*
the power of God and the wis-¹dom of God. (1 Cor. 1:23, 24)

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Helping Hands Ministry
Candy Making
Congregation Council Meeting
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Helping Hands Ministry
Lenten Meal
Evening Prayer
Choir Rehearsal
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off
Deadline for April *Archangel* news
Congregations in Mission
The Humperdinck-L-Ettes
Helping Hands Ministry

Today at 4:00 p.m.
Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday at 10:00 a.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
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
Next Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 18*, are:

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

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 Ken Umbenhauer for his devotional care of the "*Alleluia*."

Today, Girl Scout Sunday, St. Michael recognizes the Girl Scout Troop we sponsor during our worship service and fellowship hour. Some of the girls serve as greeters. Girl Scout cookies are available for sale. Cost is \$3.50/box.

There are two benefit concerts this afternoon. At 3:00 p.m., St. Stephen's Cathedral hosts a benefit concert for St. Barnabas Center for Ministry. Also at 3:00 p.m., Amanda Silliker presents a benefit concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hershey, to benefit the Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church.

Join the MTS Committee on Sunday, March 25th, for bowling at ABC East (Eisenhower Blvd). Bowling begins at 1:00 and includes three games with shoes for \$10.00/person. There's a snack bar and lounge available so nobody has to cook or bring snacks. 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.

This year's Lenten food collection will again benefit Loaves of Love. Many of you may remember last year, our special collection of 100 cans of pineapple for this ministry that serves those in the Harrisburg area who are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. The favorite among the clients is PINEAPPLE for Easter Dinner. This year our goal is 125, 20 oz. cans of either crushed, sliced, or chunk pineapple to be brought to Fellowship Hall by Palm Sunday. Please be generous this Easter. For any questions please see any member of MTS.

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 today, March 11. Please place your orders today.

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 Wagner 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 sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of the Girl Scouts by Norma Ickes.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of the Girl Scouts by Norma Ickes and Susan Wesley.

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

EXODUS 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PSALM

How Great Thou Art

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