

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 13, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>In Deep Humility I Pray</i>	Lani Smith
GATHERING HYMN	<i>Abide, O Dearest Jesus</i>	ELW 539
GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL	<i>Alleluia! Sing To Jesus</i>	ELW 392 (vs. 3)
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>Great God, Your Love Has Called Us</i>	ELW 358
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	John Foley
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>As Rain from the Clouds</i>	ELW 508
SENDING HYMN	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	ELW 656
POSTLUDE	<i>March in D</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music	Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister	Guy Kehler
Eucharistic Minister	Garfield Archer
Cantor	Elizabeth Benion
Acolyte	Marissa Archer
Lector	Maria Archer
Greeters	Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Ushers	Floyd and Nancy Eberly
Altar Guild	John and Susan Wesley
Offering Counters	Guy Kehler, Ed and Cheryl Smith

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. Amen.

Lord of Lords, as individuals and as a nation, you have gifted us with wealth and power. In our worship, touch our hearts and minds so that we use all that you have given us to honor your holy name. Make us your imperfect instruments in an imperfect world to accomplish your holy will for truth, justice and well-being. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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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God's work. Our hands.

⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

PROPER VERSE

Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Fa- | ther will love them,*
and we will come to them and make our | home with them. Alleluia.
(John 14:23)

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Deadline for Pentecost Geranium Orders	Today
Executive Committee Meeting	Today at 11:15 a.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Congregation Council Meeting	Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Deadline for <i>Archangel</i> news for June	Tuesday
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Ascension Worship and Reception	Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Lutheran Night with the Senators	Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Marissa Archer on May 14.

Readings for the *Ascension of Our Lord, May 17, are:*

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Readings for the *Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 20, are:*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

The *Ascension of Our Lord* will be celebrated on Thursday, May 17. The 7:00 p.m. service will include celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Area Lutheran Churches have been invited. A fellowship reception honoring Dan Deitzel III will follow. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Elizabeth Benion or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Red is the color of the day! Geraniums are the flower of the day! Geraniums come in 4" pots. Cost is \$4.00 each. Order forms are available on the tables in the narthex, as well as in the May issue of the newsletter. **All orders with payment are due today.** In lieu of geraniums, donations may be made to *For This Holy House*.

Volunteers are needed to help Helping Hands Ministries on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:00—6:00 p.m. There is a sign up chart on the bulletin board. See Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a “wish list” on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating some of these items.

There are several openings for Altar Flower, Bulletin and Fellowship Hour sponsors. If you can fill one of these, please sign up on the bulletin board, or contact the church office.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Kevin’s birthday by Kevin and Sylvia Hepler.

Bulletins are paid for from church funds.

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

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

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FIRST READING

ACTS 10:44–48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALM

PSALM 98

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.



- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight ¹of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing. R**
- ⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹king, the LORD.**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.