

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 20, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING HYMN		
	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	ELW 769
GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL	<i>Alleluia! Sing To Jesus</i>	
		ELW 392 (vs. 5)
HYMN OF THE DAY		
	<i>A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!</i>	ELW 393
COMMUNION HYMN		
	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	ELW 744
SENDING HYMN	<i>Christ Is the King!</i>	ELW 662

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Assisting Minister	Elizabeth Parker
Eucharistic Minister	Lindsay Mills
Cantor	Mike Ennis
Acolyte	Louise Palmer
Lector	Bob Gerberich
Greeters	Floyd and Nancy Eberly
Ushers	Lisa Kratzer and Dan Tosheff
Altar Guild	Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills
Offering Counters	Guy Kehler and Wayne Noss

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God, in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us eternal life and glorified your name in all the world. Refresh our souls with the living streams of your truth, that in our unity, your joy may be complete. Amen.

Almighty God, invisible in majesty, yet always present with your people, we rejoice in your divine love that endlessly blesses us. Lead us to truly honor you by our conduct. May we be kept from the evil one, and may we finally enter paradise grateful for a life time of your love and grace. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy 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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SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

PROPER VERSE

I will not leave you orphaned, ¹says the Lord.*
I am com- ¹ing to you. (John 14:18)

GOSPEL

JOHN 17:6-19

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Pride Festival Planning Meeting	Today after service
Helping Hands Ministry	Today at 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Area Neighbors	Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Education Committee Meeting	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
	(at Sue Will's home—see announcement)
Pastor Hawkins' Day Off	Thursday
Pentecost Decorating	Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
No Adult Sunday School	Next Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the *Day of Pentecost, May 27*, are:

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

There will be a brief, but important, meeting after service this morning to plan for the Pride Festival on July 28, 2012. Please meet with us this morning.

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin the Philip Yancey study, *Prayer: Does it Make any Difference?* The first session begins Sunday, May 20 at 8:30 AM in the classroom (across from the kitchen). There will be no Sunday School the following Sunday, May 27. This is a six-session series that will help us to consider our relationship with God. The study will carry us through the summer months as well when the summer schedule begins. In June, July and August, the adult Sunday School Class will meet once a month, on the first Sunday of each month. Please join us as we “explore and experience the very heartbeat--the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect--of our relationship with God: prayer.”

NEW!!! The Christian Education Committee is now forming. Your input is vital to the educational programs at St. Michael!

We are to live in relationship with God. To more deeply appreciate this gift and to live in the fullness of God's promises to us, we must continue to nourish our understanding of what this means. There are many pathways to this deeper understanding that can include, literature, music, film, art, discussion and more. Be a part of the team to plan these experiences for the members of St Michael.

One important project that we will begin is a children's ministry that could begin as early as this fall. Your ideas and talents are needed to begin to frame this important endeavor.

Please consider this invitation prayerfully and join us at Sue Will's home, 235 Verbeke St, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, May 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Call Sue with questions at 717-756-3337.

Next Sunday, May 27, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. The color of the day is RED. It is the liturgical color and you are encouraged to wear red to worship.

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.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God by Susan Wagner.

Bulletins are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Bonnie Schell's birthday by Floyd and Nancy Eberly.

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 1:15–17, 21–26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

PSALM

PSALM 1

The psalm is spoken responsively.

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats ¹of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹do not wither;
everything they ¹do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹be destroyed. R**
and the peo- ¹ples with equity. R