

5:30 p.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 9, 2021

Welcome & Announcements & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"Speak, O Lord"

written by Getty and Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights
of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Words of Worship

(from Psalm 26)

Pastor: Justify us, Lord, for we have trusted in You and have not faltered.

People: Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart | and my mind;

Pastor: For we have always been mindful of Your un | failing love;

People: And I have lived in reliance on Your faithful | ness to me.

Pastor: We will proclaim a | loud Your praise,

People: And I will tell of all Your won | derful deeds.

Pastor: Lord, You have delivered us and have been merci | ful to us.

People: And I will praise You with all my heart, my soul, my mind, my body, | and my strength!

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit: as it was in the be | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen

Hymn of Praise

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-10 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-45 (NIV)

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

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Sermon

God Makes All Things New Series

Pastor Jon Zehnder

"A New Mind"

To watch and listen to last week's sermon online at www.smlcs.org, scroll down to the bottom and click on "Watch the Live Stream."

Sermon Outline:

1. Growth, disciples, are _____, not mass produced.
2. No matter how much we grow spiritually, you will always be _____.
3. God created you and sent His Son Jesus to cover your sins and redeem you in order to set you free and, as you grow _____, you become more "you."
4. The first one is this: I will have to learn to _____ my mind.
5. As we begin to monitor our mind, we start to realize to what extent we're allowing the Holy Spirit, who works through God's Word, to flow in our _____.
6. Secondly, as we're aware of it, we can also learn to focus and direct our mind; we can begin to tell our mind _____ we want it to go.
7. There are certain thoughts that lead us toward _____, that bring life, and there are certain thoughts that will lead us away from it.
8. The third thing is that we need to learn to _____ our mind.
9. With what can we feed our mind so that it can flourish? That certainly has to do with taking the time to fill our minds with the things of _____.
10. There is the Master at work, and we have the opportunity of a lifetime; right now, you have this moment where you're alive, and you can _____ in to Him.

Offering

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Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns:	<i>"Agnus Dei"</i>	180
	<i>"Thank the Lord"</i>	181

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Shine Through Us"

written by Colton LaMay

Send us Your Spirit, Show us how to love.
Teach us compassion so we may tell the world
Of the grace of our Savior, purchased through His blood.

Shine through us, let us be lights for You.
In this broken world, help us to live through You.
Until our days are through,
Help us to live, help us to love by Your Word.

For when the day comes when all pain melts away,
With all the angels, the endless praise we'll sing:
"All Laud and Honor to Christ our King!"

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