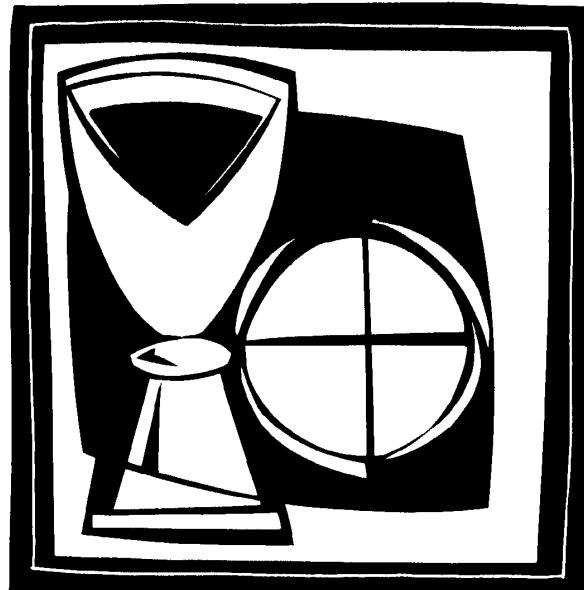


# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Our mission is to celebrate and share God's love in Jesus Christ*



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 3, 2022 at 8:15 AM**  
*Spoken Liturgy with Holy Communion*

## **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly is invited to stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### **CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## DIALOGUE

Pastor: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

Pastor: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**ALL: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

Pastor: One does not live by bread alone,

**ALL: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dangled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING:

Galatians 6:1-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”*

Lector: A reading from Galatians.

[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ” <sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated*

## SERMON

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

    creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

    born of the virgin Mary,

    suffered under Pontius Pilate,

    was crucified, died, and was buried;

    he descended to the dead.

    On the third day he rose again;

    he ascended into heaven,

    he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

    and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

    the holy catholic church,

    the communion of saints,

    the forgiveness of sins,

    the resurrection of the body,

    and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS**

Assisting Minister: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need responding with “ hear our prayer.”

*A brief silence.*

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ’s new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth’s natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving especially...those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ’s new creation. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**ALL: Amen**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*Offering is being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.*

*The table is prepared for communion.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**ALL: Amen**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

Pastor: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*The assembly is seated.*

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All who are guided by faith to receive the Lord's Supper are welcome at Christ's table. We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Communion will be distributed continuously, in household groups, under the direction of the usher. Take an empty cup to receive from a pouring chalice (let the communion assistant know if you prefer grape juice). Please let the pastor know if you require a gluten free host. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond, "Amen". Worshippers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*After all have communed the assembly is invited to stand.*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's Grace. **All: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both

friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**ALL: Amen**

### **DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Thomas, Apostle**

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

**Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

**Wednesday, July 6, 2022**

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

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***Altar Flowers*** - The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Vivian and Tom Gano in loving memory of their son Curtis, on this the 35th anniversary of his death.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

June 12 through September 4 the worship schedule will be at **8:15 AM** - Spoken Liturgy with Holy Communion and **10:00 AM** - Bread of Life Liturgy with Holy Communion.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday school and Adult Forum will be on Summer recess. Enjoy your Summer and we will see you in the fall for Rally Day.

## **EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE**

Lutheran Disaster Response is joining companion churches and partners in response to this crisis. These partners provide immediate support and supplies. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an interfaith call for peace in the region. There are ways to help in support of those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries affected by this crisis. Please pray for healing, peace and hope in their time of need. An offering labeled "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" can be placed in the offering plate in the rear of the Sanctuary or sent to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY TEAM**

There are upcoming opportunities to join in discussion around some of the topics that we struggle with as individuals and as a society—especially as they intersect with our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

- On **July 20 at 7:00pm** we will host a movie night featuring *American Son*. This 90 minute movie follows an estranged biracial family as they reunite at a Florida police station to find their missing son.. After the movie there will be a time for reflection and discussion..
- You are invited to read Rev. Lenny Duncan's book "Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the United States" and join in a discussion on **August 8 at 7:00pm**. Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work-- drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers. See Ruth or Anne for a copy or if you have any questions.
- Stay tuned for more!

## CARING FOR CREATION

**Genesis 2:15** -Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Beginning Sunday 6/26, the Invitational and Social Outreach committee will be presenting a series of Temple talks at the 8:15 and 10:00 am services focused on the environment. The topics will include:

- How does SMLC care for creation.
- Tending to our surroundings
- What can you do at home to help the environment?
- Organic and Fair-Trade products

Small changes in our daily living habits can have a large beneficial impact in our environment. We look forward to presenting these topics as well as soliciting your input to help protect our environment.

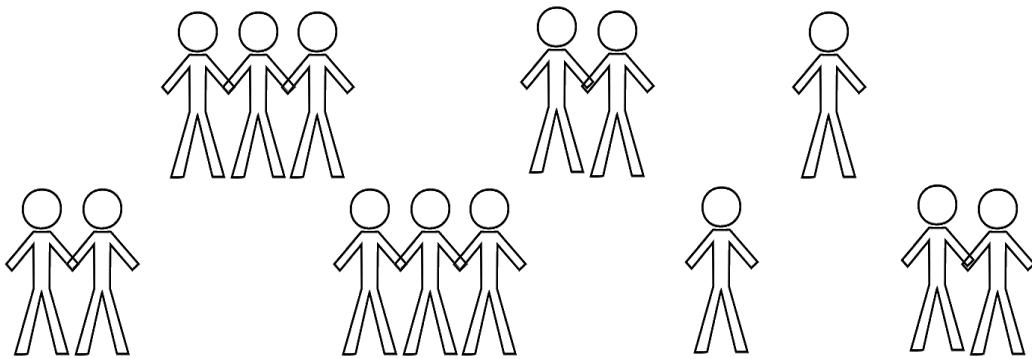
### DIGITAL SIGN IN

To help keep each other safe, you are welcome to sign in with our new digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or on the tables in the Narthex. You are also welcome to still sign in on the hard copy on the table in the Narthex.



### WORSHIP SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

We are asking that folks try not to sit directly behind each other during worship and instead sit in-between the groups in the pew directly in front of you. Think about it like taking a class picture back in school, when you had to stand in the ‘window’ between the two people in front of you.



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