

# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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YOUTH SUNDAY  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM

## **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.

*Our worship services this morning are streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.*

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## INTRODUCTION

*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## 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.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Assisting Minister: 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.**

Assisting Minister: 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.**

## GATHERING HYMN #821 "Shout to the Lord" SHOUT TO THE LORD

1 My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

2 Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us  
sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will  
roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
in you.

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### GREETING

Assisting Minister: 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



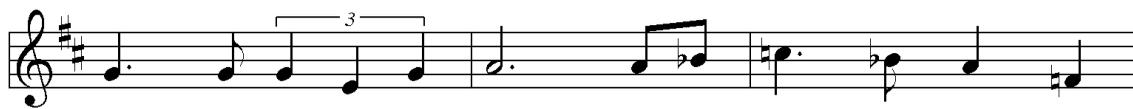
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**I**  
**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

**☐** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through 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 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING:

Galatians 3:23-29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

Lector: A reading from Galatians.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is

no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL:**

Luke 8:26-39

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

Assisting Minister: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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<sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Assisting Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated*

## **SERMON**

### **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 assembly is invited to stand.*

## **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.*

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick especially...those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts. Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: 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**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated*

## 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.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Jesus Loves Me”- Sunday School Ringers

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

## OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### 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

#### DIALOGUE

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 presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

#### 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:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen**

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## LAMB OF GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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 if able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



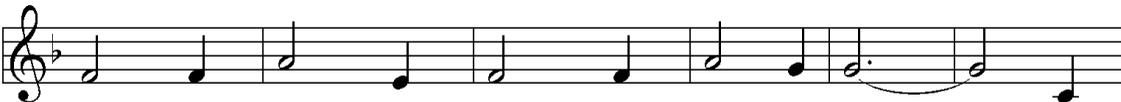
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**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**

Assisting Minister: 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**

**SENDING HYMN “Life Every Voice and Sing” LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**

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| <p>1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,<br/>ring with the harmonies of liberty.<br/>Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'n'g skies,<br/>let it resound loud as the rolling sea.<br/>Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;<br/>sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;<br/>facing the rising sun of our new day begun,<br/>let us march on till victory is won.</p> | <p>2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,<br/>felt in the days when hope unborn had died;<br/>yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet<br/>come to the place for which our parents sighed?<br/>We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;<br/>we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,<br/>out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last<br/>where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.</p> |
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3 God of our weary years, God of our  
silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on  
the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into  
the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our  
God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of  
the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we  
forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

### **DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Send Us Out”

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### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

### **John the Baptist**

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

### **Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

**Altar Flowers** - The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Ray Kratz and Kelly Daly in honor of their daughter Charlotte Westerfer's birthday.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

### **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.

### **WURFFEL FUND COLLEGE LOAN**

It is the time of year for the Wurffel Fund College Loan applications. Bishop Bartholomew's letter can be found here: <https://bit.ly/Bishopletter>, for information about the loan/scholarship. To access the loan instructions and application package use this link: <https://bit.ly/Wurffelloaninstapplica>. Applications are due no later than **July 1**.

### **JOSEPH'S HOUSE BREAKFAST CASSEROLES**

Joseph's House continues its ministry to feed the homeless in Camden. Thank you to the "Casserole Crew" for their support. **The next opportunity to provide twelve (12) breakfast casseroles is Thursday, June 23.** Please sign up using the new digital link: [https://bit.ly/jhbc\\_June22](https://bit.ly/jhbc_June22). Casseroles can be dropped off at the Elkins Road door on June 23 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

## **SUMMER CAMP AT CROSS ROADS**

Cross Roads offers unique summer camp programs for youth and families. Campers encounter God in nature, in worship, and in relationships during their time at camp. Our amazing summer staff of young adults create an environment for personal growth, wholesome fun, and an experience of genuine community.

**Youth Camp (Grades 2-8): Multiple Weeks**  
**High School Week (Grades 9-12): July 10-16**  
**Adventure Camp (Grades 4-8): July 17-23**  
**Leaders In Training (Grade 11): July 31-Aug. 13**  
**S.E.E.K. (Grades 8-10): July 31 – Aug. 13**  
**Family Camp: August 14-19**  
**Family Camp Weekend: August 19-21**

Reach out to the Bruesehoff Family if you have any questions about camp talk to Pastor Chris about financial resources that are available. For more Information go to:  
[www.crossroadsretreat.com/](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com/)

## **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.

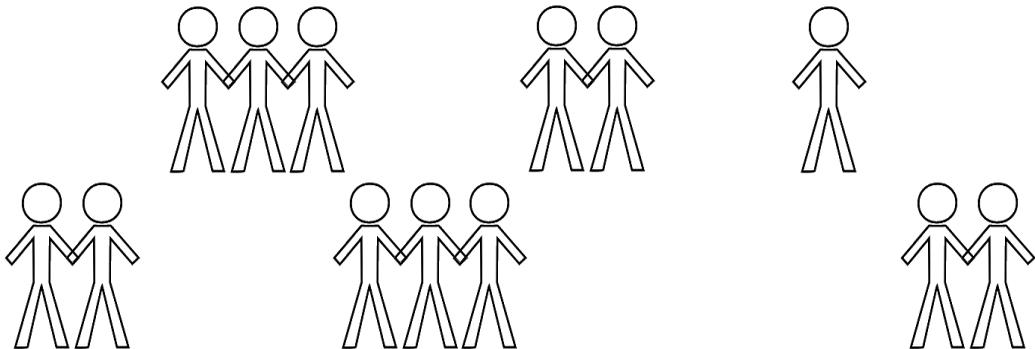
## DIGITAL SIGN IN

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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