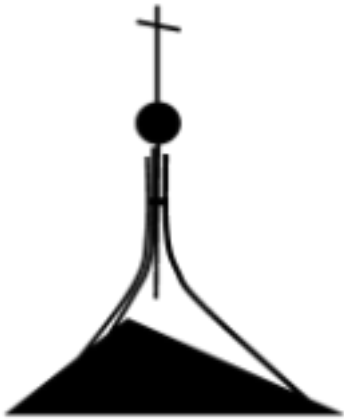




ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 at 8:15AM and 11:00AM

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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 service at 11:00 AM this morning is 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.

DIGITAL SIGN IN

You are welcome to sign in with our digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or at the iPad in the Narthex.



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INTRODUCTION.

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRESERVICE MUSIC (11:00): "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *Allen Carr, Saxophone*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Just As I am Without One Plea" *Allen Carr, Saxophone*

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "As We Gather At Your Table" *ELW 522*

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.	Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
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2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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GREETING

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

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



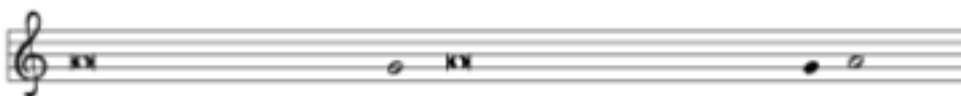
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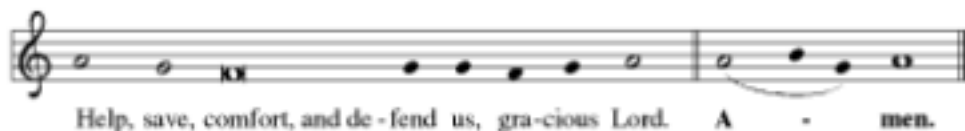
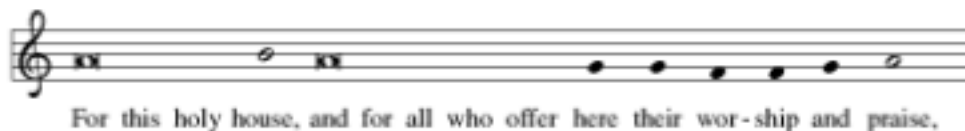
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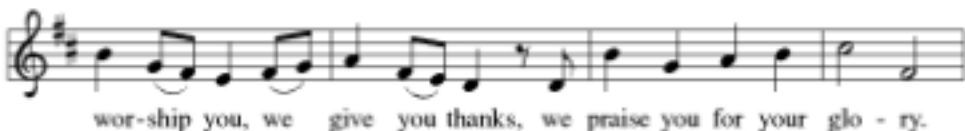
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



GLORY TO GOD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a

wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

A reading from Isaiah

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice

and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

A reading from Philippians

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly. Matthew 21:33-46 Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

HOMILY

The assembly is invited to stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

ELW523

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

² God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food.
Refrain

¹ I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

³ May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have.
Refrain

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The Sponsor presents the baptismal candidate:

I present Myles Allen Corr for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Myles Allen and pray for them in their new life in

Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God. **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your

Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head as the presiding minister says:

Myles Allen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Myles with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Myles Allen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE



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THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering *especially* ... those we name aloud and those we hold in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The assembly is seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING

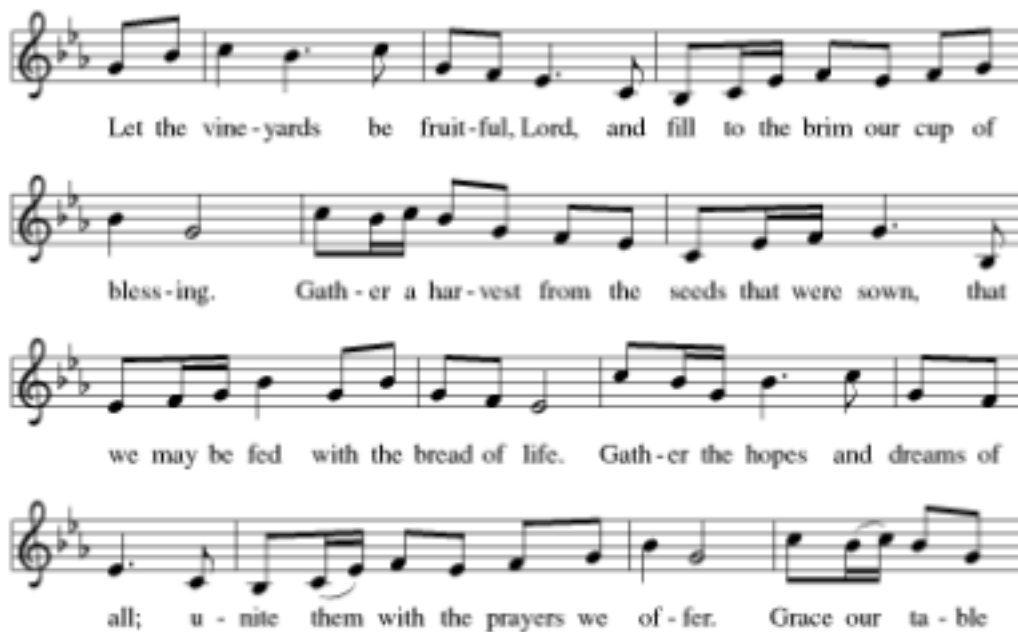
8:15 -- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Allen Carr, Saxophone
11:00 -- "The Lord's My Shepherd" Vocal Choir

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 assembly is invited to stand

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"





with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

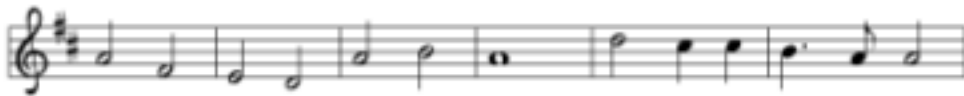
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this
heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the
bread and the wine. At the 8:15 service Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. At the
10:00 service Communion will be distributed continuously under the direction of the ushers. 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". Worshipers who are not yet communing
are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

LAMB OF GOD



The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN:

"United At the Table"

ELW 498

Refrain

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| <p>United at the table:
all our joy is joined in song.
United in the faith:
all our joy to God belongs.</p> | <p>2 We will praise God, we will feast
at the bountiful table of life and grace;
we will praise God and give thanks
for communion with ev'ry race. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>1 We will praise God, we will sing
alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;
we will praise God for the love
that sustains us eternally. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 We will praise God, we will play
alleluias with rhythm and instruments;
we will praise God for the love
that invites all creation to dance. <i>Refrain</i></p> |

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COMMUNION HYMN

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479

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| <p>1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> | <p>2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> |
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3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,

the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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After all have communed the assembly is invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION SONG

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your
liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

ELW 873

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your king.

4 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

2 With voice as full and strong
as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

3 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

"Moderato in C"

Henry Purcell

The Eternal Candle is in celebration of Marcus and Karen Roorda's 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATONS

Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Thursday, October 15, 2026

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Saturday, October 17,

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE DEDICATIONS

A sign-up sheet for dedications is now up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each dedication \$10; please submit dedications to the office two weeks prior to the dedication date. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00 AM or 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join us (in person or over Zoom). Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

DINE AND DONATE – SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Center cordially invites you to a Dine and Donate on Monday, October 12, 2026, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at PJ Whelihan's Pub in Maple Shade. Come out to dinner with family and friends. After you pay, put your receipt in the bucket provided. The SSJ Neighborhood Center will receive 15% of your entire bill in donations. It's a win-win! Thank you.

STITCHING SISTERS

Stitching Sisters meet on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month. In October, they will meet on the 8th and 15th in the Choir Room. If interested, bring your needles, hooks and yarn. Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack. All are welcome! Beginners and people who want to learn are welcome to attend. See Allyson Zinman with any questions.

MARTHA'S CIRCLE

The next meeting of Martha's Circle will be Tuesday, October 20th at 12:00 PM in the Social Hall. Holly Zahradnick's group will be responsible for drinks and dessert. New members are always welcome

JOSEPH'S HOUSE BREAKFAST CASSEROLES

Joseph's House continues its ministry to feed the homeless in Camden. The next opportunity to provide BREAKFAST casseroles will be Thursday October 22nd. Casseroles can be dropped off to the church kitchen using the Elkins Road door between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Casserole tins and the recipe are available in the narthex. Please only use the tins and recipe provided. Visit this link to sign up -- <https://smlc.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=NMXILYH>

BOOK CLUB

Please join us for the next meeting on Monday, November 2nd, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. We will be discussing "Shelterwood" by Lisa Wingate. You do not have to be a member to join, so please

feel free to bring a friend along. Upcoming book for December -- "Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop" by Jenny Colgan. Any questions, please see Trudy Carr.

THANKSGIVING DINNER BAGS FOR LSM

The Social Outreach Committee is asking our congregation to provide Thanksgiving dinner for fifty families in Lutheran Social Ministries' North Camden Affordable Housing Program. Fifty Wegmans' bags are in the Narthex. This year, to meet the specific needs of the Hispanic community LSM serves, we will provide requested items. Bags with GOLD tags will be filled with traditional Thanksgiving dinner items, and bags with WHITE tags will be filled with items most requested by LSM's Hispanic families. Please take a bag, and sign up on the sheet that corresponds to the color tag you have chosen. As always, feel free to personalize your bag with holiday napkins, décor, or cards. **Please return your filled bags by Sunday, November 15, 2026**

Monetary donations are also welcome, and will be used to purchase suitable proteins to accompany the dinner bags and address food insecurity. Please write "Thanksgiving Meats" on checks and pew envelopes. **All donations must be received by Sunday, November 15th.** Thank you in advance for sharing your blessings with others.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

We are again collecting clothes for Joseph's House. We are looking for fall and winter clothes for men and women. The most desirable items are sweatshirts, hoodies and jeans. Men's clothes are needed the most. Clean clothes can be left in the narthex in the gray tubs. You can also reach out to Anne Cassidy at 609-413-1290 if you have any questions. Thank you.

RENTING SPACE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

We welcome opportunities to share our space with St. Michael's family members and friends in our community. There are a variety of rooms available for social gatherings, such as bridal or baby showers, birthday and retirement celebrations and memorial events. We have hosted music lessons, recitals, auditions and rehearsals. Our social hall stage is well-suited to support students or performers at all levels. Civic groups or social/hobby clubs are also invited. Flexible office space is available for those who work from home but occasionally need a site for meetings or interview. Honorariums for the use of church spaces vary based on event details. Please note that the church building and grounds are smoke and alcohol free.

PRAYER CONCERNS

St. Michael's Members: Kathleen Abrams, Walt Flores, Kathy Henry, Jo-Ann Guenther, Beverly Kovac, Dottie Leonard, Bill Lowery, Mary Beth Neilson, Joan Pearl, Carolyn Peterson, Paul Phillips, Megan Quaile, William Schafer, Bill Scheufele, Barbara Scheufele, Deborah Searles, Bev Stropes, Charlotte Sturts, Chris Tressel, Cathy Verme, John Winkelman, Ron Winkelman, Pat Wolbert, Holly Zahradnick

Prayer Requests for Family & Friends: Kathleen Abrams for Ashley & Michael Rubinsky, Cynthia Barth for Dick Perry, Penny Perry, Anne Matthews, The Benninghoffs for Clare Juliano, Trudy Carr for Carol Storz, Anne Cassidy for Donna, Megan, Mádei, and Chris, The Clemsons for Carol Cornell, Margie Clemson and Cindy Branch, Laura Dishong for Wendy and Glenn Harris, The Fergusons for Estelle & Paul Debbane, Linda Ferguson, Lew Gorman III for Mary Jane, June Greiser for Chris Bukowski and Beth Bukowski, The Gromens for Jill Gromen, Donna Lowry, Evan Gromen, George Wright, Alec Gromen, Dottie Seacrist, Kathy Tulley, Joan Barbagiovani, Kathleen Wright Kelly, Bethann Guenther for Rowan, Bethann-Misunas for Diane Dampen, The Hammers for Erin Terreri, Sherrie Orzio, Kristin Streater, Patrick McNamara, Joe LaRose for Helen, Dottie Leonard for Aiden Longstreth, The McConnell family for Donna Riker, Mary Beth Neilson for Janet Dobbs, & Justin Loughry, Anne Picker, Robin Argoe, Dennis Kiley, William Gentner, David Kessler, The Patons for John A, Donna K, Sunil, Kay K., Betty D., Joan Pearl for Vicki Bottoms, Carolyn Peterson for Tracey Femiano, Nancy Perks, Carol Prisco for Helen James, Dave Young, Paula Young, Arlene Schmit, Rosemary Restock, Marion Rice for Sharon, Roorda's for Roy Fennimore, Sahlman for Bo Ingesson, The Shaw Family for Shirley Shaw, The Solis Family for Sarena Bañas, Janet Spooner for Pam Spooner, Janet Thompson for Julie Medeiros & Zachary, Cynthia Tjoa for Ping-An Tjoa, Chris Tressel for Joan Atcheson, Denise Wallace for Pat Griggs, John Winkelman for Guy and Jeanette Mougel, Pat Wolbert for Sandi Ploucher, Allyson Zinman for Carla R, Millie W , Holly Zahradnick for Deb Asher, William McDevitt, Michael Zahradnick

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>October 11</u> 8:15 AM	<u>October 11</u> 11:00AM	<u>October 18</u> 8:15 AM	<u>October 18</u> 11:00AM	<u>Tellers</u> (Week of Oct 11)
A. Minister Reid Hobson	A. Minister Dennis Purves	A. Minister Larry Ferguson	A. Minister Tim Cook	Lauren Gromen Tom Gano Jim Clemson
Lector Nancy Gromen	Lector Laura Dishong	Lector Jennifer Winchester	Lector John Winkelman	
C. Assistant Ryley Hobson	C. Assistant Vicki Clemson	C. Assistant Vivian Gano	C. Assistant Anne Cassidy	Altar Guild (Oct. 11 & 18) Carol Prisco John Grater
Usher Lauren Grome	Ushers Jim Clemson Linda David	Usher Charles Kern	Ushers Martha Burke Linda David	
Acolyte Donovan Roorda	Acolyte Brayden Solis	Acolyte Ryley Hobson	Acolyte Samantha Cook	
	Video Tech Tim Cook		Video Tech Eliza Bruesehoff	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM JH Dinner Casserole Drop-Off
8:15 AM Worship Service (In-Person)
11:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Practice
5:30 PM Youth Gathering Team - Getting Ready #1
6:45 PM Youth Gathering Team - Parent Meeting
6:00 PM NA Meeting
7:00 PM Confirmation Meeting

Monday, October 12

Tuesday, October 13

7:30 PM -Congregational Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting
11:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, October 15

11:00 AM Stitching Sisters
7:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17

9:00 AM - Property Committee -- Window Washing

Sunday, October 18

8:15 AM Worship Service (In-Person)
11:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Practice
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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