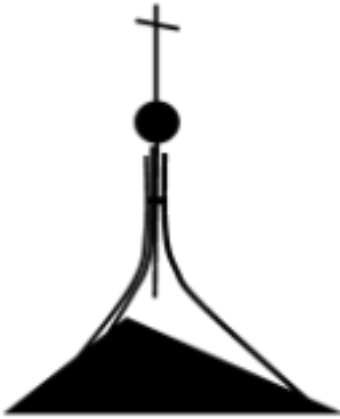




ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 at 8:15 AM 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 10:00 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.

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Prelude in F"

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

"Take My Life That I May Be"

ELW 685

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| 1 | Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise. | take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. |
| 2 | Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love; | 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. |

4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



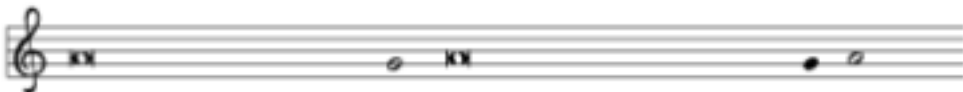
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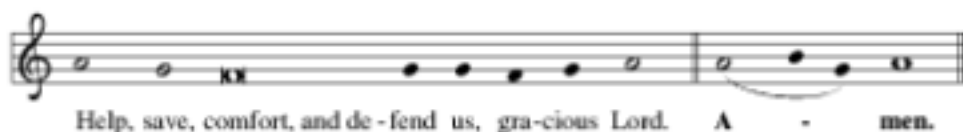
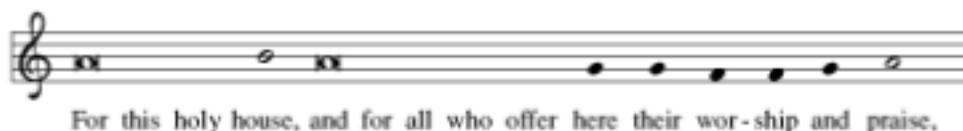
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



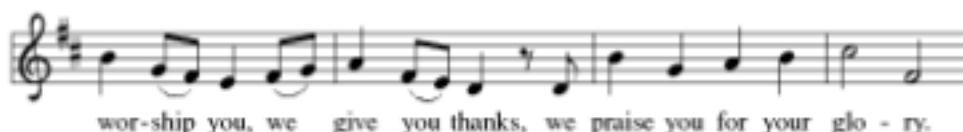
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



GLORY TO GOD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10—4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not

ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

A reading from Jonah

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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

SECOND READING:

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

A reading from Philippians

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might

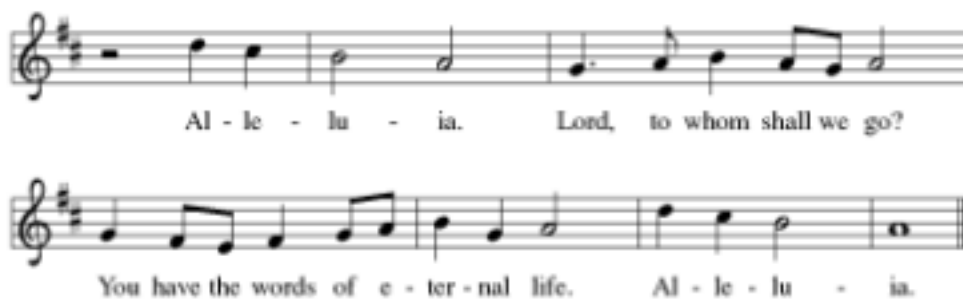
abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

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

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‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

ELW 359

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| 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find. | We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet. |
| 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind. | 4 Then take the towel, and break the
bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things. |
| 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone. | 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new. |

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APOSTLES' 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 OF INTERCESSION

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need, we pray especially for...those we name aloud now and those we hold in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God **Your mercy is great**

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Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

"Be Thou My Vision"

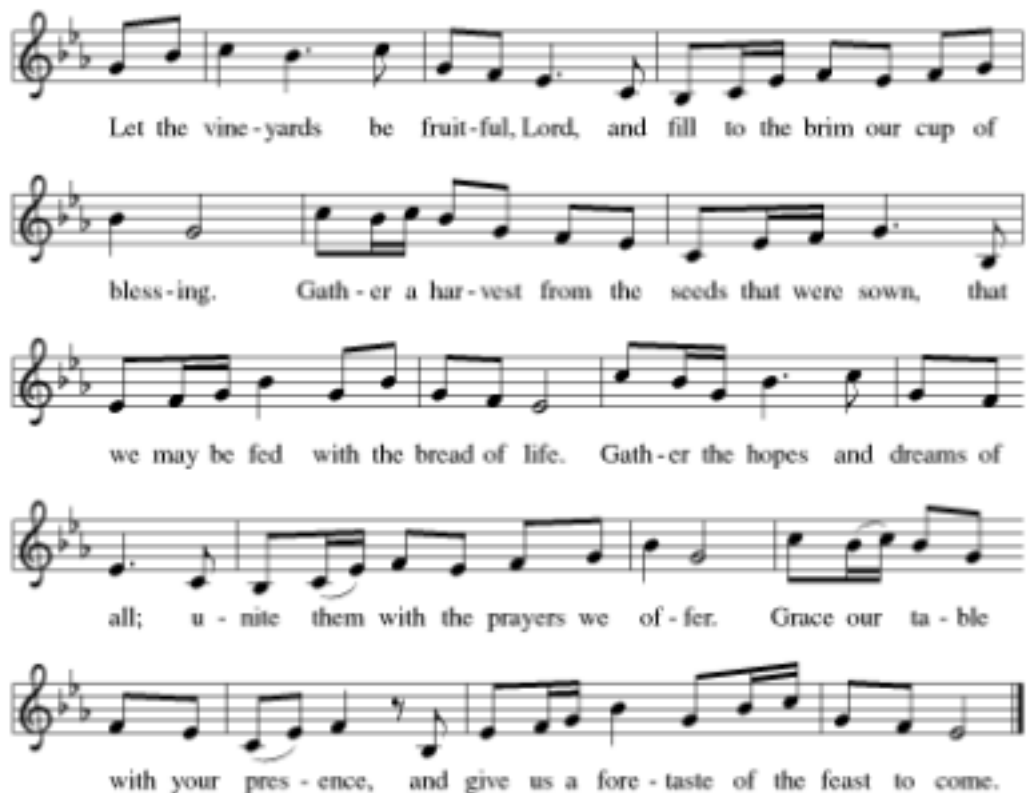
Paul Manz

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”



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. 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. Grace our ta-ble
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



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.

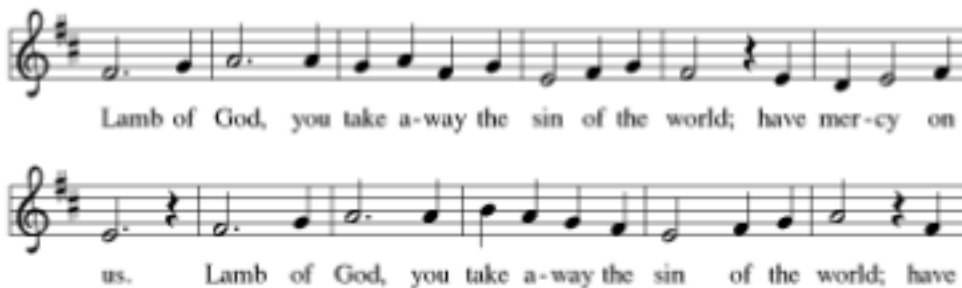
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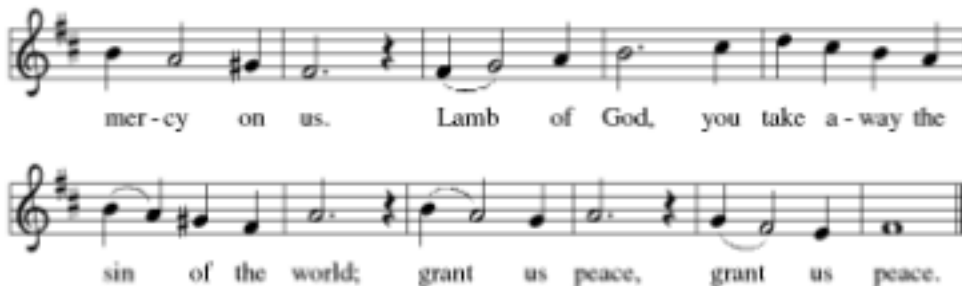
We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. At the 8:15 service Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. At the 10:00 service Communion will be distributed continuously under the direction of the ushers. Take an empty cup 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: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW 659

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| <p>1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.</p> | <p>I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.</p> |
| <p>2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.</p> | <p>4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.</p> |
| <p>3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;</p> | <p>5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.</p> |

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COMMUNION HYMN

"I Come With Joy"

ELW 482

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| <p>1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.</p> | <p>3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.</p> |
| <p>2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.</p> | <p>4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.</p> |

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world

the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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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

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

ELW 669

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| 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn. | redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place. |
| 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim. | 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain. |
| 3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace; | 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God! |

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in G"

The Eternal Candle is dedicated by the Billet Family in honor of Evie Billet's 21st Birthday.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF).

Sunday, September 20, 2026

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Monday, September 21, 2026

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE DEDICATIONS

A sign-up sheet for dedications is now up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each dedication costs \$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 in September at 11:00 AM & 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.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY 2026!

What an amazing day of service at St. Michael's Lutheran Church! More than 40 members of our congregation gathered to serve our neighbors by preparing care items for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, NJ. The Ronald McDonald House provides a welcoming home away from home for families whose children are receiving medical treatment, helping them remain close to one another during difficult times.

Thanks to the incredible generosity and dedication of our congregation, we assembled:

- 225 snack bags, filled to the top with treats and refreshments
- 30 adult welcome bags
- 12 children's welcome bags
- 12 complete cleaning kits
- 15 lap-sized afghans, lovingly handmade by our Stitching Sisters
- 8 boxes of additional snacks and beverages to help stock the pantry

A special thank you goes to Kay and Wayne, whose leadership, organization, and hard work made this project possible. We are grateful for the many hours they invested in planning, organizing supplies, and coordinating this meaningful day of service.

Thank you as well to everyone who donated, packed, stitched, organized, and prayed. Together, we showed what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

WORSHIP TEAM

After a long hiatus, we are bringing back the Worship Team. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30 PM. The team will meet four times each year to reflect on our worship life and help plan for the seasons ahead.

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, September 24th. 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=RIGG7DS>:

SOCIAL JUSTICE & ADVOCACY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join the Social Justice and Advocacy Team on September 30th to watch an inspiring movie called "The Good Lie". The movie is the true story of how four young men survive a civil war in Sudan and the challenges they face in adapting to life in Kansas City Missouri. We will be serving sandwiches, chips and drinks at 6 PM. The movie will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed with an opportunity for a short discussion. We hope to see you there.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Please enjoy our annual fall festival on Sunday 10/4 after the second service, approximately 1p-4p! This year we're holding a potluck picnic which will occur in the front parking lot (weather permitting; the Social Hall is the backup) for both SMLC church members and the community. Please sign up in the Narthex by 9/27 with your name, the number of attendees, your best contact information and the dish you are bringing to share. Questions? Email Karen Roorda at karen.roorda@gmail.com

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00PM for our "Blessing of the Animals" Service. Bring your pets, whether they walk, fly, slither, or swim. Let us celebrate the beauty of God's creation together.

BOOK CLUB

Join the SMLC Book Club on Monday, October 5th at 7:00PM for our discussion of "All the Ways We Said Goodbye" by Beatriz Williams. You do not have to be a member to join us, so please feel free to bring a friend along. Upcoming book for November - "Shelterwood" by Lisa Wingate. See Trudy Carr with questions or contact the office.

WINDOW WASHERS NEEDED!!

The Property Committee will be washing the church windows on Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Come on out and join the group. Any questions, see Larry Ferguson.

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 Quaille, 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, Bob and Lisa Kelley, 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>September 20</u> 8:15 AM	<u>September 20</u> 11:00AM	<u>September 27</u> 8:15 AM	<u>September 27</u> 11:00AM	<u>Tellers</u> (Week of Sept. 27)
A. Minister Anne Cassidy	A. Minister Dennis Purves	A. Minister Reid Hobson	A. Minister Karen Roorda	Vicki Clemson Liz DeBacker Geoff Castle
Lector Charles Kern	Lector John Winkleman	Lector Jennifer Winchester	Lector Charles Kern	
C. Assistant Trudy Carr	C. Assistant Carol Prisco	C. Assistant Vivian Gano	C. Assistant Tim Cook	<u>Altar Guild</u> (Sept. 13 & 20) Vivian Gano Kelly Daly
Usher Larry Ferguson	Ushers Martha Burke Linda David	Usher Lauren Gromen	Ushers Kay McConnell Wayne McConnell	
Acolyte Ryley Hobson	Acolyte Oliver Bruesehoff	Acolyte Ryley Hobson	Acolyte Sara Shaw	
	Video Tech Elizabeth DeBacker		Video Tech Tim Cook	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

8:15 AM Worship Service (In-Person)
11:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
6:00 PM NA Meeting
7:00 PM Confirmation Orientation

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 PM Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

10:00 AM Joseph's House Breakfast Casserole Drop-off

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

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



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