

# St. Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PRAYER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

## **GREETING**

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**ALL: Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God, who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

## **DIALOGUE**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**ALL: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

L: For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

**ALL: Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

L: In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.

**ALL: The sea is yours, for you made it;  
and your hands have molded the dry land.**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**ALL: Come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

L: For the Lord is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.

**ALL: Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **MARTIN LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

**ALL: Amen.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 46** (*Read Responsively*)

L: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

L: <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of  
God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

L: <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns  
the shields with fire.

**ALL: <sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in  
the earth.”**

L: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## *Silence for Reflection*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **PRAYERS**

L: Almighty God, Giver of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; strengthen and sustain pastors and bishops especially Rev. Christopher Bruesehoff, our Pastor, Rev. Tracie Bartholomew, our Bishop and Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, our Presiding Bishop, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; especially today we pray for the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Social Ministries and ELCA World Hunger, for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, we lift before you all who govern, especially our President, Joseph Biden, our Governor, Phil Murphy, our Mayor, Susan Shin Angulo, all the legislators and members of the judiciary. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from you to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. Drive from us cynicism, selfishness, and corruption; grant in your mercy just and honest government; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace

among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **ALL Amen.**

L: Gracious God, your Son called on you to forgive his enemies while he was suffering shame and death. Lead our enemies and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL Amen.**

L: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Today we give thanks for the Lutheran witness of the gospel with American Indian and Alaska Native people stretching back more than 350 years. We pray for the ministry and witness of native congregations and the work of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association, that they might flourish and grow. Help us so that we continue to grow as a church centered in the gospel and committed to the inclusion of all people.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who need healing, hope, or restoration this day especially...and those we hold in our hearts.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Pour into our hearts, O God, the Holy Spirit's gift of love, that we may share the joy of friendship, human and divine, revealed in the love of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his friends and in whose name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Let us pray together.

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Let us pray with confidence:

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

L: God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**ALL: Amen.**

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