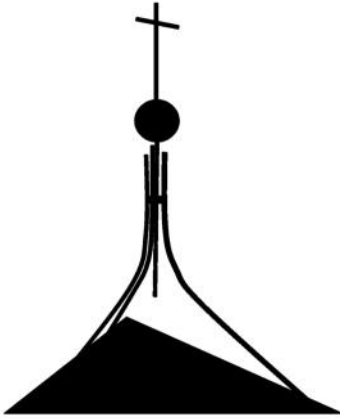
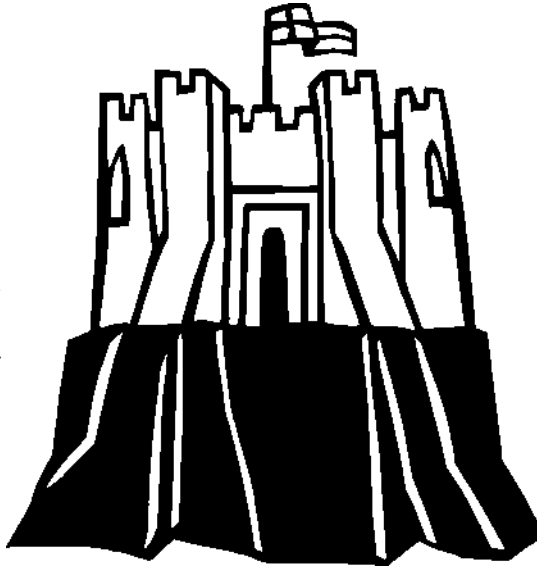




ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM

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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 11:00 worship service 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 the iPad in the Narthex.



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INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

8:15: "Fugue in C"—Zachau

11:00 "The Church's One Foundation"—Handbell Choir

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,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN :*Rise, Shine, You People!"*

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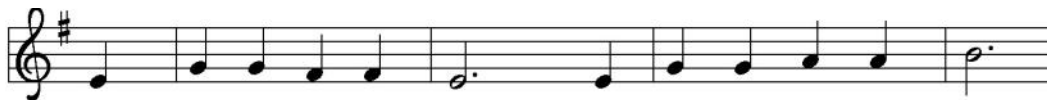
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| 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord
has entered
our human story; God in him is
centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin
surrounded,
with grace unbounded. | 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high
unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the
darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory. |
| 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil
reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and
healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are
driven,
now are forgiven. | 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save
us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom
gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation. |

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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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| 1 | Have | mer - cy | on | us, | Lord, | and | hear | our | sol - emn | prayer. |
| 2 | Have | mer - cy | on | us, | Christ, | and | wash | a - way | our | sin. |
| 3 | Have | mer - cy | on | us, | Lord; | make | sin | and | shame | de - part. |



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in

Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL:

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly is invited to stand.

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| <p>1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.</p> <p>2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.</p> <p>3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his</p> | <p>face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.</p> <p>4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.</p> <p>5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."</p> |
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NICENE CREED

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first ecumenical council of Nicaea. This commemoration is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of this church's ecumenical self-understanding and vocation. Recent developments in Lutheran-Orthodox relations present the possibility of continuing the journey toward reconciliation between Eastern and Western Christianity after nearly a millennium of church division over the addition of the filioque clause ("and the Son") to the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. The Joint International Commission on Theological Dialogue between the Lutheran World

Federation and the Orthodox Church's 2024 Common Statement on the Filioque is an important ecumenical breakthrough, concluding that the filioque is no longer church-dividing and inviting further dialogue and renewed theological reflection on the Trinity and the role of the Holy Spirit. In faithful response to this invitation, today we will profess the Creed without the filioque clause.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, *who proceeds from the Father*, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation, responding with "receive our prayer".

A brief silence.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints, especially Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, 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

MUSICAL OFFERING:

8:15—"Sonata in G"

11:00—"How Firm A Foundation"

D. Scarlatti
Handbell 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 or app.

The assembly is invited to stand.

OFFERTORY

“As Saints of Old”



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
 to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
 to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
 so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
 of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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

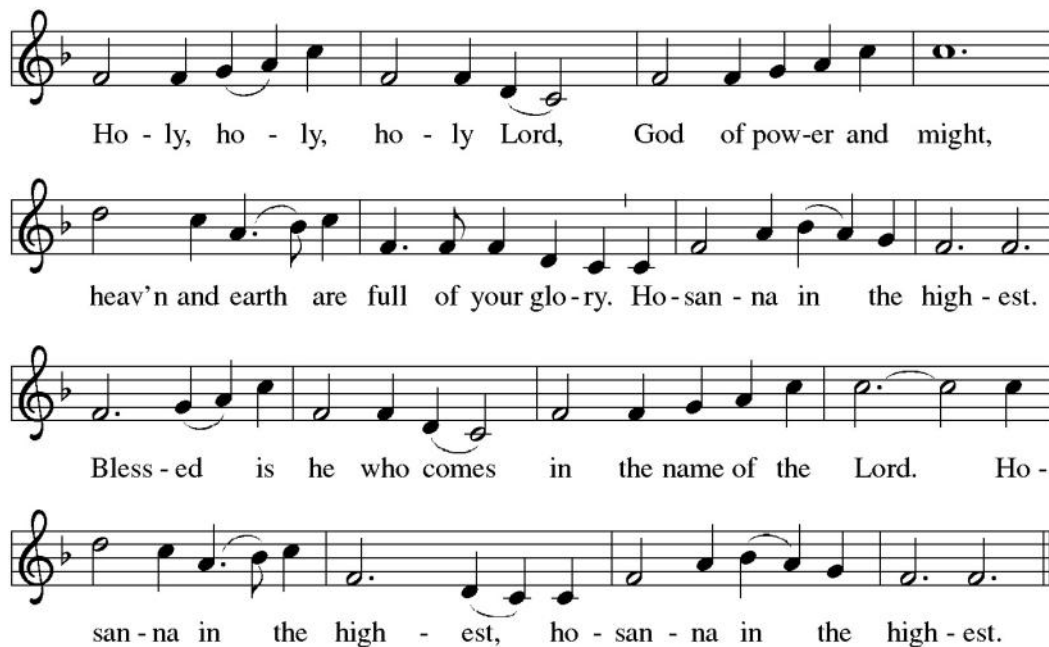
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, God of pow-er 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 in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to

you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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. 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". Worshippers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"For By Grace You Have Been Saved"

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| <p>1 For by grace you have been saved
 and even faith is not your own,
 it's the gift of God for you
 and not the works that you have done.
 Don't let anybody boast,
 for this is God's great gift. Amen.</p> | <p>2 "So my grace is all sufficient
 for each child who is my own,
 for my strength is now made perfect
 for each child who is my own.
 When you're weak, then you are strong,
 for this is God's great gift." Amen.</p> |
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3 So this weakness with contentment
I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs
that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong,
for this is God's great gift. Amen. Amen.

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“Father, We Thank You”

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1 Father, we thank you that you planted your holy name within our hearts. Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus your Son to us imparts. Lord, you have made all for your pleasure, and giv'n us food for all our days, giving in Christ the bread eternal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.	2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still; perfect it in your love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto your will. As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands your church be gathered into your kingdom by your Son.
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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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus'
name. **Amen.**

SENDING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress”

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal. | 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him. |
| 2 No strength of ours can match his
might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious. | 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever! |

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Ein Feste Burg”

J. Jones

The Eternal Candle is given by Kelly Daly.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Sunday, October 26, 2025

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Reformation Day

Friday, October 31, 2025

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Saturday, November 1, 2025

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Starting in September, Confirmation class will meet on an irregular schedule. The class schedule for the first few weeks is as follows:

- Sunday, October 26
- Sunday, November 2

All classes start at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions about confirmation or are interested in being a presenter for this years program please contact Pastor Chris.

CHRISTIAN ED

Check out our bulletin board for full details and schedules for our groups. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- **Little Ones & Loved Ones** (Birth-4 y/o with a loved one) meets on 11/16
- **Pray & Grow** (K-5th grade) meets in the Lower Sunday School Room on 10/26
- **MichaelLights** (6-12th grade) meets in the Youth Room on 11/2
- **Faith in Conversation** (Adult Forum) will meet in the Choir Room on 11/9

All groups meet at 9:30 AM. Please see Pastor Chris, or Kim Billet with questions.

VOCAL CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Vocal Choir rehearsals will be held on Sundays, from 12:00-12:30PM in the choir loft. Handbell Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30PM. All are welcome! See Mark Dishong with questions.

RENTING SPACE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

St Michael's is blessed to have a beautiful place for worship, fellowship and Christian education! 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 interviews. 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. Help us spread the word and contact the church office for more information.

FALL CLEAN-UP

Come out and help us clean-up the church property for Fall on Saturday, November 1 from 8:30AM-12:00PM Bring your gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, trimmers, blowers, and any other yard tools. Light refreshments will be served

THANKSGIVING IN A BAG 2025

Social Outreach asks our congregation to provide Thanksgiving dinner for fifty families in Lutheran Social Ministries' North Camden Affordable Housing Program. Fifty Wegman's bags are in the narthex to sign out. Pick a bag and sign it out on the corresponding sign-out sheet. You may personalize your bag with holiday napkins, table decorations or other Thanksgiving items. Please return your filled bag by Sunday, November 16th.

THANKSGIVING MEATS FOR LSM

We are once again accepting monetary donations for Thanksgiving proteins (such as Turkey, Ham) that will accompany the dinner bags for those at LSM affordable housing units. Please write "Thanksgiving Meats" on checks and pew envelopes and donate by **Sunday, November 16**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SMC BOOK CLUB 2025-26

Calling all readers: the next meeting of Book Club will be November 3 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing *Swan Song* by Elin Hilderbrand. You do not have to be a member to join us, all you need is a love of books and reading. See Trudy Carr with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us on most Wednesdays at 11:00AM and 6:00PM for Bible Study (both in person and virtually). Contact the office if you would like to be added to the email list.

WARRIOR RHYTHM ROOTS WITH KAREN ROORDA

It's that time again! You're invited to a free yoga-fitness class that uses the full or partial support of a chair: it's WARRIOR Rhythm ROOTS! The fun starts at **1:00 PM on Sunday 10/26 in the Social Hall**. Please bring a water bottle and a set of light dumbbells if you have them, and feel free to bring a friend! No need to register, just show up. Questions? Email fitlifewithkarenr@gmail.com or text 609-502-3421.

JOSEPH'S HOUSE DINNER CASSEROLES—NEW RECIPE

The next opportunity to provide DINNER casseroles (with a new recipe—see next page) will be SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9. Casseroles can be dropped off to the kitchen before or after services. Please use the new recipe provided and mark your casserole TURKEY or BEEF, which helps the serving staff accommodate dietary needs of diners. Use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3L3eAqL>. Volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Joseph's House on the second Tuesday of each month. We will meet at church at 4:45pm (Dinner is served at 6:00pm) and return around 8:00pm. You can also drive yourself and meet at Joseph's House at 5:15pm. If you would like to serve, please contact Ray Kratz by phone (609-923-5718) or email (raykratz@gmail.com).

Dinner **CASSEROLES**



NEW RECIPE
FOR
NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER
2025

MAKE AHEAD DINNER CASSEROLE

- 1.5 lbs. cooked & drained lean ground beef/turkey
- 1 medium cooked bell pepper--chopped
- 1 medium cooked onion--chopped
- 2 (14.5 oz) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 (16oz) can of kidney or black beans--rinsed & drained
- 3 cups long grain rice--cooked
- 1 cup water
- 1 packet of taco seasoning (less sodium)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1. Cook meat, drain, add taco mix and water; cook until thickened. Add the cooked rice, peppers, onions, beans, tomatoes and mix together.
2. Place in the tin foil baking dish, treated with non-stick spray.
3. Add shredded cheddar cheese to the top.
4. No need to bake the casserole--just cover with foil/tin lid and refrigerate.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26

8:15 AM Worship In-Person

9:30 AM Pray & Grow

11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,
YouTube

12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal

1:00 PM WARRIOR Rhythm ROOTS class
with Karen Roorda

6:00 PM NA Meeting

7:00 PM Confirmation Class

Monday, October 27

Tuesday, October 28

Wednesday, October 29

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, October 30

7:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

Youth Service Project at The Farminary

8:30 AM Fall Clean-Up

Sunday, November 2

Fellowship & Coffee Sunday

8:15 AM Worship In-Person

9:30 AM Michael Lights

11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook,
YouTube

12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal

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