

# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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<sup>9</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.



<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**Day of Pentecost**

*Affirmation of Baptism*

May 24, 2026 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM

## **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ. *Our worship services this morning are streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.*

## **DIGITAL SIGN IN**

To help keep each other safe, you are welcome to sign in with our new digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or the iPad in the Narthex.



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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

8:15: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

11:00: "Come. Christians Join to Sing"

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.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us, including the Delaware River and Atlantic Ocean. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN :**

*“Oh Day Full of Grace”*

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|---|--|
| 1 O day full of grace that now we see<br>appearing on earth's horizon,<br>bring light from our God that we may be<br>abundant in joy this season.<br>God, shine for us now in this dark place;  | that we, unto him belonging,<br>might join with angelic hosts to raise<br>our voices in endless singing.   |
| 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,<br>our Lord on the earth arriving;<br>then came to the world that light<br>sublime,<br>great joy for us all retrieving;<br>for Jesus all mortals did embrace,<br>all shame and despair removing. | 4 God came to us then at Pentecost,<br>the Spirit new life revealing,<br>that we might no more in death be lost,<br>its pow'r over us dispelling.<br>This flame will the mark of sin efface<br>and bring to us all true healing.           |
| 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his<br>own,<br>when he on the cross was hanging;<br>and then he arose and moved the stone,  | 5 When we on that final journey go<br>that Christ is for us preparing,<br>we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,<br>all joy of the heavens sharing,<br>and there we will join God's endless<br>praise,<br>with angels and saints adoring. |


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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**

**Refrain**

<i>Assistant:</i>	<i>Congregation:</i>
	
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,	

*to Verses*




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

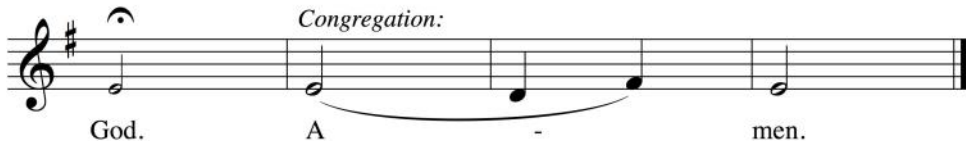
*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

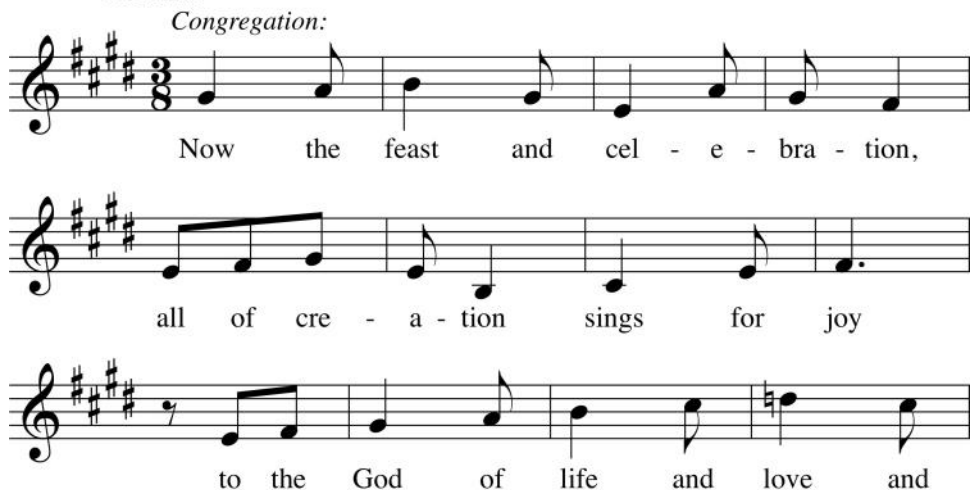


God. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

**Verse 1**

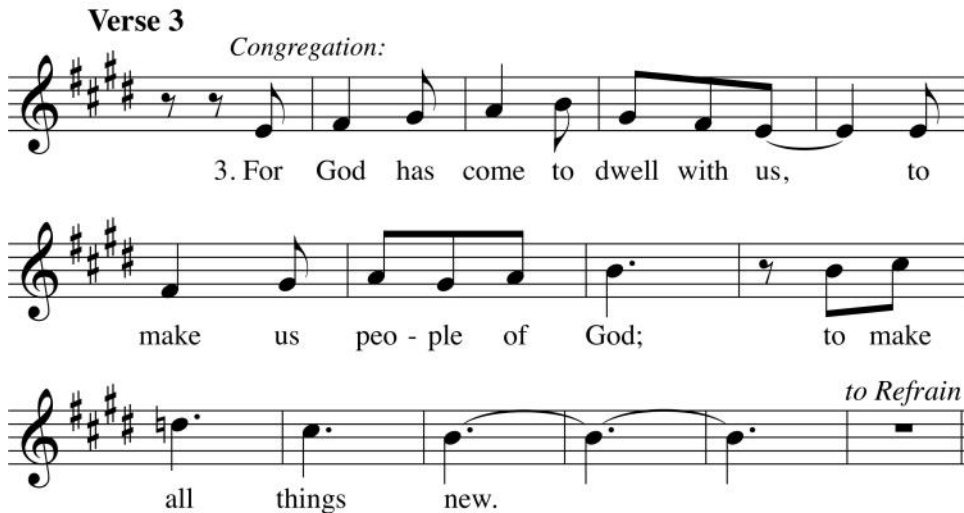
*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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**

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



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| <p>3 Guide our thinking and our speaking<br/>done in your holy name.<br/>Motivate all in their seeking,<br/>freeing from guilt and shame. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>5 Keep us fervent in our witness;<br/>unswayed by earth's allure.<br/>Ever grant us zealous fitness,<br/>which you alone assure. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,<br/>nor rootless liberty;<br/>turn disquiet to contentment,<br/>doubt into certainty. <i>Refrain</i></p>           |  |

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### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism. Special thanks to all the adults who helped teach throughout the last two years to prepare our confirmands for today.*

### **PRESENTATION**

Congregational Representative: The following young people have been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

Samantha Joan Cook  
Donovan Lee Roorda  
Rebecca Grace Shaw  
Sara Isabella Shaw  
Brayden Noah Solis

*The candidates will come forward*

Friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for Samantha, Donovan, Rebecca, Sara, and Brayden, our siblings in Christ, whom you made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and

promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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. Amen.**

## **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Candidates, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these children of God and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The Confirmands come forward individually and kneel. Laying on of hands and the confirmation blessing is offered.*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. **Amen**

*After the laying on of hands and blessing the newly confirmed will stand and face the congregation.*

Let us rejoice with these children of God.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The Congregation may applaud.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, responding with "receive our prayer".

*A brief silence.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism, especially Samantha, Donovan, Rebecca, Sara, and Brayden. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith, especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler, whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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: “*Spirit of the Living God*”

11:00: “*Hymn to Joy*”

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

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*to Refrain*



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



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



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, 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.**

### DISTRUBTION 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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred      and  
you are the way of jus - tice      and  
you are the way of mer - cy      and

*Congregation:*

world:                    have mer - cy on us,                    mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy            on            us.                    Lamb of God,            you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of            the world:            grant us peace,

grant us peace,            grant us            peace.

*The assembly is seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"I Received the Living God"*

ELW 477

*Refrain*

I received the living God,  
 and my heart is full of joy.  
 I received the living God,  
 and my heart is full of joy.

3 Jesus said: I am the truth;  
 come and follow close to me.  
 You will know me in your heart,  
 and my word shall make you free.  
*Refrain*

1 Jesus said: I am the bread,  
 kneaded long to give you life;  
 you who will partake of me  
 need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*

4 Jesus said: I am the life,  
 far from whom no thing can grow,  
 but receive this living bread,  
 and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

2 Jesus said: I am the way,  
 and my Father longs for you;  
 so I come to bring you home  
 to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

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“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

ELW 398

- 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
dawn upon this soul of mine;  
breath of God and inward light,  
wake my spirit, clear my sight.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle ev'ry high desire;  
purge me with your holy fire.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
fortify this will of mine;  
by your will I strongly live,  
bravely bear, and nobly strive.
- 4 Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea,  
stayed in your tranquility.
- 5 Holy Spirit, right divine,  
king within my conscience reign;  
be my guide, and I shall be  
firmly bound, forever free.

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*After all have commune the assembly is invited to stand if able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

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

**POST COMMUNION SONG**

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### SENDING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

ELW 400

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE***“God Is Here!”*

*The Eternal Candle is given by Kelly Daly & Ray Kratz in honor of Liz DeBacker's birthday.*

## **2026 PENTECOST FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

- ◆ Kathleen Abrams in honor of the Confirmands and thankful for family and friends.
- ◆ Trudy & Allen Carr in honor of The Mighty Wind.
- ◆ Leon & Linda David in honor of those being confirmed on Pentecost.
- ◆ Kathy & Larry Henry in memory of our parents, Al & Millie Oman, Joe & Doris Henry; my sister, Connie Oman-Burns, and my niece, Heather Oman.
- ◆ William Kraenbring in memory of Alfred & Bertha Kraenbring.
- ◆ Kay & Wayne McConnell in memory of loved ones and in honor of our family & friends.
- ◆ Cass & Rich Michel in memory of our son, Ricky; in honor of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- ◆ Ruth Morgenroth in memory of Thel Naltemeir.
- ◆ Mary Beth Neilson in memory of loved ones; in honor of Anna Charlotte Howard and Alexandria Dobbs.
- ◆ Carol Prisco in memory of AnnMarie and Sandy.
- ◆ Paul Schrenk in memory of my loved ones.
- ◆ Bev Stropes in honor of Vicki Stropes and Jeff Grossman.
- ◆ John Winkelman in honor of the Holy Spirit at work in the world; the world needs all the help it can get.

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists**

*Sunday, May 24, 2026*

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

### **John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564**

*Wednesday, May 27, 2026*

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

### **Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637**

*Friday, May 29, 2026*

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

## **WURFFEL COLLEGE LOAN FUND**

A limited amount of financial aid for Lutheran college students is available through the Karl, John, Elizabeth Wurffel Memorial Fund. The aid will be provided in the form of student loans; however, the terms for the loans will be very beneficial for the recipients. Eligibility is as follows:

- Any member of a New Jersey Synod, ELCA congregation, planning to attend or enrolled in a matriculated program of study in an accredited 4-year or 2-year college or university may apply. Loans are for undergraduate study only.
- Priority of consideration is given on the basis of financial need and activity in the life of the church, as described by the recommendation letter of the applicant's pastor. Further, priority is given first to students attending any ELCA Lutheran College or University, and then to any accredited 4-year or 2-year college or university.

## *St. Michael's Lutheran Church Parish Announcements*

- Funds are made available as a loan; however, the entire loan may be satisfied or forgiven on the basis of being an active member of a congregation of the New Jersey Synod, ELCA. The details of this loan program are provided on the “Promissory Note – Loan Form”, completion of which will be required of each person who is to receive loan funds.

To apply, use the links in Constant Contact or use this site: <https://bit.ly/4wCOSN2>  
Reach out to Pastor Chris with any questions or concerns.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Join us on Wednesdays in June at 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM. Please contact the office if you wish to be put on the email list.

### **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:

- Faith in Conversation ( All Adults) will meet on 5/24
- Pray & Grow (K-5th grade) will meet on 5/31
- Little Ones & Loved Ones (birth to 4/years) will meet on 6/14

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

### **OFFICE CLOSED 5/25**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

### **SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGES**

Summer has arrived! Our worship schedule will be as follows:

- 8:15 AM: Spoken Liturgy with Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM: *Bread of Life* Liturgy with Holy Communion

We will observe this schedule from May 31st through August 30th. Contact Pastor Chris with any questions.

### **SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP BINGO**

Join St. Michael's this summer for Summer Bingo—a fun, meaningful way to grow in faith and connection! Complete simple acts like prayer, kindness, service, and community-building as you mark your board. Don't forget the free space—just like God's grace! Get a BINGO and bring your card on a Sunday for a prize and a chance at the grand drawing. Submit cards by Fall Kickoff, September 13. Let's live our faith with joy!

## PARISH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, May 24**

8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Faith in Conversation  
11:00 AM Confirmation/Worship In-Person,  
Facebook & YouTube  
12:00 PM Confirmation Cake in narthex  
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 PM NA Meeting

### **Monday, May 25**

*Office Closed for Memorial Day*

### **Tuesday, May 26**

### **Wednesday, May 27**

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting

### **Thursday, May 28**

10:00 AM JH Casserole Drop-off

### **Friday, May 29**

### **Saturday, May 30**

### **Sunday, May 31**

8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Pray & Grow  
10:00 AM Worship In-Person Facebook &  
YouTube  
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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