



# 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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## PRAYER BREAKFAST

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## **GREETING**

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

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

## **DIALOGUE**

**LEADER:** The word is near you,

**ALL:** **on your lips and in your heart.**

**LEADER:** If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**ALL:** **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**LEADER:** Faith comes from what is heard,

**ALL:** **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

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

**LEADER:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**LEADER:** 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 1 (*Read responsively*)

**LEADER:** <sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**ALL:** <sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

**LEADER:** <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**ALL:** <sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**LEADER:** <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**ALL:** <sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

*(Silence for Reflection)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LEADER:** Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **The mission of the church**

**LEADER:** 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; for

the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Congregational ministries**

LEADER: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that the people of St. Michael's may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. We give thanks for the ELCA's commitment to being an inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities it brings and we pray that we would always be learning and reforming, discerning how to do God's work in a diverse world, and inviting and equipping one another for this essential work; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Pastors and bishops**

LEADER: Ever-living God, 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. Grant that together they may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Those seeking deeper knowledge of God**

LEADER: 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.**

### **Peace**

LEADER: 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.**

### **Our enemies**

LEADER: 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.**

### **Social justice**

LEADER: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace. This month, especially, we remember the harm done to our LGBTQ siblings and the legacy of slavery and discrimination that has plagued our society, help us to restore the goodness of your creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Those in trouble or bereavement**

LEADER: 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.**

### **State, provincial, local governments**

LEADER: Almighty God, we lift before you all who govern, especially: President Joseph Biden, Governor Phil Murphy, Mayor Susan Shin Angulo, all 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.**

### **Vocation in daily life**

LEADER: O God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live, to be just and true in all our dealings, to be strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty; pure and temperate in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous toward all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are his disciples; in whose name we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Friendship**

LEADER: 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.**

### **Thanksgiving**

**LEADER:** Almighty God, Father 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.**

### **General intercession**

**LEADER:** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **A prayer for faith**

**LEADER:** Let us pray together:

**ALL: 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.**

LEADER: 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**

LEADER: 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.**