

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.



²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Day of Pentecost

Affirmation of Baptism

June 8, 2025 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 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

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

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Breathe On Me"

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!

In the name of ✙ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN :

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

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1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness;
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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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.

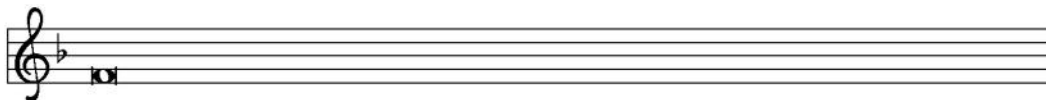
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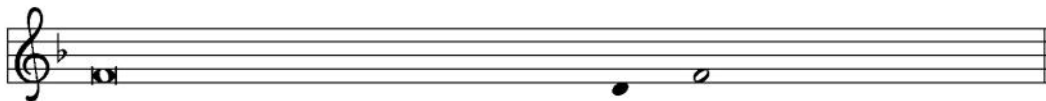
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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,



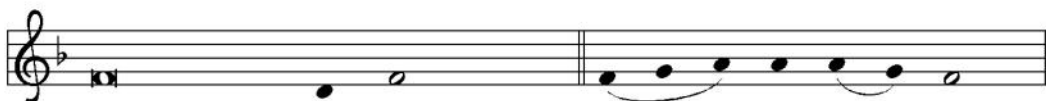
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

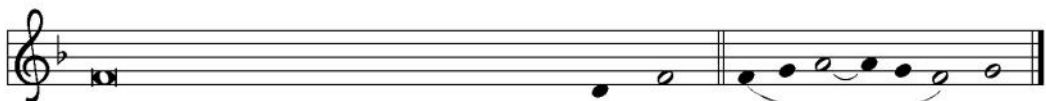


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

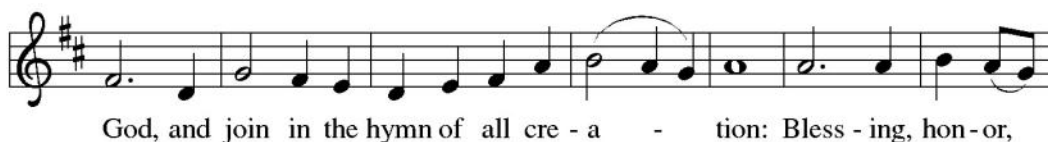
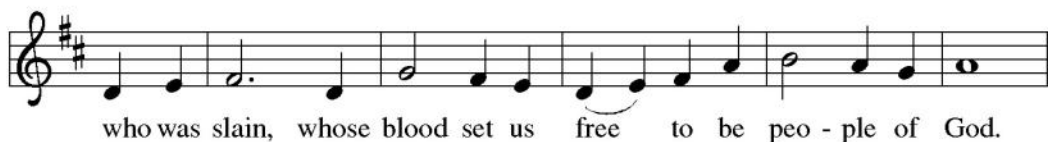
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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

Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

John 14:8-17; 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

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

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not

10 speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Day Full of Grace”

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| 1 O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon. | 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his
own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,
that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing. |
| 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,
our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light
sublime,
great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace,
all shame and despair removing. | |

4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.

5 When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless
praise,
with angels and saints adoring.

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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:

Josephine Hope Billet
Madelynn Rae DeBacker

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 Josephine and Madelynn, 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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need, responding with:.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to

loving challenge.

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation.

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those affirming their baptism this day. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of 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.

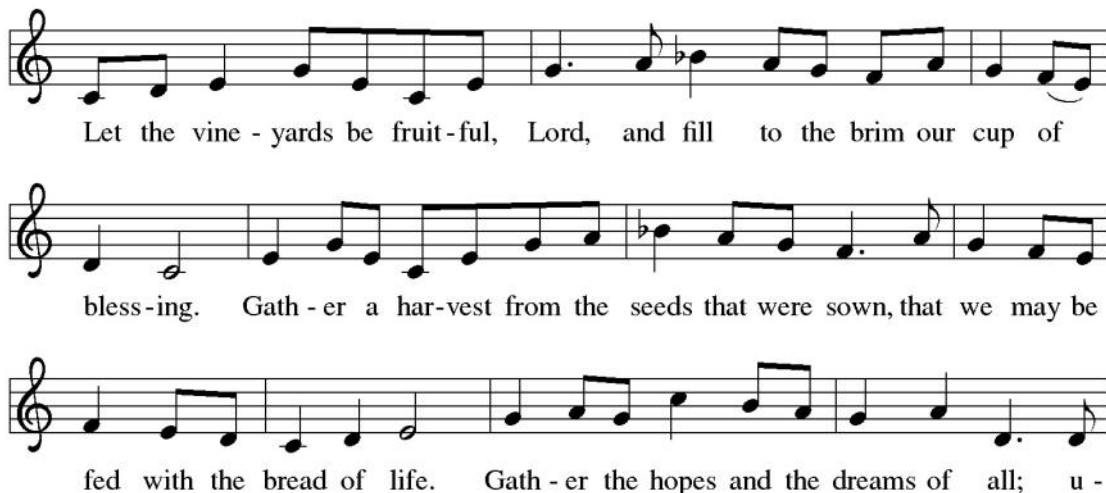
OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING: 8:15: "Spirit Medley"
11:00: "Come, Now, Spirit of God"

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



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 the dreams of all; u -



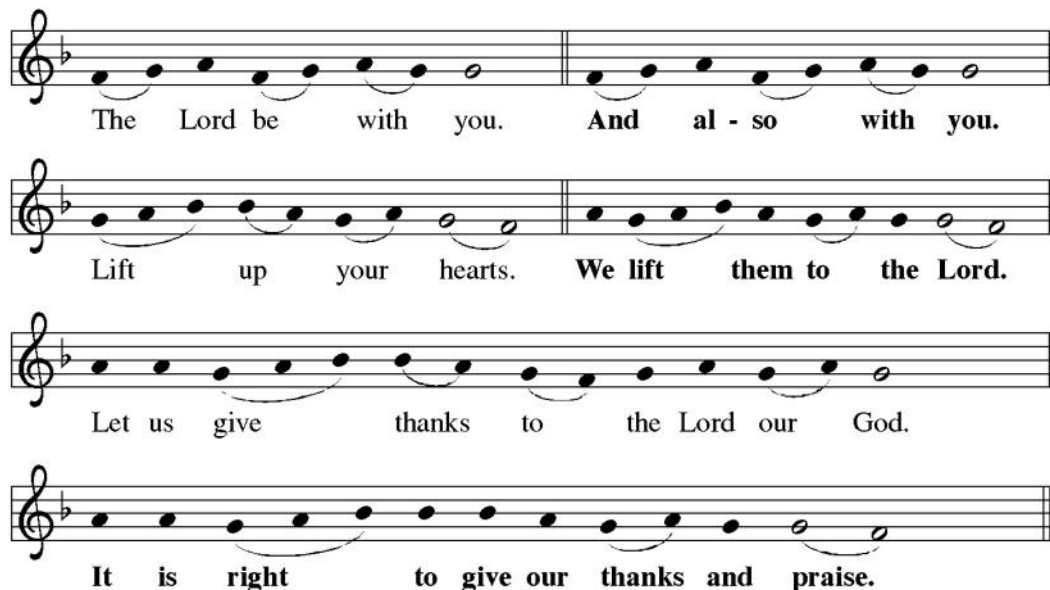
OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

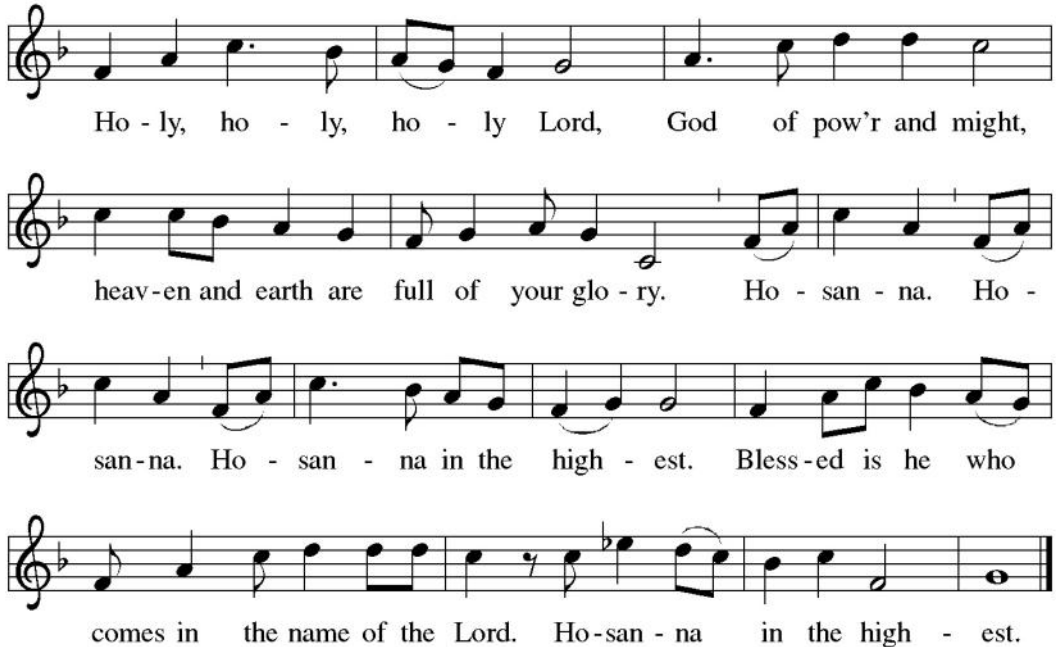
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PROPER PREFACE

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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 Columba, Barnabas, Basil, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus and 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.

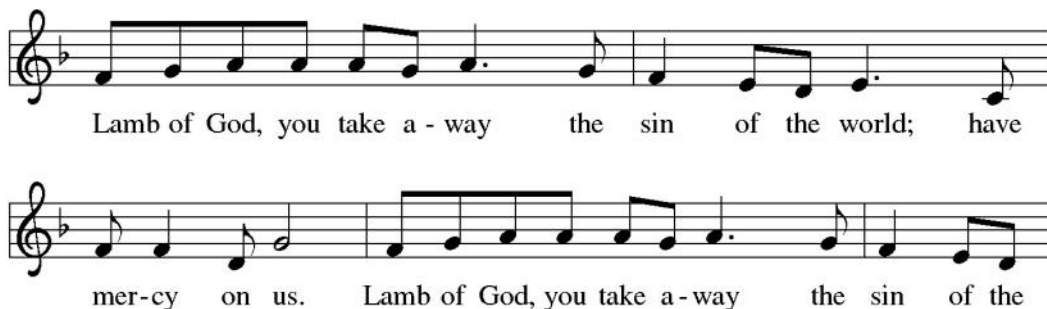
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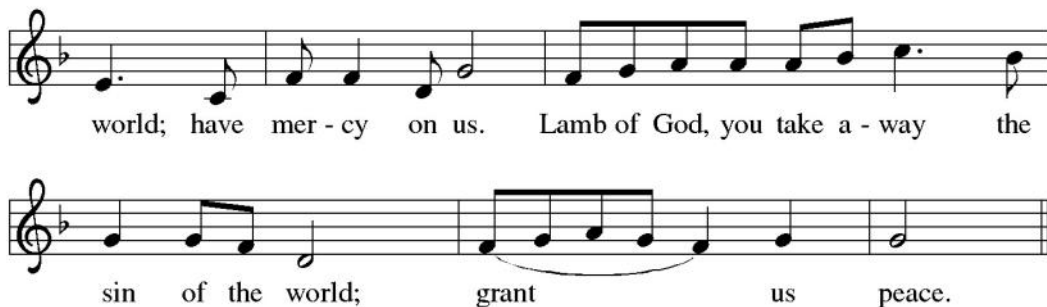
We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. At the 8:15 service Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. At the 11:00 service Communion will be distributed continuously under the direction of the ushers. Take an empty cup 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". Worshippers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD





The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and
free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on
the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to
the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from
the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each
thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on
your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung
with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law
and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols

and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to
open their eyes. *Refrain*

- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a
hill,
then you whispered in silence when the
whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once
again,
when you blew through your people on
the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break
ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the
captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear
their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people
arise. *Refrain*

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“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

ELW 800

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| 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses
move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me
impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love. | all, all your own, soul, heart, and
strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to
cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find! |
| 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away. | 4 Teach me to love you as your angels
love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended
dove, |
| 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and
King; | my heart an altar, and your love the
flame. |

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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



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

SENDING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in F”

The Eternal Candle is given by The Billet Family in honor of our Confirmands, Josephine Billet and Maddy DeBacker.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church

Monday, June 9, 2025

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

Saturday, June 14, 2025

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

2025 PENTECOST FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- Kathleen Abrams: In memory of family & friends; in honor of our Confirmands, family, and friends.
- Shirley Beers: In memory of my husband, Bill and son, David.
- Georgiann Bellafiore: In memory of Elizabeth and Clyde Florence.
- Kim and Ken Billet: In honor of Josephine Billet and Maddy DeBacker on their confirmation.
- Trudy and Allen Carr: In honor of Love.
- Vicki and Jim Clemson: In honor of our grandchildren, Bennett and Brooklyn.
- Kelly Daly and Ray Kratz: In memory of John & Florence Kratz, William A. Daly, William, Dorothy, Allyn and Mary Ann. In honor of Nate, Madelynn, Bodie, Isla; Josephine Billet and Madelynn DeBacker on the occasion of their confirmation.
- Leon and Linda David: In honor of our grandchildren.
- Terri Erickson
- Larry and Marie Ferguson: In honor of our grandchildren, Parker and Carter.
- Wayne, Lisa, and Abby Gess: In memory of our parents, grandparents, and Aunt Megan.
- June Greiser: In memory of Family members.
- William Kraenbring: In memory of Alfred and Bertha Kraenbring.
- Gloria Love: In honor of my grandchildren's graduations—Bria Love from Kean University & Justin Love, MD from Columbia University Medical School.
- Rich and Cass Michel: In memory of our son, Ricky; in honor of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- Mary Beth Neilson: in honor of Anna Charlotte Howard and Alexandra Dobbs; Pastor Chris, for his remarkable Bible Study Lessons; All of the SMLC volunteers who handle the financial and treasury responsibilities of our church; and Karen Roorda for her leadership and generosity.
- Carol Prisco: In memory of Grandma Waltman and Mom.
- Paul Schrenk: In memory of my loved ones.
- Bev Stropes: In honor of Vicki Stropes and Jeff Grossman.
- John Winkelman: In celebration of the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet every Wednesday in June at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the office.

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

St. Michael's Reconciling Works Core Team invites you to join us on June 22nd from 9-10am (between services) for fellowship and celebration of Pride Month. We encourage you to join us and ask any questions you may have related to the Reconciling Works process, a journey that include the whole SMLC community. We acknowledge there may be questions we cannot answer, but hope to be able to answer all questions as we travel on this journey.

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.

WORSHIP & OFFICE HOURS SUMMER SCHEDULES

Summer is has begun and that means changes to worship and office hours.

- Starting June 13th, the office will be closed on Fridays until September.
- Starting June 15th, 8:15 AM worship will be a Spoken Communion service and Holy Communion will take place at 10:00 AM.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.

STITCHING SISTERS

Calling all knitters! Stitching sisters will be meeting on the second and third Thursday of this month (June 12th & June 19th). Join us at 11:00 AM; bring your needles, yarn, and your lunch. All are welcome to join us!

JOSEPH'S HOUSE DINNER CASSEROLES

Casseroles can be dropped off to the church kitchen before or after Sunday worship services., **TODAY, JUNE 8TH!** Please mark your casserole as Pork (sausage), Beef, Turkey (sausage), or None (vegetarian). This will assist the staff serving to meet any dietary needs for the dinner guests. *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).*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 8

Confirmation Sunday

8:00 AM JH Casserole Drop-of

8:15 AM Worship In-Person

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

12:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM NA Meeting

Monday, June 9

Tuesday, June 10

Election Day

7:30 PM Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting

11:00 Bible Study

6:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, June 12

11:00 Stitching Sisters

7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 13

Office Closed—Summer Hours

Saturday, June 14

Sunday, June 15

8:15 AM Spoken Communion Service In-Person

10:00 AM Summer Holy Communion In-Person, Facebook & YouTube

12:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM NA Meeting



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