



St Michael's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 14, 2021 — 8:45 a.m.

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Statement

St. Michael's Lutheran Church lives out God's grace and love for all people. Faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we welcome those who have been part of church communities, those who have no previous church experience, and those who have felt excluded by the Church because of their race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental capabilities, financial resources, or family circumstances. In this witness we seek reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. As a diverse people we are then empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and work together for God's promised day of justice, peace, and mercy.

In Christ's love, we welcome you!



St. Michael's Lutheran Church is a
Reconciling In Christ Congregation.



St. Michael's Lutheran Church is
a member of the ELCA.

Worship Activity bags are located at the back of the Sanctuary to keep little fingers and minds busy with worship-themed activities.

The nursery is open! However, it is currently unstaffed. Parents/Guardians are welcome to accompany their child(ren) in the nursery. We ask that you help us provide a safe space for the littles by following the sanitizing instructions in the room after its use. *Special holidays and festivals will remain staffed; those dates will be indicated in the bulletin*

We continue to use protocols in worship and in the building to protect children, youth and those who have not yet completed COVID-19 vaccinations. Our protocols will continue to adapt in the weeks and months ahead.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

November begins with All Saints Day and often ends with the beginning of Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming among us anew. The readings for today are lodged within that narrative of the community of saints and Christ's words that God is present with us through times of challenge. The Texts sound a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who promises forgiveness. When the days are difficult, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In Our Day of Thanksgiving
Richard Strutt

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We gather at this font, O God,
creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.
**We praise you for the lakes and rivers that surround us,
and for the water you provide us each day.**

In the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal, "hymn" numbers are found at the top of the page; "page" numbers are found at the bottom of the page.

God draws us together and dwells within the community

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.
**We bless you for this renewing water,
this flood of endless mercy,
and for all the baptized who fill the world,
and those who have gone before us.**

We ask you, almighty Provider,
to give us the water we need,
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.
**By the water of our baptism empower us
to pour out ourselves for others
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.**

To you, O God,
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning
ELW 438

Worship begins with a prayer of mutuality - the presider and the congregation seeking the presence of God with and for one another.

THE 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you bring healing and hope to birth. Give us faith that we might be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your reign will come and your will is done through your anointed, Jesus, who is our guide and path.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'm Gonna Sing with Over my Head
Traditional Spirituals
arr. Terry D. Taylor

St. Michael's
Children's Choir

+WORD+

FIRST READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day in service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

the Lord also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, silence, and song.

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout the Book of Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his life and death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

PSALM

PSALM 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

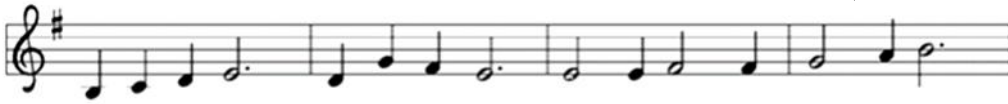
**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Calm to the Waves

ELW 794



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13-18

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

SERMON

Pastor Brad Froslee

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take my Life and Let It Be Consecrated
France R. Havergal & Mark Hayes

*God feeds us with the
presence of Christ in the
Sacrament of
Communion.*

+MEAL+

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Everlasting God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy."

The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION

This is the body of Christ, the bread of life, broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ, the cup of healing and hope,
given for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life and promise,
**in the gift of the bread that is broken and the cup that is
shared you claim us in healing and hope.**
**Now send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love,
living in service to others, and embodying the welcome
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
gathered in grace,
nurtured in faith,
and sent to live God's justice and mercy in the world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, Make Disciples
ELW 540

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the good news!
Thanks be to God!

Communion will be distributed in the pews. If you did not receive elements upon entering the sanctuary an usher can provide them to you.

God blesses us and sends us into the world.

Our worship is over, our service begins.

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God
adapted by N. Decius

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WORSHIP NOTES

The Thanksgiving for Baptism today is adapted from text in *All Creation Sings*.

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Songs with the abbreviation ELW are found in the ELCA hymnal titled, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Songs with the abbreviation ACS are found in the new ELCA hymnal supplement titled, *All Creation Sings*.

Songs with the abbreviation GC are found in the GIA hymnal titled, *Gather Comprehensive*.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastors: *The Rev. Ali Ferin, The Rev. Brad Froslee*

Musician: *Jill Schendel, Pianist*

Special Music: *Children's Choir,
Cory Bock, director, Wenshuai Zhang, accompanist*

Soloist *Karen Toebe, soprano*

Lector: *Dave Yarusso*

Worship Flowers: *Given by Gail Hain
Remembering Ray Hain. A great dad, husband, friend & brother.*



Dear people of God at St. Michael's,

We are living through a unique season in the life of the world and in the life of the church. Much has changed in recent years, and the COVID-19 pandemic has called forth creativity and adaptation in unprecedented ways over the last year and a half.

And, we know that St. Michael's is a faith-filled, vibrant, and caring congregation living out God's call in this time in incredible ways. So, rather than hunker down or bemoan the changes in the church and the world we invite you to join us in a conversation about **Growing**.

As we jump into Stewardship 2022, we hold excitement as we celebrate the strong roots and traditions from which we grow, and the new fruits we are bearing in this season. It is because of your commitment we are able to enrich programming and adjust to change. Because of your giving we are able to respond to the needs of the world. Because of the seeds you plant through your time, talents, and financial giving we are able to branch out and grow in faith.

In that spirit of faith and thanksgiving we look forward to growing together!

Pastor Brad Froslee

Pastor Ali Ferin

**If you have not received or need additional Stewardship Materials,
we have extra in the Narthex.**

Please drop your completed forms in the *Faithful in Giving* box on Sunday morning as well as any offerings.



Growing ...into the future

Save the Dates!

Congregational Conversations

Sunday, Nov. 21, 10:00 a.m. *in-person*

At St. Michael's we envision growing into the future, and we do this with our mission and values in mind. We are grounded in the ways that we, as a community of faith, **Gather, Nurture, and Send.**

If you have read the *Messenger* over the last few months, you have become aware of the ways the structure of our sanctuary walls challenges the ability to gather and nurture in coming years. The building is the center of gathering as God's people for worship, learning, and community connection. It is a place to foster relationships, create a sense of welcome, and nurture our community.

While the Church Council and Property Committee have been grappling with options to repair the two-story walls in the sanctuary which have been chronically affected by water infiltration, other building needs have bubbled up, ways in which our current building structure prevents us from entirely fulfilling our call to gather, nurture, send. We realize that this 1960s building was not designed for the current or future needs.

The Council is envisioning this building work as Phase 1 and Phase 2, seeing the immediate need for sanctuary repair as Phase 1; the opportunity for additional projects as Phase 2.

We invite you to attend an in-person conversation regarding the building and Growing into the Future, on **Sunday, November 21, 10:00 a.m.** (between worship services), or virtually on **Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please note these are not decision-making meetings. Rather, they provide opportunities for the congregation to learn about the work needed for Phase 1, assist the Property Committee and Council in thinking about Phase 2, and assure the information is available to the whole congregation. The goal is to continue discussion of these issues until the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 30, at which time it will be your opportunity to vote.



Announcements

Sunday School

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Youth Music Rehearsals

Wednesdays

Youth Bells 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Singers 6:30 p.m.

Spirit Choir 7:30 p.m.

Chapel Ringers

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Fall Yoga Devotion

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Sandwich Making for Union

Gospel Mission

Sunday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.

Social Ministry Team

Sunday, November 14, 12:00 p.m.

Loaves & Fishes

Monday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, November 18, 9:30 a.m.

Befrienders

Thursday, November 18, 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Confirmation Retreat

Information Session

Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.

December Messenger Deadline

Friday, November 19

Adult Choir Retreat

Friday & Saturday, November 19 & 20

Congregational Conversation —

Property Updates

Sunday, November 21, 10:00 a.m.

3-5th Grade Twisted Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 21, 12:00 p.m.

DEI Matters

Sunday, November 21, 4:00 p.m.

Middle School Friendsgiving

Sunday, November 21, 5:00 p.m.



This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, November 14

8:45 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Sandwich Making for
 Union Gospel Mission
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Social Ministry Committee

Monday, November 15

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion

Wednesday, November 17

5:30 p.m. Youth Bells
6:30 p.m. Chapel Ringers
6:30 p.m. Celebration Singers
7:30 p.m. Spirit Choir

Thursday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning
 Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Befrienders
6:15 p.m. Virtual Confirmation
 Retreat Information Session
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, November 19

Messenger Deadline
Adult Choir Retreat

Saturday, November 20

Adult Choir Retreat

Sunday, November 21

8:45 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Congregational Conversation
 —Property Updates
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. 3-5th Grade Twisted
 Thanksgiving
4:00 p.m. DEI Matters
5:00 p.m. Middle School Friendsgiving



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

Join the community in
this time of thanksgiving.

Please Note:

- We will have Panera Bread to take home for your Thanksgiving tables.
- This year we will **not** have the Pie Fest following worship as we strive to keep all safe & healthy.