



**St Michael's**  
L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

**Sunday, October 24, 2021—8:45 a.m.**

**Twenty-second 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

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him, perhaps because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

### +GATHERING+

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Font*  
J. Wyeth

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us.

God’s love unites us.

God’s purpose steadies us.

God’s Spirit comforts us.

**Blessed be God forever.**

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Together we confess our sin, telling the truth about the world and ourselves, trusting that in this act of vulnerability and honesty, God’s love holds and transforms us. We pray:

Gracious God, source of all life,

**We come before you in need of healing:**

**the healing of our bodies and souls,**

**the healing of our relationships,**

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*

Confession is a time of reflection—acknowledging the places where we could have done more or done differently.

It is also a time we hear again that God's grace is for us. We are held in God's promise and invited to begin again.

the healing of our pride and fear and apathy.  
**We know that with you, nothing is impossible,  
not even our healing,  
not even the restoration of the whole world.**  
**We pray you will heal us, and you will heal our world,  
so that we will be freed to serve as Christ calls us. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The gift of a new day is the gift to begin again. Together we proclaim the good news:

**In Christ we are forgiven and made new.  
Thanks be to God!**

### OPENING HYMN

*O Christ, Surround Me*

ACS 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

## 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

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,

**you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel.**

**Amen.**

## +WORD+

### FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

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

This passage describes the expansive welcome of God where our diversity is embraced.

The theological theme of *restoration* is knitted together with the theme of *rejoicing* in this psalm; producing one of the grandest, most eloquent lyrical prayers in the Psalter.

## PSALM PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

## 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 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ!**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Ali C. Ferin

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Kumbaya*  
arr. Paul Sjolund

**+MEAL+**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

*Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy."  
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."*

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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.**

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

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is Christ's table where all are welcome!

*The body of Christ is given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of abundance,

**You have gathered people around your hearth of hospitality, stretching out your hand for nourishment in the bread, and welcome in the cup. May we preside over our own tables with such grace and welcome for all, as you have taught us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



## +SENDING+

*God blesses us and  
sends us into the world.*

### BENEDICTION

We continue this day aware of our needs,  
and awake to God's grace.

Go with the blessing of God the Father, who is all-loving;  
God our Mother, who holds us in our pain,  
God our brother, Jesus the Christ, who gives us courage,  
And God the Spirit who binds us together as one.

Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

*In Sacred Manner*  
ACS 1071



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -  
2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the  
3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the  
4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the



on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in  
lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with  
sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give  
pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We  
awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The  
grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The  
sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The



stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.  
heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.  
trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.  
morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

Our worship is over,  
our service begins.

## SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Go and Tell John*  
Lloyd Pfautsch

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## WORSHIP NOTES

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

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Pastor:** *the Rev. Ali Ferin*

**Musician:** *Jill Schendel, Pianist*

**Special Music:** *St. Michael's Singers, Karen Wilkerson, director*

**Lector:** *Jane Doyle*

**Worship Flowers:** *Given by Becky Sorlien and Ron LaFond  
in loving memory of Don Sorlien and John LaFond*

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## Announcements

### **Sunday School**

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

*This Sunday is LIFT Pumpkin Party (for all generations!)*

### **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.

### **Messenger Deadline**

November 19

*for the December newsletter*

*Note: Pastor Brad is back from working at home; he is on vacation for a couple of days (planned months ago for some family time over MEA). Know all is good and he is really looking forward to seeing folks this week.*

### **LIFT Pumpkin Party**

**TODAY! 10:00 a.m.**

What's LIFT? It stands for *Living In Faith Together*. We know faith is shaped by living in community with others. We learn and grow together no matter our ages, genders, or family status. We need each other's gifts and perspectives on this journey. Which is why we'd like you to know that YOU are invited to these events...they're not just for children, their parents, or their grandparents. You don't need to have a connection in order to make a connection, so join us!

We'll wonder about scripture together, enjoy a snack, play a game or make a craft. Our next event is a pumpkin party on Oct. 24 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

Scan this code to register



or contact Susie at  
**youth@stmichaelselca.com**  
for more information.



## This Week at St. Michael's

### Sunday, October 24

8:45 a.m.      Worship  
10:00 a.m.      LIFT Pumpkin Party  
11:00 a.m.      Worship  
4:00 p.m.      DEI Matters

### Monday, October 25

12:00 p.m.      Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m.      Yoga Devotion

### Tuesday, October 26

9:30 a.m.      *Messenger* Assembly  
7:00 p.m.      Executive Committee  
7:00 p.m.      Desserters II Book Club

### Wednesday, October 27

8:30 a.m.      Personnel & Administration  
12:00 p.m.      Faith in Daily Life  
5:30 p.m.      Youth Bells  
6:15 p.m.      7th-9th Grade Confirmation  
10th Grade Confirmation  
Faith Project Party & Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m.      Chapel Ringers  
6:30 p.m.      Celebration Singers  
7:30 p.m.      Spirit Choir

### Thursday, October 28

9:30 a.m.      Thursday Morning  
Bible Study  
6:30 p.m.      Adult Choir

### Friday, October 29

### Sunday, October 31

*Reformation Sunday &  
10th Grade Confirmation (11:00 a.m.)*  
8:45 a.m.      Worship  
10:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.      Worship

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