



# St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, September 11, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Fourteenth Week 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.

### Children are welcome in worship

- **Worship Activity Bags** are located at the back of the Sanctuary, to help keep little fingers and minds busy with worship-themed activities.
- **The Prayground** is located at the back of the Sanctuary for bodies who find it difficult to sit in a pew during worship.

**The Children's Nursery** is not staffed but parents/guardians of children 0-3 years old are welcome to accompany their child(ren) to the nursery located in the hallway closest to the parking lot.

**COVID-19 Protocols:** St. Michael's encourages the use of face masks. You are welcome to wear face masks or to go without, depending on your comfort level. We do ask everyone to be respectful of others' comfort level with regard to face masks and physical distancing.

**Land Acknowledgement:** St. Michael's Lutheran Church gathers for worship on the ancestral homeland of the Dakota people. We recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have called and continue to call this land their home.

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## Fourteenth Week after Pentecost

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's Gospel reading gives witness that God has a heart for the lost. This is our holy hope- that no matter who we are or what we've done, God is actively seeking us out.

### + GATHERING +

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*We are Ready God to Sing*  
R. Schaffer

### INVOCATION

✠ Praise our Wonderful Maker,  
who wove our bodies from the depths of the earth,  
hems us in, behind and before, and will knit us back  
together.

**Amen.**

### MOMENT OF SILENCE &

### REFLECTION ON THIS SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

*On this day of solemn remembrance:  
May we build what has been torn down.  
May we mend what has been broken.  
May we live love when hate seems to reign.  
May we bear witness to the cause of peace.*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

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*

*from Psalm 139*

Gracious God, we confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves to the powers of sin.

**Have mercy on us.**

You call us in community,  
but we are scattered.

**Have mercy on us.**

You demand we care for the least of these,  
but we are swayed by wealth and power.

**Have mercy on us.**

You made us to live in harmony with the earth,  
but we have treated creation as a commodity rather than a companion.

**Have mercy on us.**

You invite us to follow Jesus,  
but we have lost our way.

**Have mercy on us.**

*Silence for personal reflection.*

Friends, hear this good news:

Our God is like a woman who having ten coins and losing one lit the lamps, swept the house, and searched everywhere until she found the one coin that had gone missing. Our God, in Christ, has turned the world upside-down to seek the lost and claim us as her own.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Earth and All Stars*

ELW 731: 1, 5, 6

**GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*from Luke 15*

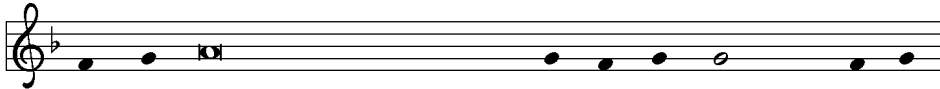
*Worship begins with a prayer of mutuality - the presider and the congregation seeking the presence of God with and for one another.*

# KYRIE

ELW p.120



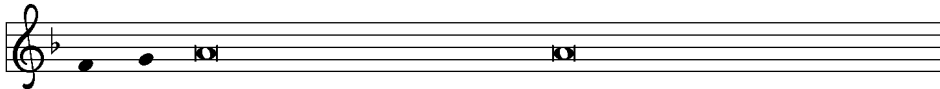
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



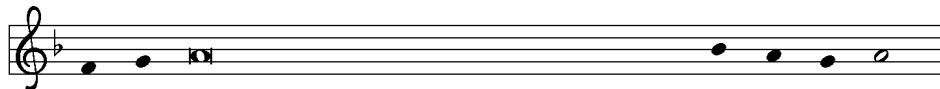
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



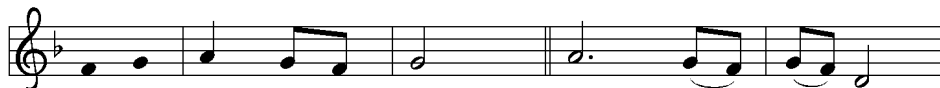
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast* ELW p. 122

*Refrain*



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 who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

○ God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Jesus Good Shepherd*  
Bradley Ellingboe

**+ WORD +**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Ali Ferin

## FIRST READING

**Exodus 32:7-14**

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that their god brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord relented concerning the disaster that the Lord planned for the chosen people.



## PSALM

## Psalm 51

Have mercy, tender God,  
forget that I defied you.

**Wash away my sin,  
cleanse me from my guilt.**

I know my evil well,  
It stares me in the face,  
**Evil done to you alone  
Before your very eyes.**

How right your condemnation!  
Your verdict clearly just.  
**You see me for what I am,  
A sinner before birth.**

You love those centered in truth;  
Teach me your hidden wisdom.  
**Wash me with fresh water,  
Wash me bright as snow.**

Fill me with happy songs,  
Let the bones you bruised now dance.

## SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia* ELW p. 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 15:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I

Though it makes the religious leaders in today’s gospel grumble, Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. God takes the initiative to seek those who are outcast or in need of reconciliation and care.

tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ali Ferin

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Master, Let Me Walk With You*

ELW 818

**PASSING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign or word of peace with those around you, remembering those who are worshiping with us online today.

God Feeds us with the  
presence of Christ in the  
Sacrament of Communion.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord*

ELW 182

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 -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundant love,  
**gather our gifts, and use them to make tangible your  
radical love and hospitality for the poor and vulnerable,  
and all who need compassion. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A Brief silence.*

*Each petition concludes "God of Grace"*

*The congregation responds, "Receive our prayer."*

Gathered together in communion with the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Together we pray: Our Loving God,

**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.**

All are welcome to receive communion! There are two options to receive the sacrament. There are pre-packaged elements available as you enter the sanctuary. If you prefer to receive communion this way, you can commune from your seat.

Another option is to come forward to receive the bread (or Gluten Free wafer) and cup (non-alcoholic wine available). Children of all ages are welcome to commune—if you prefer a blessing for you or your child, please indicate that as you come forward.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at this table, for it belongs to a welcoming God. Come, taste and see that God is good!

## DISTRIBUTION

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
ELW 666

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

**God of new life, we give you thanks that you have met us and nourished us through this meal. Grant that we may go into the world, united in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

**+ SENDING +**

## BENEDICTION

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you,  
the word of the Lord live within you,  
and the glory of the Lord shine through you,  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*On What Has Now Been Sown*  
ELW 550

Our worship is over, our  
service begins.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Pasticcio*  
Jean Langlais

## WORSHIP NOTES

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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*.
- ◇ Songs with the abbreviation TFBF are found in the ELCA hymnal titles, *This Far by Faith*

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Pastors:** *The Rev. Ali Ferin*

**Assisting Minister:**

**Musicians:** *Tom Bartsch, organ*  
*Karen Wilkerson, cantor*  
*The St. Michael's Singers,; Karen Wilkerson, director*

**Lector:** *Bill Lindquist*

**Usher:** *Carol Hansen, Don Granholm*

**Communion Deacons:** *Greg Zarambo, Bill Lindquist*

**Communion Bread:** *Nancy Erickson*

**Altar Preparation:** *Joan Felice*

**Worship Flowers:** *Mark & Rose Larson*

*In celebration of our 46th Wedding Anniversary*



## Announcements

### Worship Leaders needed

The word *liturgy* comes from the Greek word for work of the people. We recognize that carrying out worship at St. Michael's takes many hands, hearts, voices, and skills.

Alongside all our choirs, our pastors, music staff, office staff, and communications associate, worship takes the following congregational leadership each week:

- **Ushers:** 2-4 for each service
- **Lectors:** 1 for each service
- **Cantor:** often 1 for each service
- **Communion Servers:** 2 for each service
- **Altar Preparation:** 1 for set up and clean up, 1 to bake bread each week
- **Tellers:** 2 to count offering each week
- **Altar Flowers:** 1 individual or household to provide for altar flowers each week.



If you are interested and available to help in leading worship please contact the church office, go to our website, or scan the QR code.

### Music at St. Michael's

We are grateful to our talented musicians and directors for the music that enriches our worship services each Sunday. If music is your passion or if you would like to learn or explore music, please connect with one of our various opportunities.

- **Adult Choir:** rehearsals begin September 7. Wednesdays at 6:30p.m.
- **Youth Choir:** rehearsals begin September 14. Wednesdays at 6:30p.m. (grades K-4) and 7:30p.m. (grades 5-8)
- **Adult Bells:** Rehearsals begin September 15. Thursdays at 6:00p.m.
- **Youth Bells:** Rehearsals begin September 14. Wednesdays at 5:30p.m.

See any of our music staff for more information or call the church office.



## 10th Grade Confirmation Important Dates

- Sunday, September 18      2:00—3:00p.m. in the Courtyard room  
**Capstone I: Reflect & Review**  
Introductory work for Faith Projects  
*Receive robe and photography forms*
- Sunday, September 25      12:30—2:30p.m. in the Courtyard Room  
**Capstone II: Dependable Strengths Workshop**  
BYO lunch  
*Confirmation robe and photography forms due*
- Sunday, October 16      1:00—2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Capstone III: Confirmation Worship Rehearsal**
- Sunday, October 26      6:00—7:00p.m.  
**Capstone Experience IV: Faith Project Party**  
Present projects to 7th-9th grade students  
*Dinner served by 7th-9th grade students*
- Sunday, October 30      11:00a.m. Worship  
**Affirmation of Faith (Rite of Confirmation)**



# LUNCH ON THE LAWN

September 18, 2022

noon-1:30pm



Join us for yard games, ice cream truck, and taco truck to kick off our program year!

\*Free will donation welcomed but not required\*

ST MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# FALL KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - 10:00-10:50 AM

COME REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
PARTICIPATE IN INTERACTIVE STATIONS  
AND ACTIVITIES, AND LEARN MORE  
ABOUT OUR PROGRAM YEAR!



# Study & Fellowship Opportunities

## Religion in Life

- Sundays @ 10:00a.m. Courtyard Room
- Guest Speakers
- Current & Relevant Topics

## Thursday Bible Study

- Thursdays @ 9:30a.m. Courtyard Room
- Study of lectionary texts
- Group discussion

## Faith in Daily Life

- Monthly, 1st or 2nd Wednesday
- Courtyard Room @ 12:00p.m.
- Book-based study & discussion

## Desserters || Book Club

- Monthly, 4th Tuesday
- Classroom 1 @ 7:00p.m.
- Book-based study & discussion

## Esther Circle

- Monthly, 2nd Tuesday\* except holidays
- Courtyard Room @ 10:00a.m.
- A time of learning & Fellowship

## Quilting & Bandage Rolling

- Monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesday
- Fellowship Hall @ 9:00a.m.
- Sewing skills not required

## Yoga Devotion

- Mondays @ 6:30p.m.
- In-person & on Zoom
- All ability levels welcome!

◆ ————— See your Friday Flyer! ————— ◆

# This Week at St. Michael's



## Sunday, September 11

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Religion in Life
- 10:00 a.m. Sandwich making for Union Gospel Mission
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. CYF Training

## Monday, September 12

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

## Tuesday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. Esther Circle
- 11:00 a.m. Guatemala Team Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Food Mobile Distribution
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

## Wednesday, September 14

- 9:00 a.m. Quilting & Bandage Rolling
- 12:00 p.m. Faith in Daily Life (Group 2)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bells in Adult Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir in Courtyard Room
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Singers (K-4) in Children's Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Choir (5-8) in Children's Choir Room

## Thursday, September 15

- 9:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Befrienders
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bells

## Sunday, September 18

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Religion in Life
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off & Registration
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on the Lawn
- 2:00 p.m. 10th Grade Confirmation Capstone I