



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

Sunday, August 22, 2021—10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth 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.

On Sunday mornings, we have *A Wiggle Room* available if someone you're worshipping with needs to get some wiggles out. Our *Wiggle Room* is found in our Courtyard Room, located near the main entrance to the sanctuary.

Please have an adult with your child(ren). Continue to wear a face mask, and maintain a physical distance of six feet from other households.

We continue to use protocols in worship 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

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

¡Cantar!
Jay Althouse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, to whom can we go?

The earth quakes, the ground crumbles, human life
threatened with each tremor, flame, and storm.

You have the words of eternal life.

Lord, to whom can we go?

The despairing cling to airplanes lifting off from
violence-filled lands. Women hide, children lose hope.

You have the words of eternal life.

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.

Lord, to whom can we go?
Pandemic life lingers and pandemic death continues.
Ignorance, and anger grow.
You have the words of eternal life.

Lord, to whom can we go?
Many come heartbroken, burdened by grief.
Many come anxious, unsure of what lies ahead.
Many come hoping for a new day, a chance to begin again.
You have the words of eternal life.

Lord, to whom can we go?
We seek your words, your promises of liberation and new life. Open our hearts to your word for us today. Heal us and transform us to be your people, the Body of Christ in the world. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Awake, My Soul and With the Sun*
ELW 557

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

Gracious God,
You receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Set your living bread before us that, feasting around your table, we may be strengthened to continue the work to which your Son called us. Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your

servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name--for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm--when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

PSALM

Psalm 48

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield bestowing favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever

will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.124

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

GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

"This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

SERMON

The Rev. Ali Ferin

ENSEMBLE ANTHEM

Draw the Circle Wide
Gordon Light (lyrics)
Mark A. Miller (music)

+MEAL+

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God."

The congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, 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.

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.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus Christ, healer and host,
through bread and cup you have given us your presence
that strengthens and sustains us. Filled again by your
grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice and thirst
for your way of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+SENDING+

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Kim and Neal Chapman

BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig and Nancy Price (lyrics)

Don Besig (music)

SENDING

Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Our worship is over,
our service begins.

POSTLUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing
Theodore Beck

Worship Notes:

Words of Confession and Forgiveness are adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, Wild Goose Publications, 2017, p. 104-105.

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Participants in Today's Worship

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

Musician: *Thomas Bartsch, organ*

Special Music: *Vocal Ensemble: Janelle Bussert, Ruth Petersen, and Bev Stratton*

Lector: *Laurie Krachner*

Ushers: *Irmeli Moran*

Fellowship Host: *Grete Hanson*

Worship Flowers: *Chuck & Grete Hanson:*

In loving memory of Rolf and Esther Hanson on their wedding anniversary

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Announcements

St. Michael's Get Together! TODAY!!

August 22, 3-5 p.m.

Food trucks, kids' activities, and Root Beer & Hymns, all on the church parking lot/Fellowship Hall lawn. Don't miss your chance to soak a staff member at the dunk tank by making a school supply donation during the month of August!

School Supply Drive LAST DAY!!

August 1-22

We will be collecting supplies for students during the month of August. Supplies will be provided to Harambee School in Roseville and to Northern Voices.

- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks·
- Glue Sticks·
- #2 Pencil·
- Facial Tissues·
- Notecards·
- Black Sharpies·
- Post-its
- Dry Erase Markers·
- Colored Pencils
- 24-Crayon Boxes
- Backpacks·
- Financial gifts may also be made with "school supplies" listed in the memo.

An extra bonus to give... When you bring school supplies and drop them in the box, you will receive a ticket for a chance to dunk a beloved staff member in the DUNK TANK at the Church Picnic TODAY!



Announcements

Fall Kick-off & Registration

Sunday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.

First Day of Sunday School

September 19, 10:00 a.m.

First Faith in Daily Life

September 8, 12:00 p.m.

First Day of Youth Music Rehearsals

September 8

Youth Bells 5:30 p.m., Celebration Singers 6:30 pm., Spirit Choir 7:30 p.m.

First Thursday Morning Bible Study

September 9, 9:30am

First Adult Choir Rehearsal

September 9, Thursday, 6:30

First Monday Morning Ministries

September 13, 7:00 a.m.

First Day of Fall Yoga Devotion

September 13, 6:30 p.m.

First Sarah Circle

September 14, 9:30 a.m.

First Elisabeth Circle

September 15, 1:30 p.m.

First Desserters II Book Club

September 28 , 7:00 p.m.



This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, August 22

- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 3 - 5 p.m. St. Michael's Get-Together **TODAY!**

Monday, August 23

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Outside
- 7:45 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, August 24

- 9:30 a.m. Messenger Assembly
- 5:30 p.m. Golf at Como

Wednesday, August 25

- 6:30 p.m. Summer Patio Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee

Thursday, August 26

- 6:30 p.m. Summer Patio Book Club

Sunday, August 29

- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hour

See your *Friday Flyer*, monthly *Messenger*, or website for more information.