



St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Service

August 30, 10:00 a.m. & August 31, 7:00 p.m.
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & PRELUDE

Chapel Ringers

Promised Land

Southern Harmony arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

We seek God here.

We who come to be inspired and changed

We seek God's Spirit here.

We who know how little we know

We seek God's Word here.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows,
in the blazing fire that does not consume,
in the face of all that is good,
In love that is lived out,
in the deep of the unknown.

Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention.
Bring us to you – you who are already with us.
Help us to be as you would have us be.

O God, we are challenged by the question, “Is our love genuine?”

Forgive us when we fail to resist the evil.
Guide us when we lose sight of how we are called to serve.
Renew us when we become frustrated with those closest to us.
Prompt us when we are afraid to welcome and care for strangers.
Challenge us to bless our enemies beyond instincts for revenge.
Draw us into a larger circle of care for all your people.

**God, call us turn to you and to our neighbor with new vision
and to return to who you have created and called us to be.**

God’s mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination.
God’s love seeps through any wall we could ever put up.
God’s goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin.
It is because of this extensive, powerful and bold love,
I declare to you that God forgives us all our sins.
Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN

Sung by Cantor

Sunday Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

Online & Monday How Majestic is Your Name

WP 66

FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in

zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Sunday

*Pastor Kate Reuer Welton
Campus Ministry, University of Minnesota*

Monday

Pastor Brad Froslee

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sunday

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Sung by Cantor

ELW 763

Online & Monday

Step by Step

WP 132

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy.”
and the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”*

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Solid Rock

*Chapel Ringers
William Bradbury arr. Linda R. Lamb*

OFFERING PRAYER

In your Creation, O God, we stand on the holiest of ground.
May the gifts we offer be a blessing to all that you have made.
May the church, organizations and people that receive them act as your hands.
May needs be seen and met, and may our giving flow forth in love.
We pray through Christ, who gives beyond all measure. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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;
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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

All are welcome to receive communion as you depart from worship. The communion elements are pre-packaged with grape juice and a wafer. If you need a gluten-free wafer please indicate that to the communion server.

BLESSING

The blessing of Almighty God:

✠ Source, Word and Spirit,
be with us now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, live in love.

Thanks be to God.

Our worship has ended; our service now begins.

POSTLUDE & POST SERVICE MUSIC

NOTES ON WORSHIP

Parts of today's service are adapted from the Rev. Kaji S. Douša, Senior Minister of Park Avenue Christian Church (DOC), New York City; and *Sundays and Seasons*, by Augsburg Fortress/1517 Media.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Bradley A. Froslee, Rev. Ali C. Ferin, pastors

Pastor Kate Reuer Welton, guest pastor

Cory Bock, Jill Schendel, piano

Charlie Preis, Chapel Bells director

Karen Toebe, Charlie Preis, cantors

Laurie Krachmer, Patty Bales, assisting ministers

Nancy Suter, Irmeli Moran, tellers

Altar Flowers

The flowers in our worship service today are given by Karen Clapp in memory of her sister, Su Rehnberg.



Back-to-School Supply Drive—July 26—September 8

This year we will once again collect supplies for students going back-to-school. Supplies can be dropped off at church (Email or call Pastor Brad to set-up a time); or brought to worship and placed in the green rolling cart near the outdoor worship space.



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



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

School Supply Drive Continues through September 8

Sunday, August 30

- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:30 am Back-Up Date—10th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday, August 31

- 12:00 pm Virtual Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 6

- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, September 7

Church Office is Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Note: There is no worship service this evening.