



St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Service

September 6, 10:00 a.m.
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

✝ GATHERING ✝

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

As we gather in your name, O Christ,
you are already among us.
Keep us open to your presence in us and around us
that we may grow closer to you. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God of all people,
You call us to care for one another,
to serve one another with compassion,
to love others deeply as we have been loved by You.

We confess the times when we have allowed
our own desires and interests to take precedence
over the needs of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.

You call us to deal honorably with one another,
to work through our disagreements with love and integrity,
and so to build up the Body of Christ.

We confess the times when we have found it easier
to talk about a concern rather than address a concern,
to let our resentment fester in silence rather than share our feelings and fears.
Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us.

God who is rich in mercy transforms our failures and our failings into new life.
Rejoice! For God's goodness and forgiveness surrounds you.
Amen!

OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Sung by Cantor

ELW 864

FIRST READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you,

so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

SERMON

Pastor Ali Ferin

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Sung by Cantor

ELW 580

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Silence is held as we prepare for prayer.
Each petition ends with, "Lord in your mercy,"
and the response is, "hear our prayer."*

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Sing New Songs

*Antonin Dvorak
Karen Wilkerson*

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, You have called us into the world,
into its need, its suffering, its injustice, and its pain,
to be agents of change and transformation in the world.
Use our hands, our feet, our voices, and our hearts
to heal the world for which you so love. **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

Go now with your trust in God.
May God lead you to places of rest and renewal;
may Christ give you life in abundance,
and may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with gladness.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, live in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE & POST SERVICE MUSIC

Our worship has ended; our service now begins.

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NOTES ON WORSHIP

Parts of today's service are adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*,
by Augsburg Fortress/1517 Media.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Ali C. Ferin, pastor
Thomas Bartsch piano
Karen Wilkerson, cantor & special music
Lynn Nysse, Anna Ferro, lectors
Nancy Suter, Irmeli Moran, tellers

Altar Flowers

The flowers in our worship service today are given by Mary Vorhes with blessings to the pastors, staff, and volunteers who are leading us through this pandemic.



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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

School Supply Drive Continues through September 8

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.

Rezek House Meal

Tuesday, September 8

3:00 pm Food Mobile Distribution

6:30 pm CYF Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

12:00 pm Virtual Faith in Daily Life

6:00 pm Virtual CYF Program Overview

Sunday, September 13—Rally Sunday

10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission

7:00 pm High School Bonfire

Monday, September 14

12:00 pm Virtual Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

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



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