



# St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Worship Service

September 13, 10:00 a.m. & September 14, 7:00 pm  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

✝ GATHERING ✝

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

*Emily & Lee-Ann Breuch*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 103:1-13*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
Amen.

**Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.  
Bless God, O friends, and never forget God's gifts!**

Forgiveness flowing into healing,  
Enduring goodness transformed into joy:  
Everlasting strength lifting up as on the eagle's flight.

**Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.  
Bless God, O friends, and never forget God's gifts!**

God is revealed in  
justice for all those oppressed,  
liberation from bondage,  
guidance for the way;  
unending mercy,  
and steadfast love.

**Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.  
Bless God, O friends, and never forget God's gifts!**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's love toward those who are faithful;  
As a parent has compassion for children,  
so our God has compassion for us.

**Bless God, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.  
Bless God, O friends, and never forget God's gifts!**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Let us enter into a time of reconciliation and renewal in the presence of God  
and of one another.

**Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.  
We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.  
We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.  
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.  
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through Christ draws us near in grace.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### **OPENING HYMN**

10:00 a.m.	Where Charity and Love Prevail	<i>sung by cantor</i>
7:00 p.m.	I Come With Joy, verses 1, 2, 5	<i>sung by cantor</i>

## **† WORD †**

### **READING**

Romans 14:1-12

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **PSALM**

Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;  
who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;  
you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.  
You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.  
As a parent has compassion for the children,  
so you have compassion for those who stand in awe of you, O LORD.

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:21-35

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

#### **SERMON**

*Pastor Brad Froslee*

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

10:00 a.m. By Your Hand You Feed Your People *sung by cantor*  
7:00 p.m. Where Charity and Love Prevail, verses 1, 2, 3, 5 *sung by cantor*

#### **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.**

## ✠ COMMUNION ✠

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*All are invited to share a sign of peace that respects the need to be physically distanced through a wave, smile, slight bow, or gesture of care.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Abide With Me

*Emily & Lee-Ann Breuch*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.**

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,**

**nourish us with this rich food and drink,**

**and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.*

**✠ SENDING ✠**

**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & FACEMASKS**

**SENDING PRAYER LED BY CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**BENEDICTION**

Mothering God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Stand with all in need.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING MUSIC**

Go Tell it on the Mountain *Emily & Lee-Ann Breuch*

*Our worship has ended; our service now begins.*



## **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Bradley A. Froslee, pastor

Rev. Ali C. Ferin, pastor

Thomas Bartsch, Jill Schendel piano

Jason Etten, Karen Wilkerson, cantors

Emily & LeeAnn Breuch, special music

Bill Lindquist, Dave Yarusso, lectors

Nancy Suter, Irmeli Moran, tellers



## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in our worship service today are given by Mark & Rose Larson. They hope the flowers add a little cheer to everyone's life.

## **Rite of Confirmation**

On Sunday, September 27 we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:00 a.m. outdoors service. This year's confirmands are:

Hannah Bock

Landon Brady

Coen Breuch

Tommy Etten

Trevin Holt

Sydney Horsman

Henry Kempenich

Emma Koland

Jasper Peterson-Hartmann

Matthew Rogness

Noah Weston



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### **Sunday, September 13—Rally Sunday**

- 9:00 am Rally Day
- 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

### **Tuesday, September 15**

- 9:30 am Sarah Circle—Patio by Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, September 16**

- 12:00 pm Faith in Daily Life—Courtyard Square Outdoors
- 1:00 pm Elisabeth Circle—Patio by Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm Small Group Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Small Group Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Virtual High School Youth Group

### **Thursday, September 17**

- 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study—Patio by Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, September 18**

- 9:00 am Deadline for October *Messenger* Newsletter Submissions
- 7:00 pm Middle School Bonfire

### **Sunday, September 21**

- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

### **Monday, September 22**

- 12:00 pm Virtual Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Virtual Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

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



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