



# St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Worship Service

September 20, 10:00 a.m. & September 21, 7:00 pm  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### ✝ GATHERING ✝

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & PRELUDE

Online

Duo

*Pierre DuMage*

Sunday

*Tom Bartsch, piano*

Monday

*Jill Schendel, piano*

#### 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

We pause to turn to God and the community in confession, naming our  
mistakes, recognizing our dependence on sinful systems, seeking forgiveness  
and the courage to begin again.

Holy God,

**I confess before you and my siblings in Christ,**

**That I have fallen short in honoring the Holy in my life.**

**I have neglected to offer compassion to myself,**

**I have failed to care for my neighbor,**

**I have exploited the goodness of creation,**

**I have lost sight of your will for me.  
Reorient me to your gracious presence,  
renew my heart, and restore my soul. Amen**

Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
God's grace is boundless. You are loved.  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
Begin again this day in freedom and newness of life.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of miracles and of mercy,  
all creation sings your praise.  
Your grace is extravagant and unexpected,  
proclaiming liberation for all people.  
Teach us to accept the way of your grace,  
that we may witness to your love,  
which embraces both those we call friend  
and those we call stranger. **Amen.**

#### **OPENING HYMN**

Online	Drawn to the Light	<i>ELW 593 Sung by Cantor</i>
Sunday	Drawn to the Light	<i>ELW 593 Sung by Cantor</i>
Monday	Lord of All Hopefulness	<i>ELW 765 Sung by Cantor</i>

#### **† WORD †**

#### **FIRST READING**

*Exodus 16:1-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

## **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Ali Ferin*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Sung by Cantor*

Online                    There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*ELW 588 v. 1, 2, 3*

Sunday                    There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*ELW 588 v. 1, 2, 3*

Monday                    Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*ELW 659*

## 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.**

*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

Online

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*St. Olaf Students*

Sunday

Thy Holy Wings

*Arr. Cathy Moglebust*

*Chapel Bells*

Monday

Thy Holy Wings

*Arr. Cathy Moglebust*

*Chapel Bells*

## 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.*

## ✝ SENDING ✝

#### 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, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE & POST SERVICE MUSIC**

Online

Rondo

*John Bull*

Sunday

*Tom Bartsch, piano*

Monday

*Jill Schendel, piano*

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

## **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

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

Thomas Bartsch, Jill Schendel piano

Charlie Preis, cantor

David Black, Chris Erickson, lectors

Nancy Suter, Irmeli Moran, tellers



## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in our worship service today are given by Shirley Friberg in memory of Dick, Barb, and our grandparents.

## **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 20**

- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:00 am 7<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

### **Monday, September 21**

Loaves & Fishes

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

### **Tuesday, September 22**

- 5:30 pm Executive Committee

### **Wednesday, September 23**

- 12:00 pm Virtual Faith In Daily Life
- 5:30 pm Virtual Music with Cory
- 7:30 pm Virtual Youth Group: Middle School

### **Thursday, September 24**

- 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study—on Patio

### **Sunday, September 27**

- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion  
Celebrating the Rite of Confirmation
- 11:00 am 7<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

### **Monday, September 28**

- 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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