



# St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Worship Service

September 27, 10:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

✝ GATHERING ✝

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### INVOCATION & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator sounding over the waters,  
the Redeemer alive in the witness of Christ Jesus,  
the Renewer shaping and forming the people of God across the ages.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's grace and mercy. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his wife and family.

**In the wilderness you provided water to Hagar and Ishmael.**

Through the sea you led your people Israel from captivity into freedom.

**You offered Moses, Miriam, and the Jewish refugees water gushing from the rock.**

At the river Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children.**

You make us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all, we praise you for the gift of new life. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew and reform our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be honor and praise through Jesus the Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**OPENING HYMN**

Amazing Grace

*Tommy Etten*

**THE 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**

God of love, giver of life,

**you know us completely, our gifts and strengths, our frailties and failings.**

**Hold us your in grace, watch over us in our living, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in your way, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 43: 1-3a, 5-7*

But now thus says the LORD,

who created you, O Jacob,

who formed you, O Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

## **SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **GOSPEL**

*John 1:1-14*

The holy gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own,<sup>[c]</sup> and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Pastor Brad Froslee*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Earth and All Stars

*ELW 731: v,1,4,5*

*Sung by Chris Hughes*

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WITH CONFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I present Hannah Bock, Landon Brady, Coen Breuch, Tommy Etten, Trevin Holt, Sydney Horsman, Henry Kempenich, Emma Koland, Jasper Peterson-Hartmann, Matthew Rogness, and Noah Weston who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Dear friends, on this day we look to the gifts of God and the call to be the church. We commit ourselves to the ministry of mutual care, nurturing of faith, and reconciliation within the body of Christ, and to the renewal of our baptismal vows. We pray for the Spirit of God to renew, strengthen, enlighten, and uphold us.

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in faith, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

In our faith we stand surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We continue to speak words, though not always perfect, to breathe life into the Church and into our on-going understandings of God made known among us. In witness with the historic Church we celebrate and honor an old yet ever renewing tradition.

People of God, together let us confess the faith of the church.

Do you place your trust in God who is the author of creation and loving parent of us all?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you place your trust in Jesus a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth, God incarnate, to proclaim God's holy reign of peace and justice, love and mercy?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you place your trust in the Holy Spirit, life-giving breath of community, fire of faith and renewal, alighting upon the people of ancient times and of today?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Each of you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Those affirming their faith respond:*

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in faith and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Parents and family members are invited to place their hands on the confirmands:*

Stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**✠ MEAL ✠**

**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**

We Shall Be Known

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*Chris Hughes and Abby Hughes Scalise*

*By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth  
It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love  
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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God our provider,

**all you have made is good and your love endures forever.**

**You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts and empower us by your Spirit, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **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.**

*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 ✠

### **BENEDICTION**

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✠ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

The worship is ended, our service begins.

Go in peace. Live in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SENDING MUSIC**

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

### **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

Pastors: Rev. Bradley A. Froslee, Rev. Ali C. Ferin

Pianists: Jill Schendel (on-line), Thomas Bartsch (Sunday)

Cantor: Chris Hughes (Sunday)

Special Music: Tommy Etten; Chris Hughes and Abby Hughes Scalise

Lectors: Patty Bales (on-line), Chris Hughes (Sunday)

Tellers: Nancy Suter, Irmeli Moran

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in our worship service today are given  
by Maria & Greg Zarambo in memory of Loretta & Stan Zarambo.



**Statement of Faith Art Projects**

Each year, 10th grade confirmation students create a project to express their individual faith and present them to their peers. Some of those projects are available for viewing around the worship space today. Thank you to all of our students for sharing your projects this year!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### **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

### **Wednesday, September 30**

- 5:30 pm In-person Small Group Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm In-person Small Group Children Singers Rehearsals
- 7:30 pm Virtual Youth Group: High School

### **Thursday, October 1**

#### **Winter Clothing Drive Begins**

- 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study on Patio

### **Sunday, October 4**

- 9:00 am Outdoor Sunday School (Preschool - 5th Grade)
- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:45 am Outdoor High School Youth Group (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 10:45 am Outdoor Sunday School (6th Grade)
- 11:30 am 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

### **Monday, October 5**

Rezek House Meal

- 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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