



# St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Worship Service

September 28, 7:00 pm  
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**

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

*Sung by Cantor*

*ELW 520:1,2,3*

**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**

*Sung by Cantor*

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

*ELW 712:1,2,4*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.**

**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.**

### **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.**

### **✠ MEAL ✠**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

We Shall Be Known

*MaMuse*

*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.**

### **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**

(Monday)

Glimmer of Hope

*Wendy Stevens*

(Online)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

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

### **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

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

Keyboardist: Cory Bock

Lector: Chris Hughes

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 this evening. Thank you to all of our students for sharing your projects this year!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### 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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