



# St Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Worship Service

Sunday, October 11, 2020

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### ✝ GATHERING ✝

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Creator, ✝ the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Hurricanes and floods and environmental havoc;

**drones and IEDs; handguns and violence;**

cancer and heart disease and bodies shutting down;

**poverty, injustice, and oppression.**

The ways of death in this world are many.

**The words of death surround us.**

The fear of death envelopes us.

**But we come now to hear a different Word,**

a true Word

**a life-giving Word.**

We are called to God's mountain, proclaimed by Isaiah,

**where tears are wiped away,**

where a banquet table has been set,

**where death has been swallowed up forever.**

We do not fully understand it.

**We may not fully believe it.**

And yet here it is: the power of God's life within us and among us.

**So let us be glad and rejoice in the healing and promise—**

**the salvation—of our God!**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

God pours blessings upon us, even as we move through  
the challenges of these days.

God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all.

Therefore, I invite us to confess all that would separate us from God  
and one another.

Let us pray.

When the cities and nations struggle;  
when the ruthless trample on the needy,  
when the poor and immigrants are neglected,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,  
or when we have failed to extend the invitation to others,  
**Christ, have mercy.**

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy  
or when we failed to be gentle with ourselves and others,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Moment of silence.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We look to God who forgives our sins,  
who calls us again to the mountain of hope, of life, of promise for all.  
We proclaim: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Praise be to God!**

**GATHERING HYMN**      As We Gather At Your Table

*ELW 522  
Sung by Cantor*

**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**

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out  
your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what  
is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness  
and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
And the Lord will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
the Lord will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of the people God will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; for whom we have waited, so that we might be saved.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

## **SECOND READING**

Philippians 4:1-9

My siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Brad Froslee*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

*ELW 608*

*Sung by Cantor*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us 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.**"*

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ✠ COMMUNION ✠

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands**

*Mark Patterson  
Children's Choir*

### 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 holy 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 Savior and 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**

Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ,  
equipped to dream of a new day,  
emboldened to extend the invitation to God's banquet.  
Rejoice in the hope made known in Christ.  
and may your hearts and minds be strengthened  
to live the lives to which God has called you.

The God who created you,  
✠ the Christ who redeems you  
and the Spirit who empowers you  
is with you today and ever more  
**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

The God of peace goes with you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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





## **NOTES ON WORSHIP**

Call to Worship Litany adapted from the writings by Joanna Harader and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog.

## **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

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

Pianist: Tom Bartsch

Cantor: Tony Nickelsen

Special Music: Members of the Children's Choirs—directed by Cory Bock, accompanied by Wenshuai Zhang

Tellers: Nancy Suter, Irmeli Moran

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in our worship service today are given by Ruth Blomster in loving remembrance of parents, brothers, and other loved ones.



## **Outdoor Sunday School**

\* No Outdoor Sunday School—Sunday, October 18

\* Last Day of Outdoor Sunday School—Sunday, October 25

9:00—9:50 a.m. — Preschool—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. — 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School (let Jon know if you're bringing a pumpkin!)



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### **Sunday, October 11**

- 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 11:00 am Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission
- 11:30 am 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

### **Monday, October 12**

- 12:00 pm Virtual Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

### **Tuesday, October 13**

- 2:00 pm Food Mobile Distribution
- 6:30 pm Virtual Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Committee
- 7:00 pm Virtual Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 14**

- 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

### **Friday, October 16**

- 9:00 am Deadline for November *Messenger* Submissions

### **Sunday, October 18**

- 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **Monday, October 19**

- 10:30 am Virtual Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Winter Clothing Drop Off
- 5:30 pm Virtual Finance Committee Meeting

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