



**St Michael's**  
L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

**Sunday, October 10, 2021—8:45 a.m.**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome Statement

St. Michael's Lutheran Church lives out God's grace and love for all people. Faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we welcome those who have been part of church communities, those who have no previous church experience, and those who have felt excluded by the Church because of their race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental capabilities, financial resources, or family circumstances. In this witness we seek reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. As a diverse people we are then empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and work together for God's promised day of justice, peace, and mercy.

In Christ's love, we welcome you!



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



St. Michael's Lutheran Church is a member of the ELCA.

Worship Activity bags are located at the back of the Sanctuary to keep little fingers and minds busy with worship-themed activities.

The nursery is open! However, it is currently unstaffed. Parents/Guardians are welcome to accompany their child(ren) in the nursery. We ask that you help us provide a safe space for the littles by following the sanitizing instructions in the room after its use. \*Special holidays and festivals will remain staffed; those dates will be indicated in the bulletin\*

We continue to use protocols in worship and in the building to protect children, youth and those who have not yet completed COVID-19 vaccinations. Our protocols will continue to adapt in the weeks and months ahead.

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## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

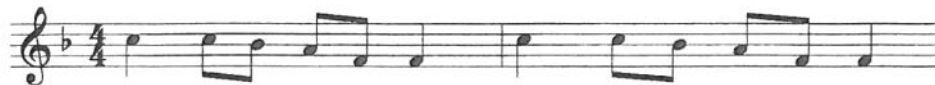
The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

### +GATHERING+

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Come, Let us Worship God*



Leader: *Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.*



*Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.*



*Wel - come ev - 'ry - one... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one*



*to the love of God. to the love of God.*

2. Food for the hungry...
3. Rest for the weary...
4. Hope for the children...
5. Come, let us worship God...

From: *Come, Let Us Worship God* (CGA1593).

Text: Ray Makeever.

Music: Ray Makeever, arr. Katie Houts.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal, "hymn" numbers are found at the top of the page; "page" numbers are found at the bottom of the page.

*God draws us together and dwells within the community*

All are invited to make the sign of the cross † as the presiding minister begins. This sign given to us in our baptism reminds us of our identity as followers of Christ, of God's own.

We gather to proclaim our trust  
not in powers nor in wealth  
but in the One who is creator, † sustainer, and liberator  
on heaven and on earth.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Together we confess our sin, trusting in God's power to liberate us and transform us. We pray:

**O God, there are times when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Grant us courage and confidence to live our lives with integrity, embodying the ways of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray.**

**Amen**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The gift of a new day is the gift to begin again. Together we proclaim the good news:

**In Christ we are forgiven and made new.**

**Thanks be to God!**

### OPENING HYMN

*Soli Deo Gloria*

ELW 878: 1, 2

Worship begins with a prayer of mutuality - the presider and the congregation seeking the presence of God with and for one another.

### 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 all, Author of life,

**Teach us to number our days, that we might gain wisdom to walk the earth with respect, awe, and gratitude. Grant us peace that would allow us to hold loosely our material possessions which so quickly turn into obsessions.**

**Replace our love for wealth with a love for God; our love for ego with a love for neighbor; a love for power with a love for community. In Christ's name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## +WORD+

### FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,

or God will break out against the house of Joseph  
like fire,

and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,

and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,

and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore because you trample on the poor

and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,

and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;

*God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, silence, and song.*

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's anger.

for it is an evil time.  
Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### PSALM

Psalm 90

So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?**

**Be gracious to your servants.**

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and

confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *O God, Whose Word Well Planted*

1 O God, whose word well-planted yields fruit a hundred-fold,  
we praise your graces granted to those who sowed of old,  
who by their witness scattered good seed up-on the soil  
where others, reaping, gathered the harvest of their toil.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007  
Music: Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952  
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ABIDING PRESENCE  
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## GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God’s eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Ali Ferin



## ANTHEM

*There is a Balm in Gilead*  
Larry Fleming

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

Today you will receive the gift of a Bible so that the story of God and God's people may be with you at home, church, or wherever you shall choose to carry it. Enjoy reading how God is at work in nature and history. Learn about the life and teachings of Jesus. Be open to how God may continue to speak to you through the scriptures.

Families, will you model a love for God's Word before your child?

*Families: Yes, with the help of God.*

Will you accept responsibility as your child's primary faith influencer to impress the love of God on them as you live life together?

*Families: Yes, with the help of God.*

People of St. Michael's, we too, have the privilege and responsibility to share our faith stories and support these children. Many of you made promises to these children at their baptism that you would pray for them and support them as the body of Christ. Will you continue to do so as these children learn and grow? Will you partner with these parents by praying for them as they lead their children spiritually?

**Yes, with the help of God.**

Let us Pray:

**O God, You have revealed yourself to your human creation in many and diverse ways. Our memory of your**

love is maintained in the Scriptures that we hold in our hands. Look with delight upon the children of this congregation as they receive the gift of the Holy Scriptures. Help them absorb its wisdom and live its inspired truth. Encourage us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to also use these sacred writings for our prayer and inspiration, for the increase of our own faith and devotion, and for the building up of your kingdom.  
**Amen.**

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Communion.*

**+MEAL+**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all  
**And also with you.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our human family. Open our hearts in compassion and receive our prayers on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy"  
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer"*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's table where all are welcome!

The body of Christ is given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus Christ, our healer and host,  
**in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Praise the Lord*  
Rob Roy Perry

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This day we celebrate with those who have recently joined the community of faith here at St. Michael's.

The church is a community of people with unique gifts, gathered together to walk in the way of Jesus Christ. It is the spirit of mutuality, support, and love.

**It is the spirit of caring for one another, of forgiving, of helping each other, of weeping and rejoicing together.**

*New members: We want to share in that spirit.*

Communion will be distributed in the pews. If you did not receive elements upon entering the sanctuary an usher can provide them to you.

Laura & Nate,  
Brynn and Finn Tenut  
Jo & Tom Heyd  
Dolores & Bill Rivard  
Nancylee & Jim Jonza  
Josh Seeman

Join the new members  
in the Courtyard for  
coffee and treats.

The church is a community of people with a diversity of needs, ideas, and experiences. It is the spirit of expansive wonder and dreams.

**It is the spirit of openness to the world; of continual discovery and learning; of embracing questions and honoring doubt.**

*New members: We want to share in that spirit.*

The church is a community rooted in God's grace. In boldness we are called to live in response to God's gift of grace together by giving of our time, talents, and treasures.

**It is the spirit of courage and compassion, of generosity and hope.**

*New members: We want to share in that spirit.*

We give thanks for those joining this community today. We are brought together by the Spirit of God and trust that the Spirit will continue to lead us and guide us in all of our days.

*God blesses us and  
sends us into the world.*

**+SENDING+**

### **BENEDICTION**

Let us go in peace with the living, agitating God,  
who disrupts the comfortable,  
comforts the afflicted,  
and walks alongside those who suffer.

Receive the blessing of this God who is all-loving;  
God our Mother who holds us in our pain,  
God our brother, Jesus the Christ, who gives us courage,  
And God the Spirit who binds us together as one.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Go to the World*

ACS 991: 1, 2



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give God's way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord*

Arr. Anne K. Organ

Our worship is over,  
our service begins.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Call to Worship and Benediction adapted from *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World* by Claudio Carvalhaes

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### Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastors:** *Rev. Ali Ferin, Rev. Brad Froslee*

**Musician:** *Jill Schendel, Pianist*

**Special Music:** *Children's Choir,  
Cory Bock, director; Wenshuai Zhang, accompanist  
St. Michael's Singers, Karen Wilkerson, director*

**Lector:** *Chris Erickson*

**Usher:** *Mike Gregory*

**Worship Flowers:** *Sharon & Dean Carter  
In memory of Edward, Norma and Bill*

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## Announcements

### **Sunday School**

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

### **Confirmation**

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

### **Youth Music Rehearsals**

Wednesdays

Youth Bells 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Singers 6:30 p.m.

Spirit Choir 7:30 p.m.

### **Chapel Ringers**

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

### **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

### **Fall Yoga Devotion**

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

### **Sandwich Making for Union**

### **Gospel Mission**

Sunday, October 10, 10:00 a.m.

### **Finance Committee**

Monday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.

### **Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

### **Faith in Daily Life**

Wednesday, October 13, 12:00 p.m.

### **Messenger Deadline**

October 22

### **LIFT Pumpkin Party**

**Sunday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.**

What's LIFT? It stands for *Living In Faith Together*. We know faith is shaped by living in community with others. We learn and grow together no matter our ages, genders, or family status. We need each other's gifts and perspectives on this journey. Which is why we'd like you to know that YOU are invited to these events...they're not just for children, their parents, or their grandparents. You don't need to have a connection in order to make a connection, so join us!

We'll wonder about scripture together, enjoy a snack, play a game or make a craft. Our next event is a pumpkin party on Oct. 24 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall.

Scan this code to register



or contact Susie at  
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for more information.



# This Week at St. Michael's

## **Sunday, October 10**

- 8:45 a.m.      Worship
- 10:00 a.m.     Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m.     Sandwich Making
- 11:00 a.m.     Worship

## **Monday, October 11**

- Indigenous People's Day
- 12:00 p.m.     Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.      Yoga Devotion
- 7:00 p.m.      Finance Committee

## **Tuesday, October 12**

- 11:00 a.m.     Guatemala Team
- 2:00 p.m.      Food Mobile Distribution
- 7:00 p.m.      Council Meeting

## **Wednesday, October 13**

- 12:00 p.m.     Faith in Daily Life
- 5:30 p.m.      Youth Bells
- 6:15 p.m.      Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m.      Chapel Ringers
- 6:30 p.m.      Celebration Singers
- 7:30 p.m.      Spirit Choir

## **Thursday, October 14**

- 9:30 a.m.      Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m.      Adult Choir

## **Sunday, October 17**

- 8:45 a.m.      Worship
- 10:00 a.m.     Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m.     Worship
- 2:00 p.m.      1st-5th Grade Milestone Workshop
- 6:30 p.m.      Middle School Bonfire & Games