



St Michael's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday with
Rite of Confirmation

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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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ricercar del Primo Tuono
Giovanni Palestrina

INVOCATION

We gather to proclaim our trust
in the One who is Creator, ✚ Sustainer, and Liberator.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,
source of mercy, tender and mighty,
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

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.

On this Sunday as we celebrate the on-going reformation of the church, and the affirmation of baptism by those confirming their faith, we come together to give thanks for our own baptisms and the call to be the church in this time and place.

Your love flows through water,
satisfying the thirst of all living things,
sustaining life in this community,
nourishing and delighting us.

We bless you for the gift of water.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the waters of baptism
joined to your life-giving Word:

your well of mercy and cleansing flood,

your sea of deliverance from death into life,

your healing river washing sin away,

your living water springing up to eternal life.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Martin Luther is often considered a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. He was also a musician and composed the hymn

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott—A Mighty

Fortress is our God.

This hymn is based on

Psalm 46 and reflects

Luther's awareness of the intense challenges

in the world. In times

of difficulty and danger

it is said that Luther

would often resort to

this song as a source of

strength and comfort.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit.

Fill us with your love.

Clothe us and all your people with grace.

Embolden us to do justice.

Bless us to love mercy.

Guide us to walk humbly with you,

whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

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

Almighty God, gracious Lord,

we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people.

Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of need, defend us against all that would diminish your gospel, and bestow on the church your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

+WORD+

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,

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

The renewed covenant between God and the Jewish people will not be breakable, but calls the people to live lives rooted in compassion, mercy, and righteousness. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember the wrongs of the people. Our hope lies in a God who forgets and, with the people, casts a vision for what is possible.

says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM
8:45 a.m. service

PSALM 46
Led by Youth Cantors

Refrain

God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us,
Ja - cob's God, the Lord of all.

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Music: Tune: *HOLY MANNA*, from William Moore's *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825 (PD).
Setting: Hal H. Hopson, and copyright © 2008 Bimamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers.

11:00 a.m. service

*Read by Lector &
Congregation responsively*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the
sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
the shields with fire.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in
the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

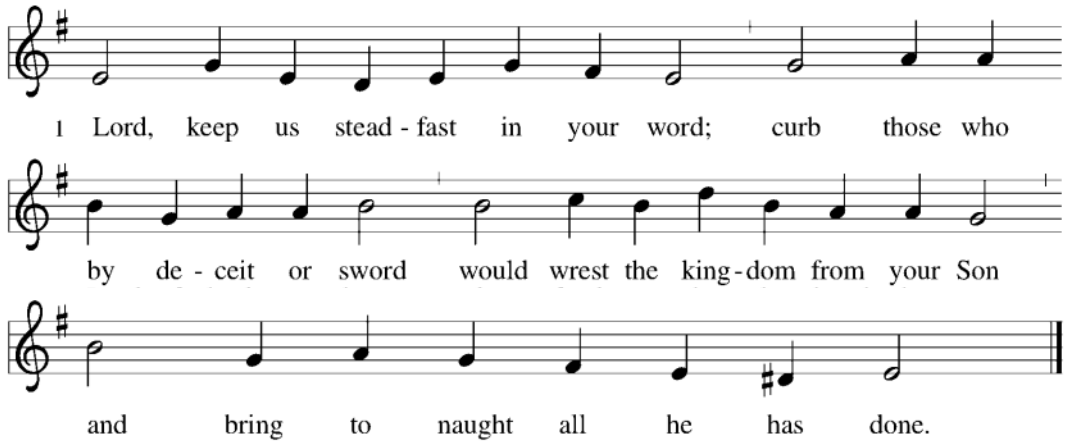
But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The apostle Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings can make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast
in Your Word*



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Jesus said to the Jewish people who had put their trust in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ!

SERMON

The Rev. Brad Froslee

HYMN OF THE DAY

Soli deo Gloria
ELW 878, 1-3

**+AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM+
+AND CONFIRMATION OF FAITH+**

11:00 a.m. service

8:45 a.m. service continues on page 12

I present Ian Grewe, Lucas Grewe, Eli Griggs-LeRoux, Matthew Rolfs, Hayden Sperbeck, Christopher Then, Henry Theilen Towne, and Megan Weston, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Dear friends, on this day we rededicate ourselves to the ongoing reformation and renewal of the church. We commit ourselves to the ministry of 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.

Congregation rises in body or spirit.

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.

Marty Haugen is a Twin Cities-based musician. He was raised in the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he graduated with a BA in Psychology. After college he would serve as a music director at a Roman Catholic Church and would become a prolific hymn writer. This hymn uses a Latin refrain common during the Reformation (and used among musicians such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Frideric Handel, and Christoph Graupner) proclaiming “*Glory to God alone.*” Haugen picks up on this tradition and points to God as the One worthy of all praise and glory.

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 reformation, 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.**

The congregation may be seated.

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.

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.

Often at baptism we
pray this prayer for the
newly baptized. Today,
we pray for those
affirming their faith that
they may always know
the gifts and presence of
God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

You Do Not Walk Alone
Elaine Hagenburg

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

+MEAL+

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Claimed in God's grace, and nurtured in community, we
join in prayer for all of God's people and the gift of creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy."

The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our
prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, who is our
way, our truth, and life. **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.**

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

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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all hope, God of all life,
in the gift of bread that is broken and cup outpoured
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation;
the shared cup into a vision of a renewed community.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

People of God,
you are the hands of Christ,
carrying hope into the world;
you are the heart of Christ
bearing love to the world.
Go forth from this place to be
the body of Christ and
to reveal God's grace and compassion
to a world longing to see this
promise alive here and now.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
ELW 654

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Canzona per Sonare No. 4
Giovanni Gabrieli

*Our worship is over, our
service begins.*

*The Church's One Founda-
tion* was written by
Samuel Stone and is
often sung with the
tune "Aurelia" by
Samuel Wesley. The
text was in response to a
mounting schism in the
Church of South Africa,
and a hope for people to
embody the article of
the creed in which we
proclaim "One holy
catholic church; The
communion of saints."
On this reformation
Sunday, we
acknowledge the
schisms and brokenness
in the church, yet we
long for the Church
renewed and made
whole.

WORSHIP NOTES

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

Musicians: *Tom Bartsch, Organist. Jill Schendel, Pianist .*

Special Music: *St. Michael's Singers; Karen Wilkerson, director.*

Youth Cantors: Evelyn Berndt & Ingrid Kelsey

Cory Bock, director. Wenshuai Zhang, accompanist.

Brass Ensemble:

Lynn Deichert & Chris Houser, trumpet.

Louis Deichert, horn.

Brian Wistrom, trombone.

Lectors: *8:45a.m. Chris Erickson*

11:00a.m. Ron Kuhn

Ushers: *8:45a.m. Mike Gregory & Hal Tiffany*

11:00a.m. Mary Lisa Wermager, Irmeli Moran

Crucifer: *11:00a.m. Megan Weston*

Acolytes: *11:00a.m. Eli Griggs-LeRoux & Lucas Grewe*

Worship Flowers: *Given by Patty Bales & Doug Schumacher
in honor of Vivian & Lawrence Schumacher,
Eleanor & George Bales, and Eleanor Hill*

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Announcements

Sunday School

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, November 4, 9:30 a.m.

Sarah Circle

Tuesday, November 2, 9:30 a.m.

Elisabeth Circle

Wednesday, November 3, 1:00 p.m.

Messenger Deadline

November 19

for the December newsletter



Today we celebrate those affirming their faith and all who have participated in the Confirmation Program these past three years. Blessing to all on the faith journey that lies ahead.

Our prayers and care surround you.



This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, October 31

Reformation Sunday & 10th Grade Confirmation (11:00 a.m.)

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Refugee Resettlement Team
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 1

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Rezek House Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion

Tuesday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle

Wednesday, November 3

- 1:00 p.m. Elisabeth Circle
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bells
- 6:15 p.m. 7th-9th Grade Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Chapel Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Singers
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Choir

Thursday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)

- 8:15a.m. - 12:30p.m. Prayer & Reflection Space in the Courtyard Room
- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship