



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

Sunday, September 26, 2021 — 8:45 a.m.
Eighteenth 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.

You are invited to utilize the nursery space as needed for ages 3 and under. The nursery is located along the South hallway, closest to the parking lot.

We continue to use protocols in worship 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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

+GATHERING+

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Thankful People
Arr. Heather Sorenson

INVOCATION

We gather in the name of the triune God,
✚ our healer, our hope, our home.

Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We call upon God's transforming grace as we confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

God of unity,
we live in a world of echo chambers and exclusivity;
rejecting all that does not confirm our bias, casting out

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.

those who are different, dismissing diversity when it challenges our status quo. Forgive us these sins of division. Set us on the pathway of Christ, who speaks truth to power and who acts with compassion. Restore us to you and to one another as one human family. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of God is endless. Rejoice in this promise; in Christ you are forgiven and made new.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN

O Beauty Ever Ancient
vs 1 & 2



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: ANCIENT BEAUTY, Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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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

Lord our God,

greed and violence are our sad inheritance, passed on from one generation to the next. We look to you for liberation and hope. Where our human community is divided, bring reconciliation and healing. Where fear and ignorance flourish, bring peace and truth. Fill us with your Spirit and renew us yet again this day, that we might rise to new life in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land

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

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

The entire book of Numbers is set in a journey through the wilderness. The Israelites have been liberated from slavery in Egypt and are wandering through the wilderness to the promise land. When you are reading Numbers, think journey — journey through the wilderness of life.

that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once--if I have found favor in your sight--and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

PSALM

Psalm 19 *The Precepts of the Lord*



The pre-cepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom
to the simple. **Refrain***

*The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the command of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eye. **Refrain***

*The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true,
all of them just. **Refrain***

*They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of the purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup,
or honey from the comb. **Refrain***

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again,

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.

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Music: Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952
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ABIDING PRESENCE
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GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

Spark Story Bible pg. 326

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against

us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Ali Ferin

ANTHEM

Look at the World
John Rutter

+MEAL+

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all

And also with you.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Blessing
Jonathan Willcocks

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

+SENDING+

BENEDICTION

May the God, who created a world of diversity
and vibrancy,

Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son, who teaches us to care for stranger
and foreigners,

Go with us as we try to be good neighbors in our
communities.

May the Spirit, who breaks down our barriers and
celebrates community,

Go with us as we find the courage to create a place
of welcome for all.

Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Walk, Walk in the Light



1. Je - sus is the Light for all:
2. The light of Je - sus is yours and mine:
3. We walk to - geth - er in Je - sus' light:
4. Je - sus leads us on our way:



Walk, walk in the light! we fol - low him as we
 and let our own light nev - er to hide it but to
 we help each oth - er each and



hear his call. Walk, walk in the light!
 let it shine.
 shine so bright.
 ev - 'ry day.

Refrain



Walk, walk in the light! Walk, walk in the light!



Walk, walk in the light; walk in the light of the Lord!



Lord! Lord!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lasst uns erfreuen
Geistliche Kirchengesänge

Our worship is over,
our service begins.

WORSHIP NOTES

Benediction written by Clare McBeath and Tim Presswood

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Participants in Today's Worship

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

Musician: *Jill Schendel, Pianist*

Cantors *Andrew Bock & Ingrid Kelsey*

Cory Bock, director. Wenshuai Zhang, accompanist.

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

Lector: *Lynn Nysse*

Usher: *Mike Gregory*

Worship Flowers: *Nancy & Chris Erickson*

In celebration of our wedding anniversary

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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.

Desserters II Book Club

Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

Tuesday September 28, 7:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 3, 11:00 a.m.

Outside Worship

Register for Sunday School by
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Worship Leaders Needed

Ushers

Lectors

Fellowship Hosts

Altar Flowers



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This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, September 26

8:45 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. 10th Grade Confirmation
 Capstone

Monday, September 27

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Yoga Devotion

Tuesday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Personnel & Administration
 Committee
5:00 p.m. Advocacy Team
7:00 p.m. Desserters II Book Club
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 29

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, September 30

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

Sunday, October 3

8:45 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship Outside
 —*Blessing of the Animals*
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 Capstone