

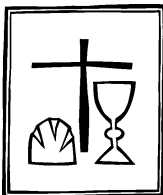
## **Indoor Worship Protocol**

St. Michael's Executive Committee has recently discussed protocols for indoor worship and group activities and recommends following the recent CDC and state government guidelines regarding mask wearing.

- **Per CDC guidance and the easing of restrictions for indoor gatherings by the Governor's office, and along with vaccination progress, the wearing of masks at indoor services and other group activities will be optional.**
- To safeguard your health and the health of our worship leaders and to ensure the cleanest air possible, Guardian Angel air purifiers with HEPA filters and UV lighting will continue to be utilized.
- Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be on-site.
- Offerings are to be brought forward as people come forward for Holy Communion.
- Bulletins will still be sent electronically for viewing on phones, and paper copies will be available on a table in the narthex.
- Our building will be thoroughly cleaned on Monday afternoons.
- Persons shall not attend if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, have recently been in contact with someone with symptoms or has tested positive, or have recently returned from travel to a high-risk state.

### **St. Michael's Lutheran Church Mission**

A Christian community gathered by  
the Holy Spirit to declare God's love  
and grace in Christ



**Time After Pentecost**  
ELW setting 10

July 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

\* *Please stand.*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood, arr. Stephen Key

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\* **INVOCATION**

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.**

\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\text{‡}$  one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

\* **HYMN #798 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

KELVINGROVE

\* **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

\* GLORIA PATRIA

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Gracious God, **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:10-18

*read responsively*

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- |  
out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

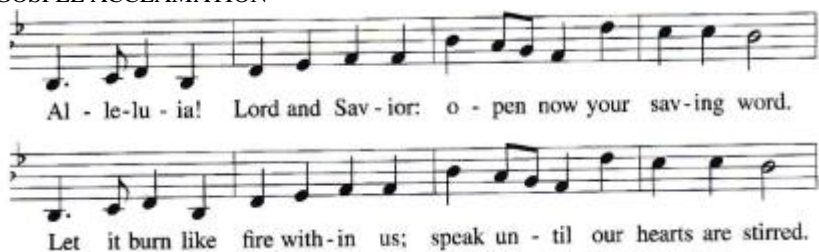
<sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>16</sup> You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**

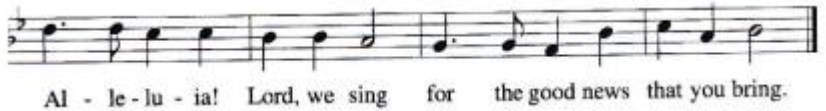
<sup>18</sup> You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



\* HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Harv Weitzel

\* **HYMN #515 BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE**

BREAD OF LIFE

\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each portion of the prayers ends with one of these responses:*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear us, O God. Bless we the Lord  
**hear our prayer. Your mercy is great. Thanks be to God!**

(The prayers conclude:)

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* PEACE

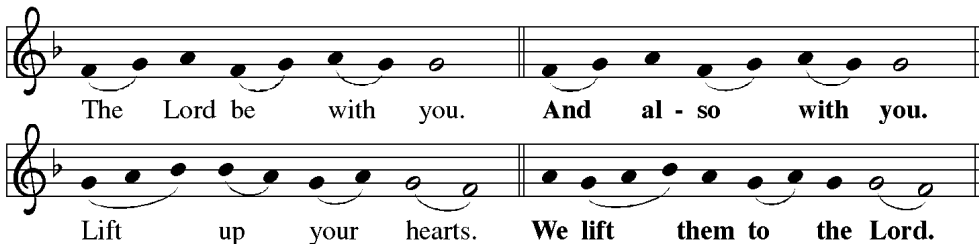
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

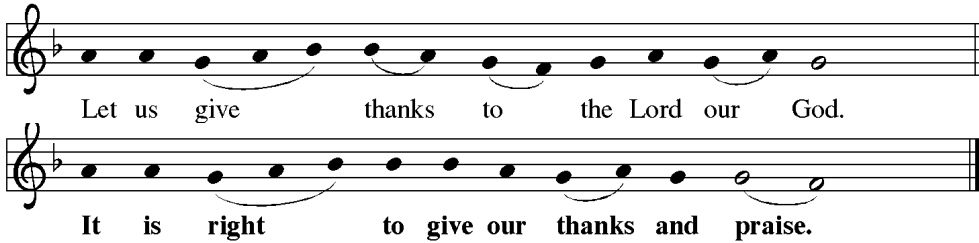
### MEAL

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

\* PREFACE DIALOGUE

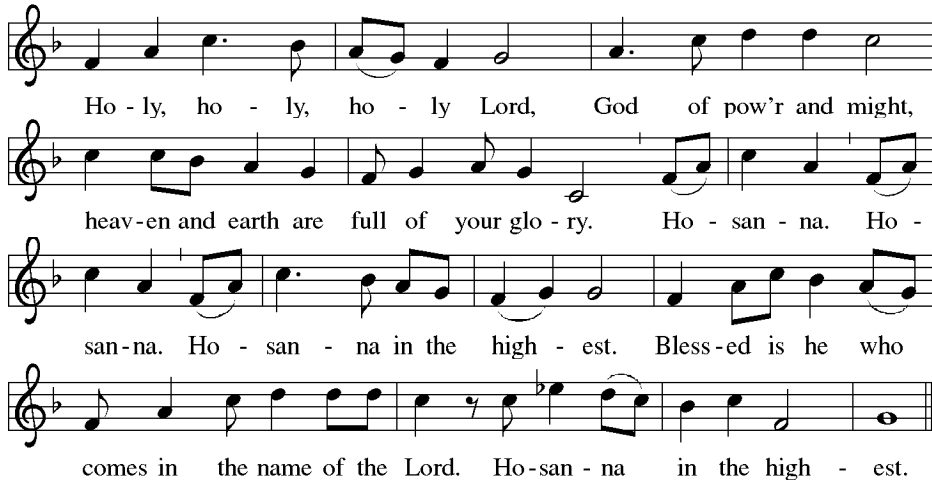




Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\* PREFACE FOR PENTECOST

\* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please bring your offering with you as you come forward to receive Holy Communion. Communion distribution is by intinction. The communion bread or gluten-free rice cracker will be placed in your hand. Take the bread or cracker and dip it into the chalice of wine. Do not have your fingers touch the wine.*

**HYMN #465 AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**

AS THE GRAINS

*(Refrain)* As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *(Refrain)*

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. *(Refrain)*

\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* **HYMN #860 I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME**

JESUS LIFTED ME

\* **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Praise His Holy Name!*

Keith Hampton

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Request books can be found at each entryway. Requests written in the Prayer books will be included in today's prayers; someone is added to the Prayer List by a note to Pastor or the church office, and will run for **four consecutive Sundays**. Requests may be renewed.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week including **Judith Moist (July 29)**.

CARE AND HEALING: Chris Angione, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Steve Cocchia, Althea Ericsson, Eric Ericsson, Ruth Garrod, Michael Grassi, Rosanna Gumbus, Mark Hansen, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Karen Hoffman, Bob Klein, Liam Ledbetter-Dunn, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Toni Rohde

COMMENDED TO GOD: Marlene Fryer Schoustra (d. July 19, 2024) mother of longtime member Sandy Peter

MISSION PARTNERS: in the Gulf States, Martin Luther Church, (ELCA) Mobile, Alabama, and our NEW ENGLAND SYNOD PARTNERS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine and the Holy Land, and the Lutheran church in Honduras

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by **Sandy and Tom Peter in loving memory of Marlene Fryer Schoustra**.

## SERVING TODAY

Greeter  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Counters  
Interim Pastor  
Director of Music  
Guest Organist

Melba Grieshaber  
Roger Heine  
Melba Grieshaber  
Laura White  
Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine  
Pastor Harv Weitzel  
Dr. Alla Borzova  
Maria Caputo

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Counters  
Guest Pastor  
Guest Organist

Ken Fitter  
Elizabeth Tobey  
Norma Gerwig  
Nancy Reichart  
Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine  
Pastor Andrea Hoslett  
Maria Caputo

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