

*Saint Michael's Lutheran Church*  
*May 31, 2026*

# Holy Trinity Sunday

ELW setting 3

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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(\**Indicates Please Stand*)

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lani Smith

Tune: NICAEA by John B. Dykes

## \* 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.**

\* OPENING HYMN #836 JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

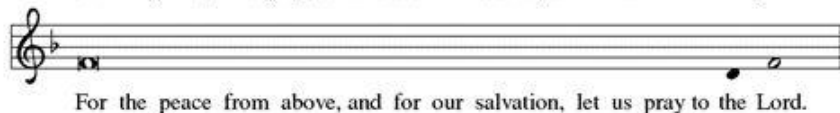


Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

# KYRIE



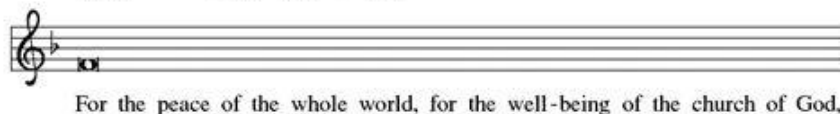
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



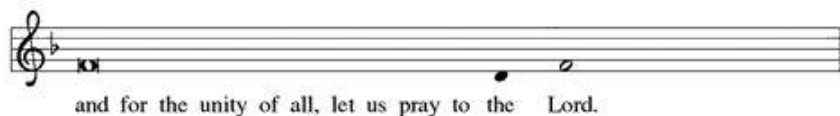
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



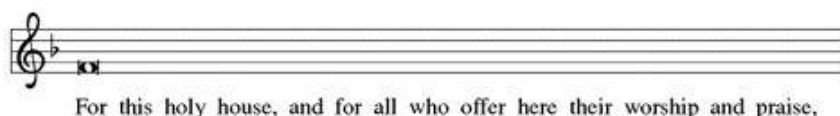
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



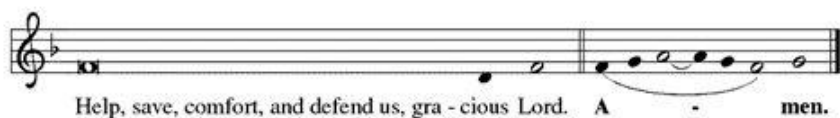
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**LESSON**

II Corinthians 13:11-13

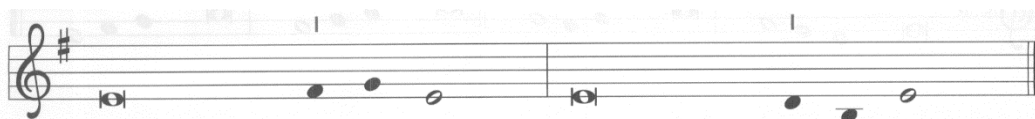
**P**aul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

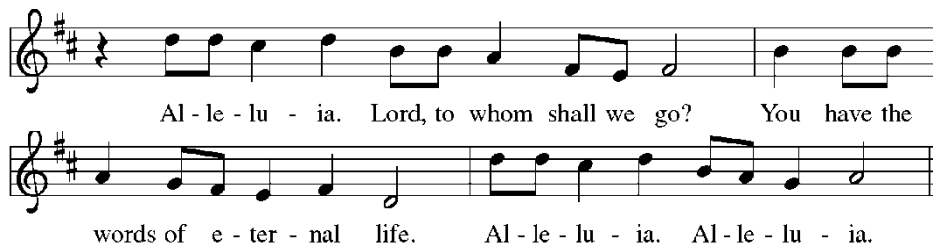
# Psalm 8

*Sing responsively*



<sup>1</sup> O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of**  
**in- | fants and children;**  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and  
**avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**  
**human beings that you should | care for them? R**  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**  
**you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup> all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup> O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

**N**ow the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Mark A. Grorud

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

\* HYMN #608    SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

**\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
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.  
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. Amen.

**\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

(The prayers conclude:)

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless we the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

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.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

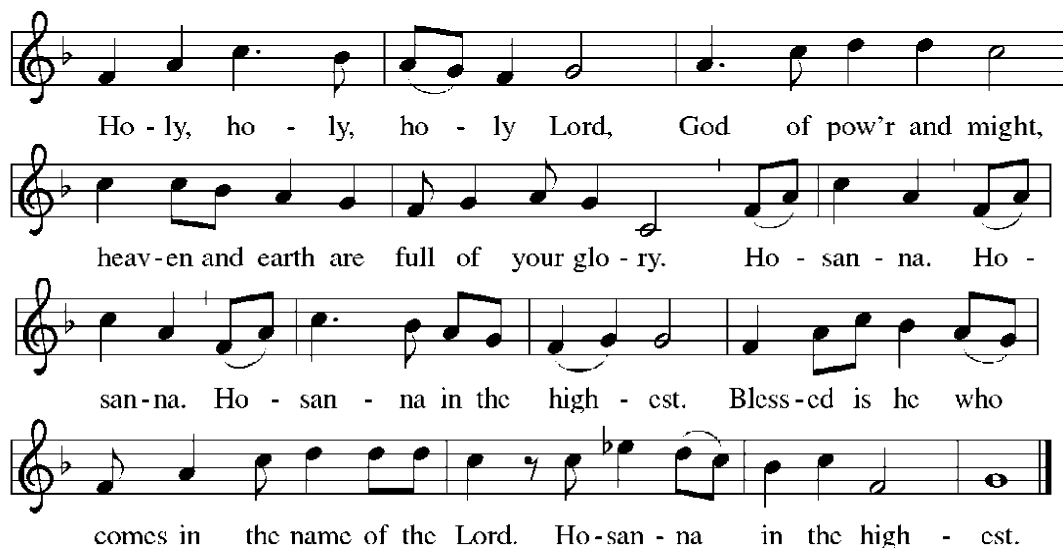


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE FOR PENTECOST SEASON



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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### \* THE 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,  
and 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 and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

**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 wafer will be placed in your hand. Take the bread or wafer and dip it into the chalice of wine. Do not have your fingers touch the wine*

**LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

**P 471**

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun.

O Lord, have mercy on me.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**LET US PRAY.**

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

May God who comes among us,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN #860**

**I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,  
Sa - tan had me bound, When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Lois R. Hill

Tune: MADRID (Spanish folk melody)

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## SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Diana VanDam
Assisting Minister	Roger Heine
Reader	Diana VanDam
Altar Guild	Diana VanDam
Cookies & Conversations	Ingrid Hollinger
Counters	Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark Gorud
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Nancy Perez
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Nancy Perez
Altar Guild	Nancy Reichart
Cookies & Conversations	
Counters	Melba Grieshaber, Ingrid Hollinger
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark Gorud
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### Indoor Worship Protocol

We are still careful of one another's health in the post Covid time and encourage you to keep following safe protocols.

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## WEEKLY NEWS

May 31 – June 6

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### **ONLINE? KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...**

Please use **#stmichaelsnewcanaan** as your hashtag on social media during the week. **“Like”** our Facebook Page: St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, New Canaan, CT.

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**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Please use the offering envelopes in the pew rack if you make a cash donation, and write your name on the front of the envelope. This allows us to ensure we are keeping track of members’ cash contributions placed in the offering plate without their numbered envelope.

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**COMMUNION CARDS:** To remain on the active member voting list you must submit at least one communion card per year and one financial contribution per year. If you have not filled out a communion card yet this year, please do so soon. They are located in the pew card holder and you can just drop it in the offering plate on your way up to communion.

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### **ETERNAL LIGHT**

Given this week by Elaine Utley in honor of her daughter Elaine Bakios’ birthday.

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**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week

**CARE AND HEALING:** Elaine Bakios, Stephen Bakios, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Jill Ferenc, Michael Guhl, April Gurciullo, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Mark Kramm, Riley Johansen, Liam Ledbetter-Dunn, Pam Lowell, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Nancy Reichart, Helga Turk, Jan and Harv Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

**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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**39 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, MAY 24**

**This Week: May 31 - June 6**

**Sunday, May 31**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**Next Week: June 7 - 13**

**Sunday, June 7**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

11:00 am New Member Orientation

**Summary of Receipts & Expenses: April 2026**

	<b>April 30, 2026</b>	<b>Total 2026 YTD</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>21,143</b>	<b>62,927</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>23,288</b>	<b>79,401</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(2,144)</b>	<b>(16,474)</b>

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday May 24th, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism through Confirmation of Krista, Kameron and Gwendolyn. Congratulations to these young ladies and their families. Here are the Bible verses they chose for their personal confirmation verse.

Krista Ellen Ancker, daughter of Kevin & Kristina Ancker

I John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Kameron Brooke Emilia Ancker daughter, of Kevin & Kristina Ancker

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

Gwendolyn Jean Runestad, daughter of Deborah & Kyle Runestad

Micah 6:8 And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**For pastoral services,** Pastor Grorud can be reached at (402) 620-8032 or via his email address **mgrorud@gmail.com**. He is in the church office Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**Need access to the church?** Please plan on coming during office hours: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

### **New Canaan Historical Society:**

Normal hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. They are closed on Sundays and Mondays.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE**

At the May meeting, St. Michael's church council discussed and decided on how to distribute the twenty-five thousand dollars set aside in the 2026 budget as a thanksgiving offering in response to selling our property for so much and being able to rent back space and continue worshipping in the same location.

Eleven different organizations/missions were chosen to receive one-time grants between one and three thousand dollars. We chose groups that served refugees, hunger and disaster victims, Synod missions, homeless shelters and local groups with which St. Michael's has partnered before.

The following organizations benefitted from our thanksgiving donations: ELCA Hunger and ELCA Disaster Relief, Camp Calumet, Lutheran World Relief, Person to Person, the New Canaan Food Pantry, Filling in the Blanks, Family and Children's Agency, Homes with Hope (formerly the Gillespie Shelter), The Open Doors Shelter, and Special Church at the Presbyterian Church of New Canaan.

All of these groups provide direct support for people in need and we pray that God will prosper their missions.

*Save  
the Date*

## **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

On Sunday, June 7, at 11:00 am following the worship service, we will have a “New Member Orientation” at St. Michael’s. The purpose of this orientation session is to introduce new members to the history, the programs, and the focus of St. Michael’s.

We will receive individuals as new members the following Sunday, June 14th. If you are interested in becoming a member at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact the Church Office (203-966-3913) or Pastor Mark Grorud (203-210-7762).”

## **CHURCH PICNIC**

On Sunday, June 14, we are going to have a Church (indoor) Picnic at St. Michael’s following the worship service. Along with a picnic meal and delicious dessert, we’ll also have a few games, entertainment and valuable prizes. Everything is provided, we just need you to sign up and be a part of this fun fellowship time..

So that we have a good idea of how many to prepare for, will you please contact the Church Office or sign up on the chart posted on the hallway bulletin board to let us know how many in your household will be attending. Feel free to bring a friend! Please contact the Church Office at 203-966-3913 or via email at [saintmichaelsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelsoffice@gmail.com).