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*Saint Michael's Lutheran Church*



## Third Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

June 14, 2026

10:00 a.m.

(\*Indicates Please Stand)

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Dreams” (from *Songs of the Rhine*)

Georges Bizet

**\* 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 #781 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**



*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

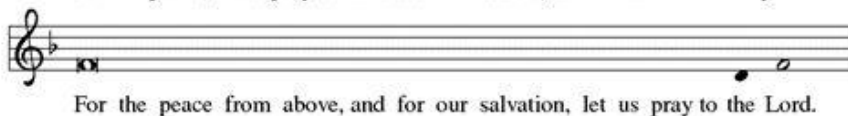


*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

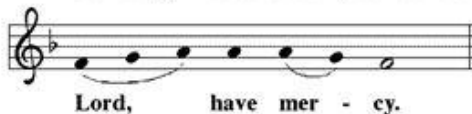
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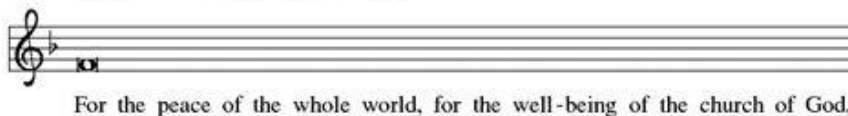
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



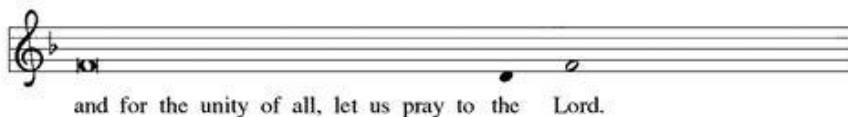
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



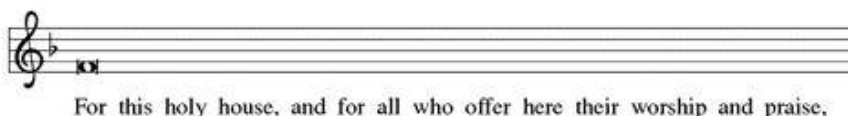
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



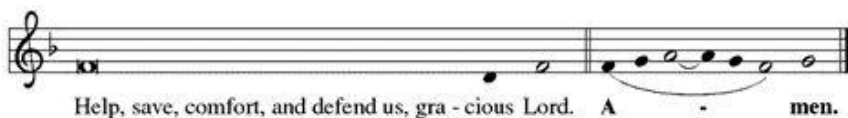
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

LESSON

**Romans 5:1-8**

**S**ince we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN #579      LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



*Refrain*  
 With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

## WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

### \* 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

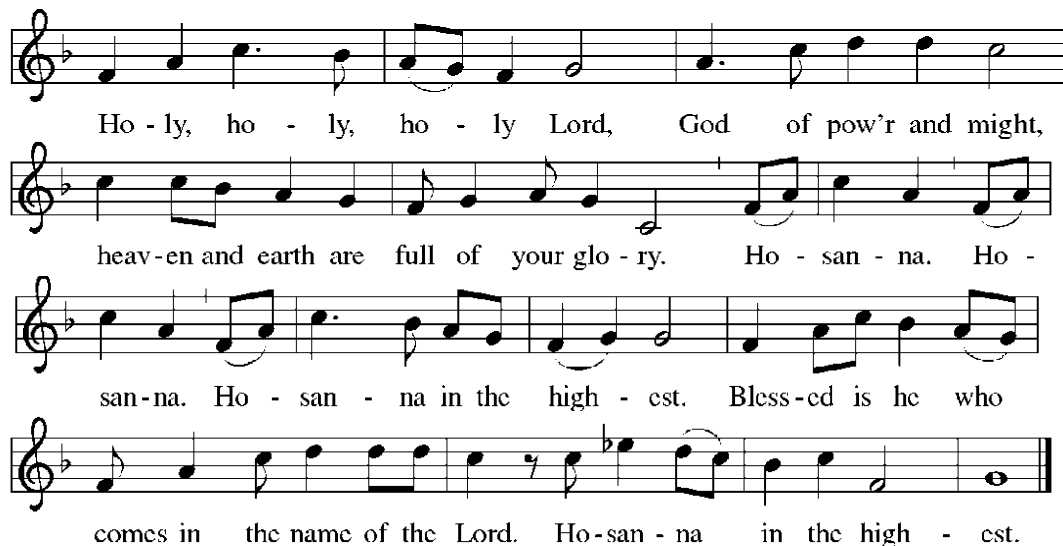
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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**



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 #661 I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; `twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus*

David Paxton

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## SERVING TODAY

Greeter  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Cookies & Conversations  
Counters  
Interim Pastor  
Organist

Agneta Aspinwall  
Elizabeth Tobey  
Karla Carpenter  
Agneta Aspinwall  
Pastor Mark & Caryl Gorud  
Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber  
Pastor Mark Gorud  
Dr. Alla Borzova

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Cookies & Conversations  
Counters  
Interim Pastor  
Organist

Lisa Ferrara  
Roger Heine  
Diana Van Dam  
Nancy Reichart  
Elizabeth Tobey  
Melba Grieshaber, Ingrid Hollinger  
Pastor Mark Gorud  
Dr. Alla Borzova

### 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

June 15-21

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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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**FLOWERS:** Given this week by Sandy & Tom Peter in celebration of their 38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and by Agneta Aspinwall in memory of Rodney’s birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT:** Given by Elaine Utley in memory of James Singer.

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**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week including Lisa Ferraro (June 14) and Melissa Fitter (June 16).

**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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**26 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

**This Week**  
**June 14 - June 21**

**Sunday, June 14**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Indoor Picnic

**Thursday, June 18**

2:00 pm Knitting Group - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, June 21**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Congregation Information Session



**For pastoral services,** Pastor Grorud can be reached at (402) 620-8032 or via his email address [mgrorud@gmail.com](mailto: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

Please note the Saint Michael's President's email address has been changed to: [SaintMichaelsPresident@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMichaelsPresident@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH PICNIC**

After worship today, we are going to have a Church (indoor) Picnic at St. Michael's in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not signed up, you are still welcome to attend. Please join us.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Today, we welcome and celebrate two new members: Karla Carpenter and Anne Himmelright. We are excited at St. Michael's that they have chosen to be a part of this family of God. Welcome Anne and Karla.

## **CONGREGATION MEETING**

You are all invited to a brief information meeting after worship on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We would like to share an update with you regarding upcoming plans of the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society. When St. Michael's sold the property to the NCMHS, we were aware that there were some building updates that would happen. We have seen that already in the Fellowship Hall. At this time, there are additional plans that we would like to share with the congregation. Please join us on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 19 at 12:00 noon for Harold (Hap) Albrecht, the father of Norma Gerwig. The congregation is welcome to share in this celebration of the resurrection.