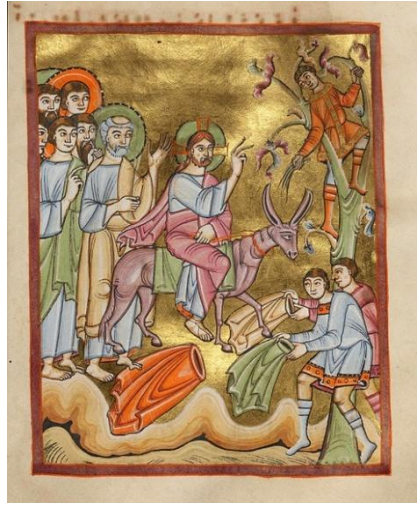




*Saint Michael's Lutheran Church*



## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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(\*Indicates Please Stand)

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Theme and Variations on "America"*

Arr. by H. Robert James

Tune: **AMERICA**

From Thesaurus Musicus (1744)

### \* 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 #423 SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

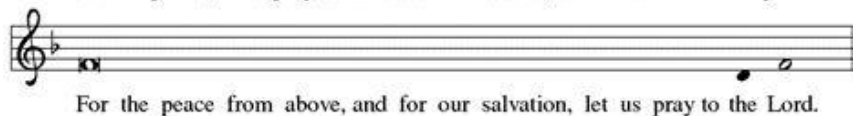


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

# KYRIE



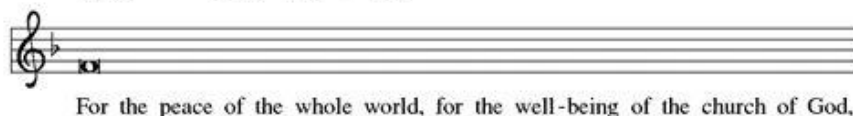
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



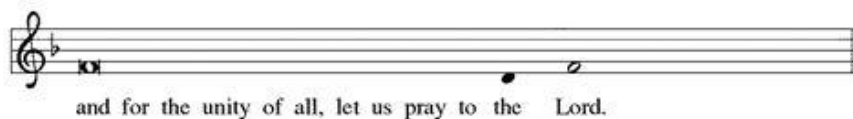
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



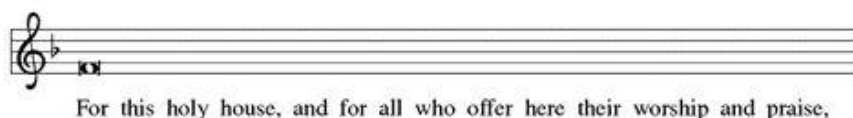
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



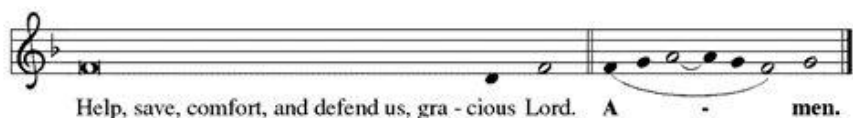
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

**I** do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

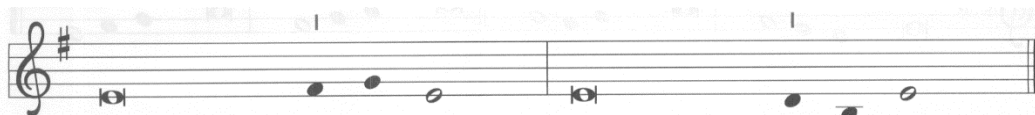
<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 145:8-14

*Sing responsively*



<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full <sup>|</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>|</sup> steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**Lord, you are <sup>|</sup> good to all,  
and your compassion is over <sup>|</sup> all your works. R**

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

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

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

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

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in <sup>|</sup> all your works.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

**J**esus spoke to the crowd saying: <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN            IN THE GARDEN

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their  
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Though the night a-round me be

ros-es, And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The  
 sing-ing, And the mel-o-dy That He gave to me, With-  
 fall-ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His

CHORUS

Son of God dis-clos-es.  
 in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He  
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

## **\* 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**

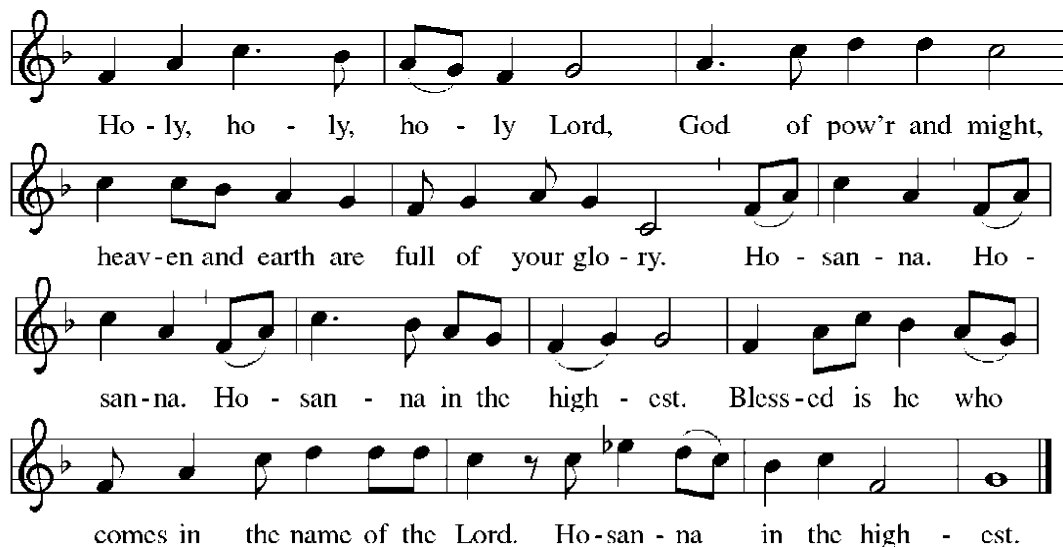
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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**

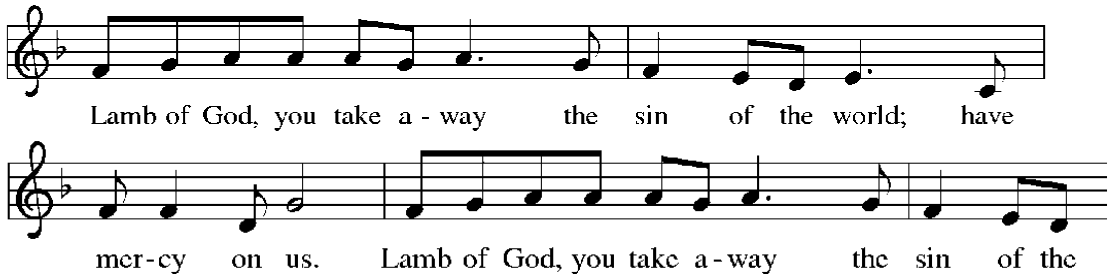
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
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**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a dotted note.

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

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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 #888

OH BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Medley of National Songs*

Arr. by Alla Borzova

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## SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Paul Laubscher
Assisting Minister	Roger Heine
Reader	Esme Laubscher
Altar Guild	Nancy Reichart, Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	Ingrid Hollinger
Counters	Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Diana Van Dam
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Diana Van Dam
Altar Guild	Agneta Aspinwall
Cookies & Conversations	Norma Gerwig
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
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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

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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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**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** 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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**23 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

**This Week**  
**July 5 - July 12**

**Sunday, July 12**

10:00 am Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**Sunday, July 19**

10:00 am Worship - Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**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)

## **RENOVATION UPDATE**

NCMHS has found a reputable organ company to wrap the organ. It will be sealed and each pipe wrapped to ensure it is not damaged.

Starting Sunday, July 19, worship will be in the Fellowship Hall. NCMHS will have the piano professionally moved and install window air conditioning units.

Thank you for your understanding throughout the renovation. Starting earlier than planned will allow time to complete the project by November 1.

## **KEN FITTER LIVE IN CONCERT**

Ken Fitter and The Westport Community Band warmly invite you to their FREE Annual Concert at Levitt Pavilion on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm - 40 Jessup Road, Westport, CT (behind the Westport Library). Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Pop open a bottle of wine or have a picnic and enjoy the music. Attendees may go the Levitt Pavilion website and get a free ticket at: <https://levittpavilion.com/2026/06/01/wcb-26/>.

Hope to see you there! (In case of inclement weather, check go to [www.levittpavilion.com](http://www.levittpavilion.com) or call their concert hotline (203-221-2153) at or after 4.30PM on the day of the show.)