



Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

(*Indicates Please Stand)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude in C minor

J.S.Bach

* 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

#731

EARTH AND ALL STARS! V. 1,4 & 5



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete and band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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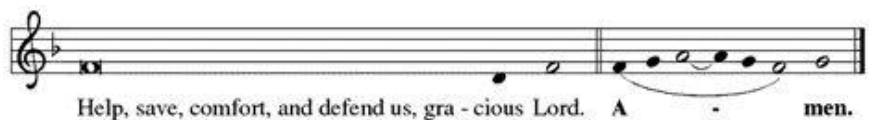
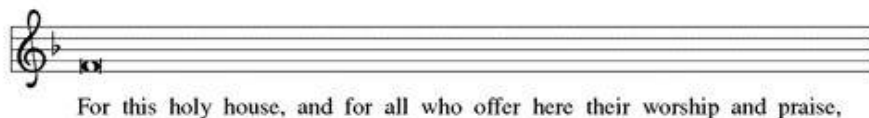
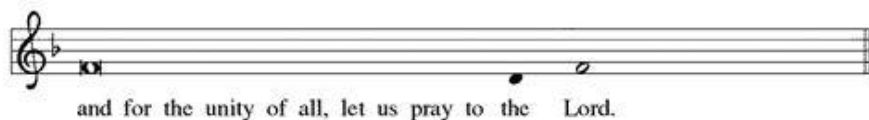
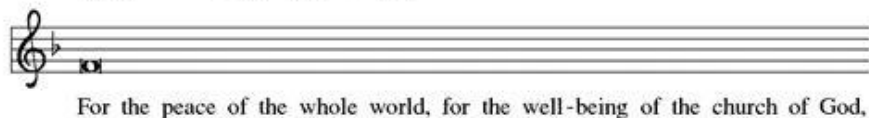
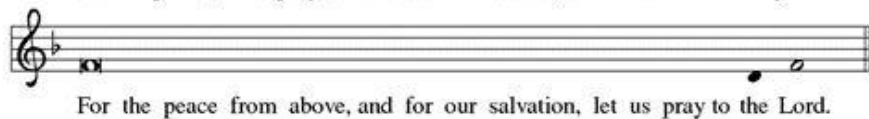


God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

KYRIE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

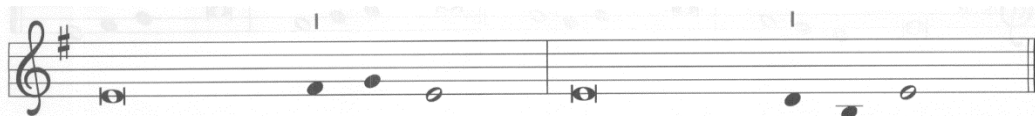
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Sing responsively



³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain. R**

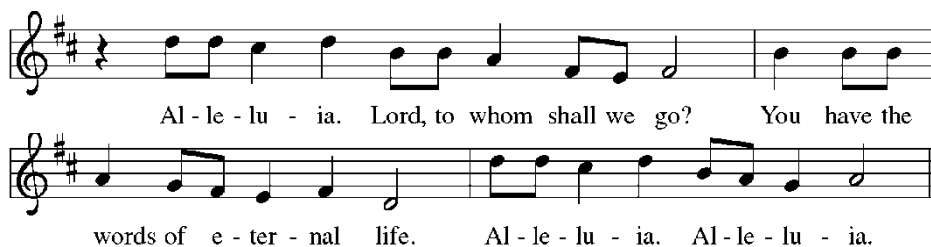
³⁷ Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach ¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Mark A. Grorud

LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an - ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

* 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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has two measures, the second line has two measures, the third line has one measure, and the fourth line has one measure. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has two measures, the second line has two measures, the third line has two measures, and the fourth line has two measures. The melody is more complex than the first score, using eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*** 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.

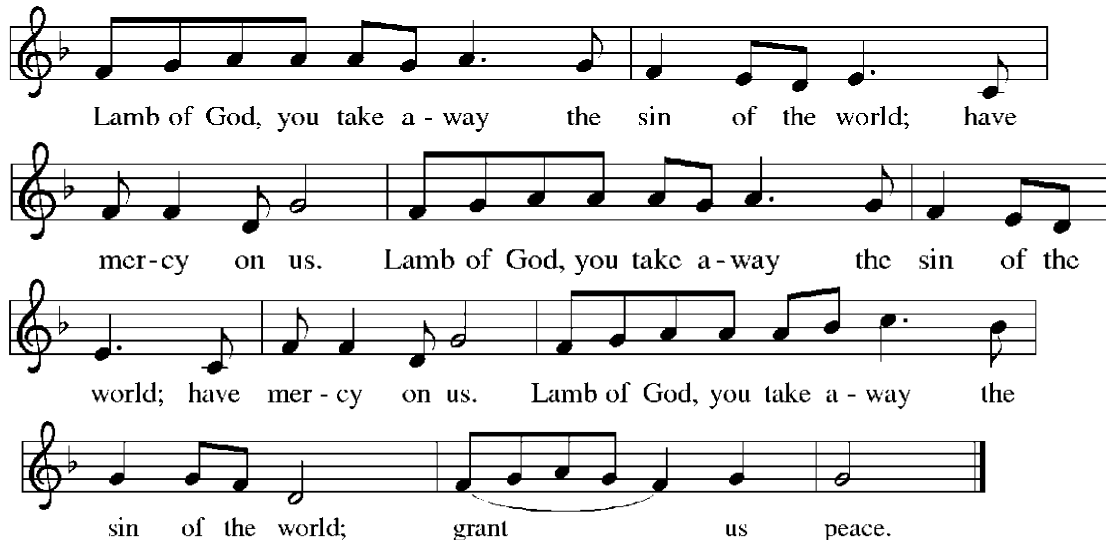
Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

LAMB OF GOD



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

#543

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Wedding Day in Trolldhaugen, op. 65 No.6*

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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

September 7 - September 12

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.

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.

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.

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, Pam Lowell, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Helga Turk, Jan Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including Phil Evensen (September 8) and Sandy Peter (September 9)

FLOWERS this week are given by Melba Grieshaber in honor of all those who worked on the Lutheran World Relief kits

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

30 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

WEEKLY CALENDER

Sunday, September 6

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation



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: Nancy will be in on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Dear St. Michael's Congregation,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer! Our choir will resume singing in a few weeks. Our first choir rehearsal will take place on Sunday, September 13, at 9 am. Our choir rehearses on Sundays from 9 till 9:40 AM (at this time in the Fellowship Hall) and after the coffee hour (upstairs, the exact place TBA): from 11:15 till noon. We might schedule the additional rehearsal/rehearsals before Christmas and Easter. The choir will continue singing on Sundays as per availability of the choir members. We need your voices and we need all voices! We sing all styles of music: from easy classical to contemporary, gospel, spirituals and even jazz. Once again, if you think your voice is good only for the shower, please, reconsider! My selections depend on the availability of choir members. Teens are always welcome and I would be happy to provide a wonderful college recommendation. Also, if you play an instrument and would like to share your talent with the congregation, please let me know.

Peace,

Dr. Alla A. Borzova, Music Director



Pillar of Love
Barbara Eichner-Shaw