



Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



All Saint's Sunday

ELW setting 3

November 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

** Please stand.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

* 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

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen



- 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
- 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
- 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
- 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

* OPENING HYMN #427

FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS, LORD

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

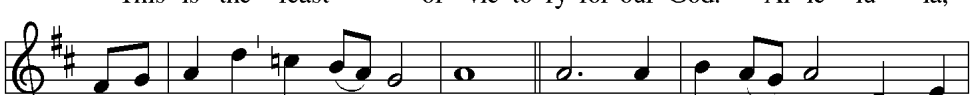


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

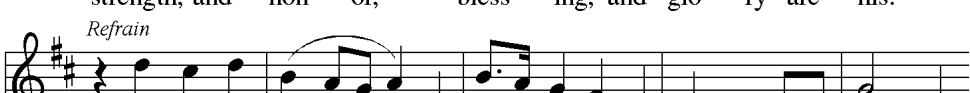


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

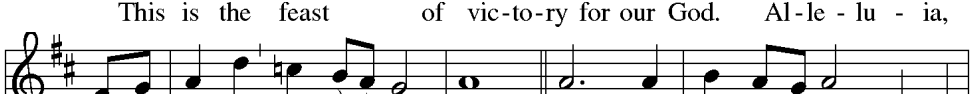


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

WORD

LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,

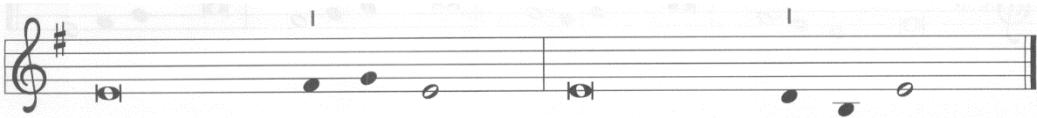
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

Sing responsively



- ¹ I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ² **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. R
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
- ⁵ Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- ⁶ **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles. R
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**

happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
⁹ Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
 for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
¹⁰ **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
²² O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
 and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Daniel DeLoma

* HYMN #422

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

VS 1, 2, 6 & 7



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



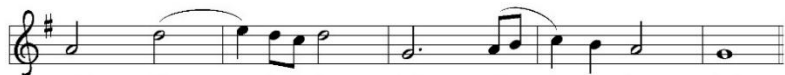
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

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.**

ANTHEM

The Lord Is Rich and Merciful

Lani Smith

Tune by Annabeth McClelland Gay

MEAL

* 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

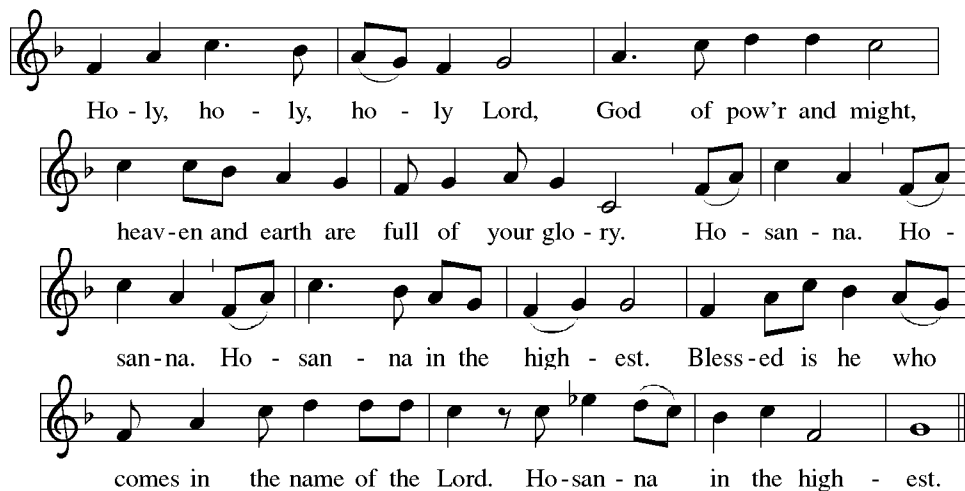
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's 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 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.

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.

* 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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

* 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.



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.

* DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Saints Victorious

George Blake

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Lisa Ferraro
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Deb D'Arinzo
Altar Guild	Laura White, Diana VanDam
Cookies & Conversations	Melba Grieshaber
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
Guest Pastor	Pastor Daniel DeLoma
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Agneta Aspinwall
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Diana VanDam
Altar Guild	Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	Agneta Aspinwall
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark Grorud
Organist	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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Website (Stephen Galyas; webmaster)	

WEEKLY NEWS

November 2-8

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.

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 on the table near the entrance, and you can 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, April Gurciullo, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Mark Kramm, Riley Johansen, Peter Linacre, 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 Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including Jeffrey Gerwig (November 1) and Karla Carpenter (November 3).

FLOWERS given by Norma Gerwig in honor of Jeffrey Gerwig’s birthday.

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

32 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ST. MICHAEL'S

Please place checks or cash in envelopes located on the table near the entrance and put the donation in the brass plate as you come forward for communion. If cash, please be sure to identify yourself on the envelope. Anonymous loose plate cash does not need an envelope.

If there is no designation, we will assume that the contribution is for the general funds of St. Michael's. Or you can direct all or part of your donation to: Flowers, Eternal Light or to other special St. Michael's funds. To use a credit card or contribute directly from your bank account, scan the QR code below which links to St. Michael's account in the tithe.ly church giving system. Note that the first field at the top is the designation for the gift which can include ELCA ministries.



Summary of Receipts & Expenses: September 2026

	September 30, 2026	Total 2026 YTD
	Actual	Actual
Receipts	\$20,338	\$128,017
Operating Expenses	19,149	171,243
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	1,189	(43,226)
Social Ministry	0	31,802
Total Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$1,189	(\$75,028)

This Week: November 1-7

Sunday, November 1

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies and Conversations

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 8

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversations

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For pastoral services, Pastor Grorud can be reached at (402) 620-8032 or via his new email address **mgorrud@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 afternoon this week.

New Canaan Historical Society:

Normal hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. They are closed on Sundays and Mondays. If you need access to the sanctuary on Saturdays, please let Nancy know and she will confirm with the historical society to ensure someone will be available to let you in.

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting to be held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, New Canaan, CT on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., following worship services.

All members are invited to a meet and greet with the candidate on Saturday, November 14 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society.



Commended to God: those who have gone before us

Harold (Hap) Albrecht

by Norma & Jeff Gerwig

Rodney Aspinwall, George & Norma Aspinwall, Marianne & Lennart Dreifaldt

by Agneta Aspinwall

Klara Borzova, Igor Dmitriev, Larisa Dmitrieva, Alexander Lis

by Alla Borzova

Marilyn Brown

by Cynthia Brown

Catherine D'Arinzo, Mark D'Arinzo, Lois Harring

by Deb & Ken D'Arinzo

Roy & Beverly Evensen, James Singer

by Deb & Phil Evensen

Christen Joseph Grorud

by Pastor Mark & Caryl Grorud

Carol & Henry Heine, Marie Elwell

by Roger Heine

Suzanne & Robert Himmelright

by Anne Himmelright

Hugo Hollinger

by Ingrid Hollinger

Lucy Marshall, Lois Ensberg, Stanford Ensberg

by Amanda Ensberg

George D. Utley II, Mathew & Marie Weigand, Ruth Garrod, Marie Rhodes-Ryan, Betty Utley St. John, Lewis & Elizabeth Utley

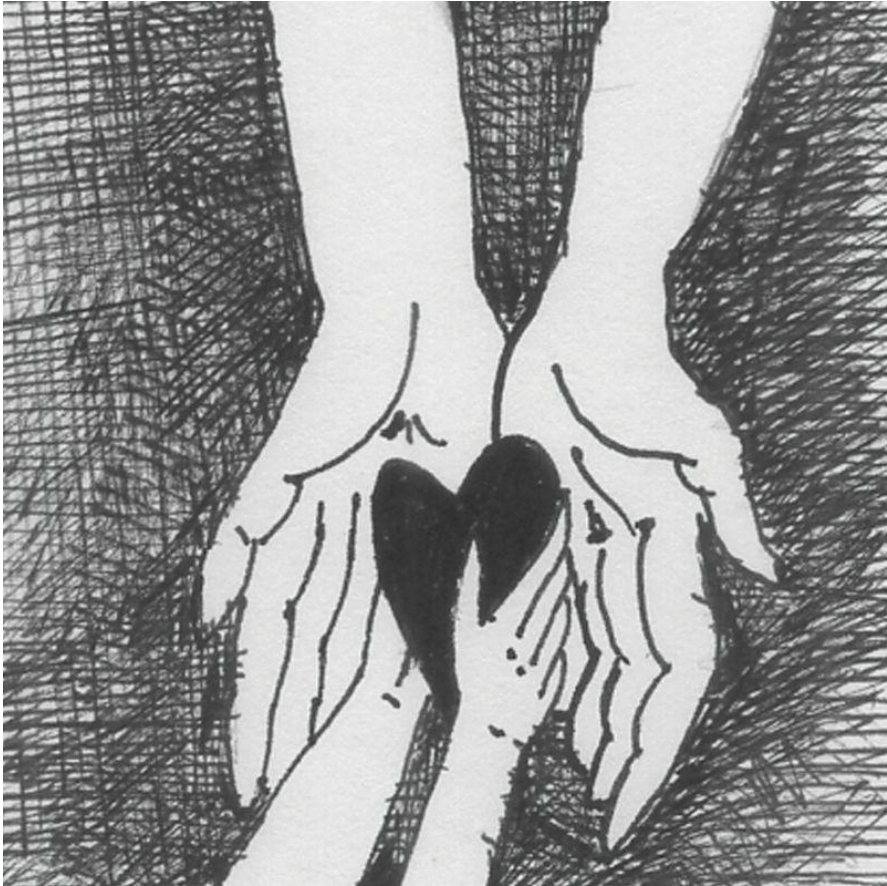
by Elaine M. Utley

Mark John Hansen, Cecilia Coleman

by Diana VanDam

Pastor Harv Weitzel

by Jan Weitzel



My Heart for the Lord
Liz Valente