

## IN-PERSON INDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- **For the safety of all of us and being mindful of the Delta variant and other variants, along with breakthrough COVID-19 cases in Connecticut, the wearing of masks at indoor services will be required.**
- **Masks will be required for all other indoor activities.**
- **The congregation can sing the hymns while masked. Hymnals will return to the pews. The choir can also sing while masked and physically distanced.**
- To safeguard your health and the health of our worship leaders and to ensure the cleanest air possible, Guardian Angel air purifiers with HEPA filters and UV lighting will once again be utilized.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be on-site. Please apply hand sanitizer upon entry.
- To maintain appropriate physical distancing, every other pew will be open for seating. Members of the same household may sit together in the same pew.
- The service will be a service of Holy Communion, and the Assisting Minister and I will commune worshipers where you are seated.
- Bulletins will still be sent electronically for viewing on phones, and paper copies will be available on a table in the narthex.
- An offering plate will be on the same table in the narthex for you to give your gift as you arrive.
- Face coverings and small cups will be available in case you forgot to bring yours.
- Our building will be thoroughly cleaned on Monday afternoons.
- I will continue to record the remote services, and Alla will continue to provide the music. I will post the remote service each Sunday on St. Michael's Facebook page for those who are unable to attend our indoor services.
- Persons shall not attend if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, have recently been in contact with someone with symptoms or has tested positive, or have recently returned from travel to a high-risk state.



**ADVENT 1**  
ELW setting 3

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Saviour of the Nations, Come* Johann Heintich Buttstedt  
*(Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland)*

GREETING

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.**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Light the first candle.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
You call all nations to walk in your light  
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,  
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.  
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.  
Rouse us from sleep,  
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes  
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,  
for he is our light and our salvation.  
Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,  
**in the presence of one another,**  
**we confess our sin before you.**  
**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**  
**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**  
**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**  
**We fear those different from ourselves.**  
**We forget that we are your children**  
**and turn away from your love.**  
**Forgive us, Blessed One,**  
**and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

✠ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,

inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

**HYMN #244 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS**

HAF TRONES LÄMPA FARDIG

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Stir up your power, **Lord Christ, and come.** **By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

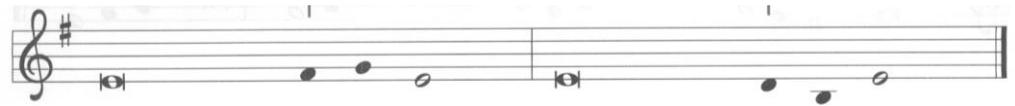
THE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

*sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>To<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
I lift<sup>1</sup> up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be<sup>1</sup> put to shame,**  
**nor let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be<sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame<sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

\* 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*“There Will Be Signs”*

Pastor Derrick Fallon

**HYMN #257 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

VENI, EMMANUEL

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear us, O God.

Bless we the Lord

**hear our prayer.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**Thanks be to God!**

(The prayers conclude:)

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

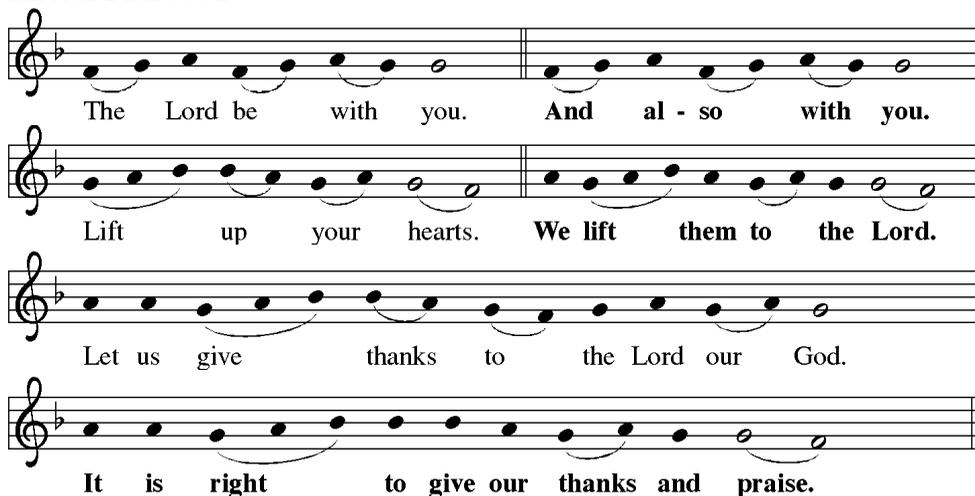
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,  
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **Amen.**

### \* PREFACE DIALOGUE



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

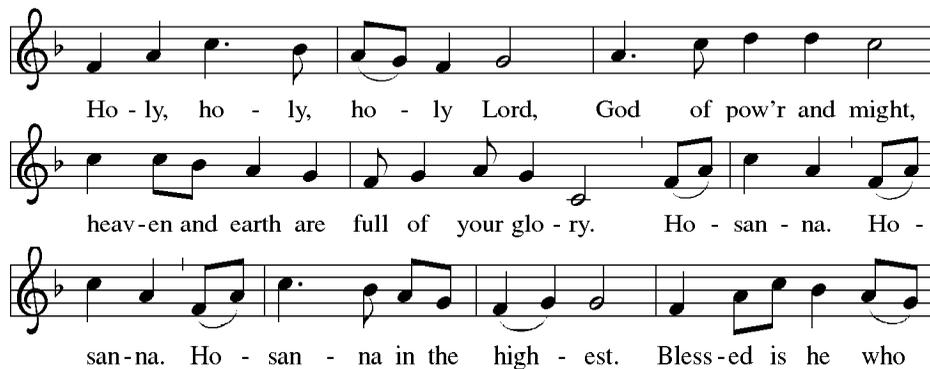
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### \* PREFACE FOR ADVENT

### \* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

**HYMN #438 MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING**

BURLEIGH

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Be Glad Now, All Ye Christian Men*

Johann Pachelbel

(*Nun Freut Euch, Lieben Christen, G'Mein*) Harmonization of the hymn by J.S.Bach

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**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Prayer Request books can be found at each entryway. Requests written in the Prayer books will be included in today's prayers; someone is added to the Prayer List by a note to Pastor or the church office, and will run for **four consecutive Sundays**. Requests may be renewed.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week **Reid Fitter and Laura White (Nov 28), and Angela Cunningham and Roger Heine (Nov 30).**

CARE AND HEALING: Kimberly Bernardo, Ken Bielemeier, John Emert, Roy Evensen, Jordan Ferenc, Rita Hausdorff, Charles Isaacs, Liam Ledbetter-Dunn, Lauren Levin, Ann Moores, Joey Peter, Toni Rohde, Tracey Roberts, Marlene Schoustra, Al Stauderman, Antonio Vitiello

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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**ETERNAL LIGHT**

The eternal light is given by **Elaine Utley in honor of George and Ellen Utley's wedding anniversary, and Warren and Elizabeth Liao's first wedding anniversary.**

**SERVING TODAY**

Usher  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Counters  
Vocal Leader  
Director of Music  
Presiding Minister

Melba Grieshaber  
Roger Heine  
Melba Grieshaber  
Judy Moist  
Roger Heine, Melba Grieshaber  
Deborah Evensen  
Dr. Alla Borzova  
Pastor Derrick Fallon

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**

Usher  
Assisting Minister  
Readers  
Altar Guild  
Counters

Joanne Corney  
Ken D'Arinzo  
The Culver Family  
Agneta Aspinwall, Nancy Reichart  
Joanne Corney, Ken D'Arinzo

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