



1 Advent
ELW setting 3

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Saviour of the Nations, Come
(Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland)

Johann Heintich Buttstedt

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.**

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.**

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

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM 25:1-10

read responsively

¹To ¹you, O LORD,

I lift¹ up my soul.
²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be¹ put to shame,
 nor let my enemies triumph¹ over me.**
³Let none who look to you be¹ put to shame;
 rather let those be put to shame¹ who are treacherous.
⁴**Show me your¹ ways, O LORD,
 and teach¹ me your paths.**
⁵Lead me in your¹ truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all¹ the day long.
⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹sion and love,
 for they are from¹ everlasting.**
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;
 remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-¹ness, O LORD.
⁸**You are gracious and up-¹right, O LORD;
 therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.**
⁹You lead the low-¹ly in justice
 and teach the low-¹ly your way.
¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
 to those who keep your covenant and your¹ testimonies.**

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



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way, Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one;
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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.**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

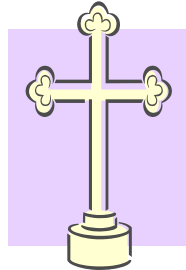
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week including **Reid Fitter and Laura White (Nov 28), and Angela Cunningham and Roger Heine (Nov 30)**.

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

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**.



ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nov 28 – Dec 4, 2021

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.

CHECK OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLINE!

The weekly announcements can be found on the St. Michael's website (<http://www.stmichaelslutheran.org/ChurchNews/index.html>) under the "News and Resources" tab; then click on "Parishioner Area." Please contact the church office at 203-966-3913 if you do not have the username and password.

MEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The **2022** offering envelopes are available for pick-up. They are located alphabetically on the table in the fellowship hallway. We encourage use of the envelopes to enable the maintenance of proper and accurate records. Please take yours today!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias bring added beauty to our worship during the Christmas season. You may assist St. Michael's with a Memorial Gift or a Gift in Honor of a loved one. The cost of a poinsettia is \$11.00. If you would like to place an order, please email the church office at office@stmichaelslutheran.org with the following information:

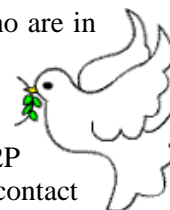
- Number of poinsettias
- Given **in memory** or **in honor** (please stipulate one) of _____

- If you plan on picking the poinsettia(s) up after the service on Christmas Eve or at a later time: yes ____ or no ____

Mail your gift to the church office or place in the offering. (If you write a check, please note in the memo that it is for poinsettias.) The Christmas bulletins will identify those whom you are remembering. You may take your poinsettia after the service on Christmas Eve, December 24 (or any time later). **Please place your order by Sunday, December 12th.**

DOVE PROGRAM IS BACK!

A suggested \$50 donation will be used by P2P to purchase a gift card to ShopRite for those who are in need. Please make your donation check out to “St. Michael’s Lutheran Church,” and either drop it in the donation plate or mail it to the church office. Please be sure to note **“P2P Dove Program” in the memo section of your check.** If you prefer to give a donation for Scholarship or Emergency Assistance (green doves), you can do so directly on the P2P website. <https://p2phelps.org/greendove>. The deadline for donations is **Sunday, Dec. 5.** Please contact Joanne Corney at jojocorney@aol.com if you have any questions.



WOSM HOLIDAY SOUP SUPPER AND CHRISTMAS SHARING PROJECT

We will be having our holiday soup supper on **Wednesday, Dec 8th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** This year our Christmas sharing project will once again involve the Children’s Connection a program of the Norwalk Human Services Council that provides clothing to children in need or in crisis situations. Two signup sheets are on the small table next to the bench in the entryway to the Fellowship Hall. One is for the food for the Soup Supper and the other sheet is to sign up for our Christmas Sharing Project.



There are also handouts on that small table as well as on the table in the church vestibule with specific information regarding the most needed items for the service project. Boxes for clothing donations are on the bench and also in the Fellowship Hall. Please **reserve the date Dec 8th** for the soup supper and sign up on the posted sheets. Any questions please see Diana VanDam or Norma Gerwig

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

It is hard to believe it is that time of year when we will start collecting socks for the homeless. Socks are needed for men, women and children; all sizes. There will be baskets in both the narthex and outside the fellowship hall. Please note that the Norris family will match each and every sock donation. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. – Diana

“LIGHTS OF LOVE” FUNDRAISER

“Lights of Love,” the holiday fundraiser by CT Hospice, is back for 2021. What a great way to honor or remember a loved one during the holidays. Sponsor a live tree (\$250), purchase a strand of lights (\$25), or bid on a decorated tree during our silent, virtual auction. Visit www.hospice.com/special/lights-of-love-fundraiser/ or call 203-315-7502.

RECEIPT SUMMARY UPDATE

Summary of Receipts & Expenses: October 2021							
	October 31, 2021				Year to Date October, 2021 (1)		
	Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance
Receipts	33,457	23,155	10,302		246,483	231,400	15,083
Expenses	22,996	21,037	1,959		230,402	230,351	51
Surplus/ (Deficit)	10,461	2,118	8,343		16,081	1,049	15,031

(1) YTD figures include PPP loan forgiveness i.e. income of \$36,712. Without that, we would have had a YTD deficit of (\$20,631).

Sept receipts and expenses are listed above along with the year to date results.

- As of October 31, 2021, current cash/asset balance is \$307,450. Offsetting this is restricted cash held for the Property Fund (\$168,913), the Organ Fund (\$13,288) and other liabilities including memorial funds (\$5,532). We have operating reserves of \$119,716.

- On average, operations require \$23,388 in expenses. Current reserves will support about five months of operations.

PERSON TO PERSON'S VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE

As the situation surrounding COVID-19 continues, we know that the most vulnerable among us will be disproportionately impacted during this uncertain time. Please consider a contribution to **Person to Person's Virtual Food Drive**. We have set up a St. Michael's team at the following link: <https://give.p2phelps.org/fundraiser/2732899> so we can track contributions from our congregation. Previous contributions which noted SMLC in the comment section will be combined with this for a complete view of SMLC's contribution. By participating in the virtual food drive, you will be directly helping to ensure that local families have access to nutritious food and that children can continue to thrive. Thank you so much - your support is needed now more than ever.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

All members of our community are being asked to generously donate bags with non-expired nonperishable foodstuffs. Items in need are: **Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix, Salad Dressing, Ritz or Saltines, Jarred Apple Sauce, Mashed Potato Box, Ketchup, Non-refrigerated Milk, Mustard, and Kid Snacks**. Items for the food pantry can either be dropped off at St. Mark's Church or brought to our fellowship hall (place on the metal shelves by the door).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE Nov 21 10:00 am 30 Remote Service views 50

St. Michael's Calendar

This Week: Nov 28 – Dec 4, 2021

Tues-Th-Fri	7:45am–1:15pm	Church Office Hours
Mon	8:30 a.m. – noon	Pastor's Office Hours
Tues	9:00 a.m.	Community Bible Study (LR)
	7:30 p.m.	Virtual Bible Study (via Zoom)
Wed	8:30 a.m. – noon	Pastor's Office Hours
Thurs	12:00 p.m.	AA Group (LR)

Next Sunday – Dec 5, 2021

2 Advent

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

The deadline for bulletin announcements each week is 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning unless otherwise specified.

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