



Saint Michael's Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
ELW setting 3

September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

** Please stand.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Aubade

Edward Broughton

*** 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.

*** HYMN #324**

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

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.**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

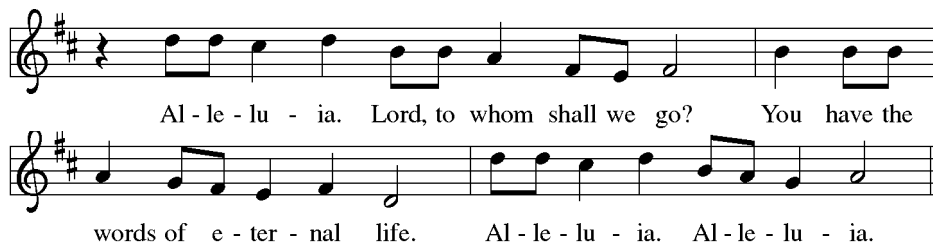
Psalm 51:1-10

Read responsively



- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹ steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹ my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through ¹ from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹ from my sin.**
- ³ For I know ¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹ er before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹ in your judgment. R**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born ¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹ mother's womb.
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth ¹ deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹ deep within.**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹ shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹ er than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear ¹ joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken ¹ may rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face ¹ from my sins,
and blot out ¹ all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean ¹ heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- ¹ it within me. R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*** HYMN #685**

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

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.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Bless we the Lord
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

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.**

* 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 PENTECOST SEASON

*** 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues: 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The third staff continues: 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who'. The fourth staff concludes: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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

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 802 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS**

*** DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Setting by Gordon Young

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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 last week and this week including Philip Evenson (September 8) Harv Weitzel (September 8) Sandy Peter (September 9) Michael White (September 13), Tyler Ferraro (September 16) and Tom Peter (September 16).

CARE AND HEALING: Heather Bakios, Stephanie Barrella, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Althea Ericsson, Eric Ericsson, Jill Ferenc, April Gurciullo, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Mark Kramm, 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, Toni Rohde, Jan and Harv Weitzel, Charles Yost.

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

A message from Dr. Alla A. Borzova, Music Director:

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 14, at 9 am. Our choir rehearses on Sundays from 9 till 9:40 AM and after the coffee hour: from 11:15 till noon. 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

Alla

SERVING TODAY

Greeter
Assisting Minister
Reader
Altar Guild
Cookies & Conversations
Counters
Interim Pastor
Organist

Nancy Perez
Roger Heine
Luke Scully
Diana VanDam

Melba Grieshaber, Ingrid Hollinger
Pastor Mark Grorud
Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter
Assisting Minister
Reader
Altar Guild
Cookies & Conversations
Counters
Interim Pastor
Organist

Joanne Corney
Ken D'Arinzo
Deb D'Arinzo
Nancy Reichart

Joanne Corney, Ken D'Arinzo
Pastor Mark Grorud
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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ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY NEWS
September 15 – September 20

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.

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

Just a reminder, 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.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK

Flowers this Sunday were given by Ingrid Hollinger in memory of Thea Hollinger and Nancy Perez in memory of Will Perez, Sharon Moryl and Jack Moryl.

FLOWER AND ETERNAL LIGHT CHARTS

Thank you for helping to beautify the church for worship! The next available dates to sign up are: Flowers: September 28 Eternal Light: September Every Sunday

19 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

This Week: September 14-20

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am Choir Practice

11:00 am Community Outreach Event (Halloween) Planning Session

Thursday, September 18

OWLS Luncheon - Noon Fellowship Hall

Knitting Group - 1:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

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 **mgorud@gmail.com**. He is in the church office Tuesday and Thursdays afternoon.

Need access to the church? Please plan on coming during office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 - 4:30pm.

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.

Parsonage - There will be a new tenant effective October 1. The three (3) parking spots closest to the parsonage/former playground side will be reserved for them.