



Saint Michael's Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

October 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

** Please stand.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

My Delight Is In The Lord

Robert J. Powell

* 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 #597**

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

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

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a

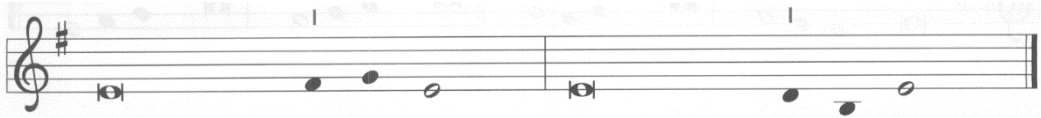
herald and an apostle and a teacher,¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him.¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9

Sung responsively



¹ Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

² For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.

³ Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

**⁴Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. R**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD, and see what ¹ God will do.

⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear [|] as the light
and the justice of your case like the [|] noonday sun.

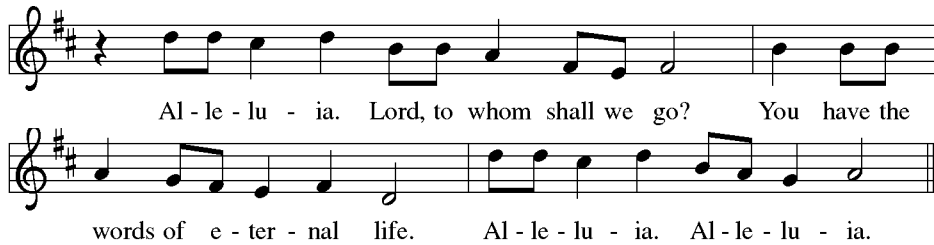
⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marjo E. Anderson

*HYMN #733

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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.**

Choir Anthem

Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus?

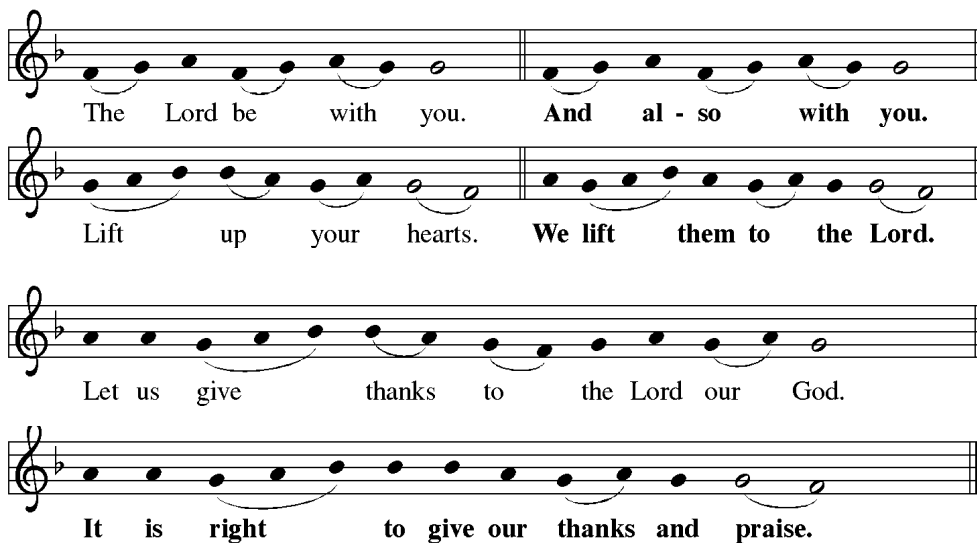
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Descant by Alla Borzov

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.

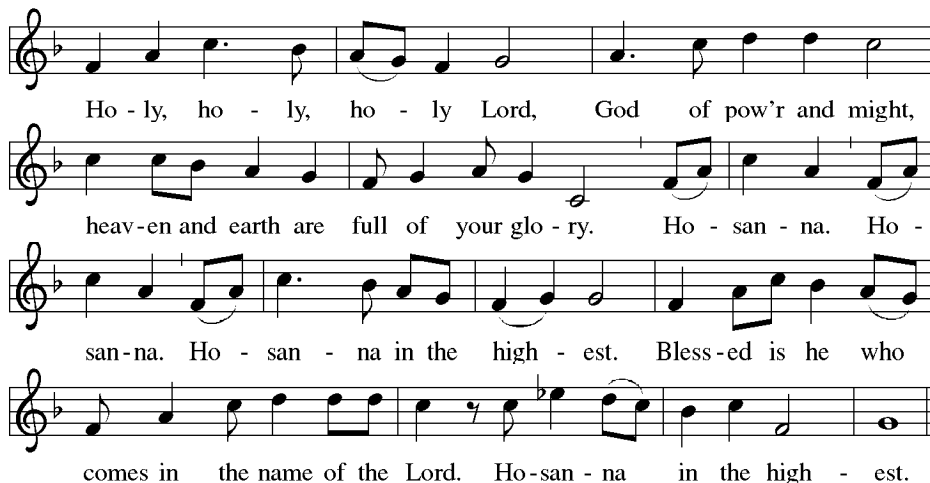
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break, 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 812**

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

*** DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Guilio Taglietti-Walther

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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 Ryan Ferraro (October 5), Mike McGown (October 6), and Joy Johansen (October 7).

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, Riley Johansen, 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

CHOIR

Our choir has resumed singing. They rehearse 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 based upon availability of the choir members. They need your voices to sing all styles of music: from easy classical to contemporary, gospel, spirituals and even jazz. The music selections depend on the availability of choir members. If you play an instrument and would like to share your talent with the congregation, please, let Alla know.

SERVING TODAY

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

Ken D'Arinzo
Elizabeth Tobey
Ken D'Arinzo
Nancy Reichart
Agneta Aspinwall
Ken D'Arinzo, Roger Heine
Pastor Marjo E. Anderson
Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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

Agneta Aspinwall
Roger Heine
Joy Johansen
Agneta Aspinwall
Melba Grieshaber
Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine
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
October 5 - October 11

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

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 Joy Johansen in memory of Don Johansen. Also in memory of: Ian Stuart, Hank Schneider, Karen Rehnberg, Ben Dziuba, Rev. Henry Hemmeter and Jim Wheeler.

FLOWER AND ETERNAL LIGHT CHARTS

Thank you for helping to beautify the church for worship! The next available dates to sign up are: Flowers: October 12, 19 & 26 Eternal Light: Month of October

24 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Summary of Receipts & Expenses: August 2025

	August 31, 2025	Total 2025 YTD
	Actual	Actual
Receipts	12,216	96,781
Expenses	19,089	147,726
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(6,873)	(50,946)
Proceeds from Sale		1,795,207

This Week: October 5 - October 11

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice
11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 12

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. **Note:** Pastor Grorud will be out of the church directly following worship today and returning Thursday, October 9. During this time, Pastor Harv Weitzel can be contacted for emergencies at 203-918-2099.

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