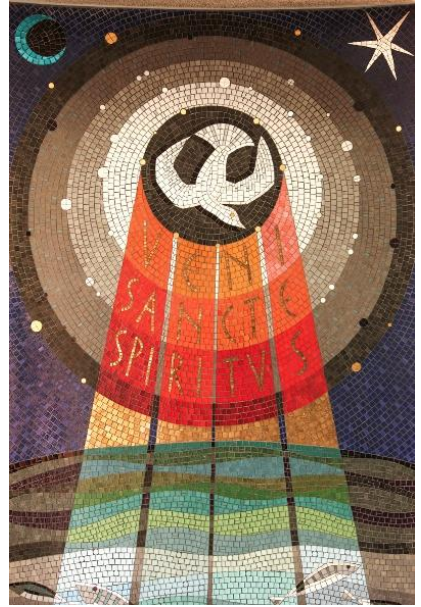




Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026

*Saint Michael's Lutheran Church*



## ELW setting 3

May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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(\*Indicates Please Stand)

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Spirit of the Living Lord*

Setting by R. Thygerson

### \* 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.**

\* OPENING HYMN #399 O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -  
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you  
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

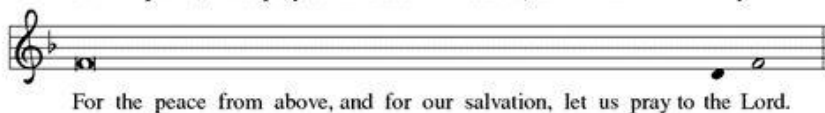


wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

# KYRIE



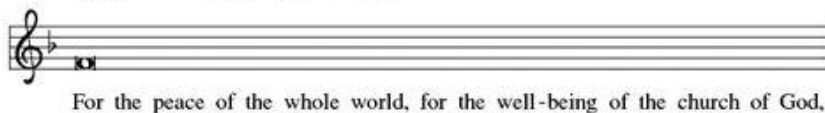
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



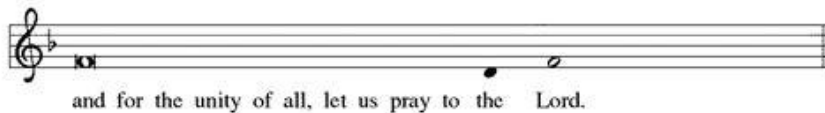
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



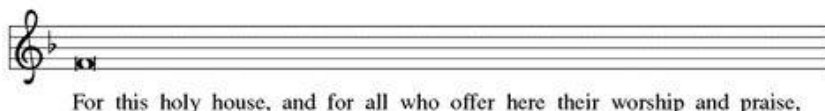
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



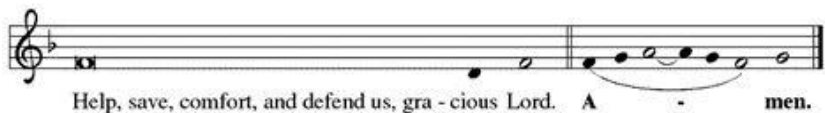
Lord, have mer - cy.



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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### LESSON

Acts 2:1-11

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

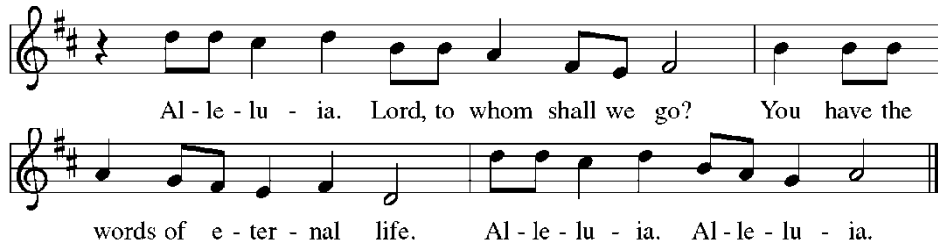
<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



## 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**

**John 20:19-23**

### **The Holy Gospel according to John.**

Glory to you, O Lord.

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Mark A. Grorud

\* HYMN #445 WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
 2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
 3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.  
 Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.  
 To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
 God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
 We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir-it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
 one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
 By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these individuals*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

I present *Krista, Kameron, and Gwendolyn* who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters*,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called *them* to yourself,  
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.  
Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH (Congregation Stand)**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **AFFIRMATION (Please Sit)**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**(Confirmand)**

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support *our sisters* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Kameron, Krista, and Gwendolyn the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*\*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**

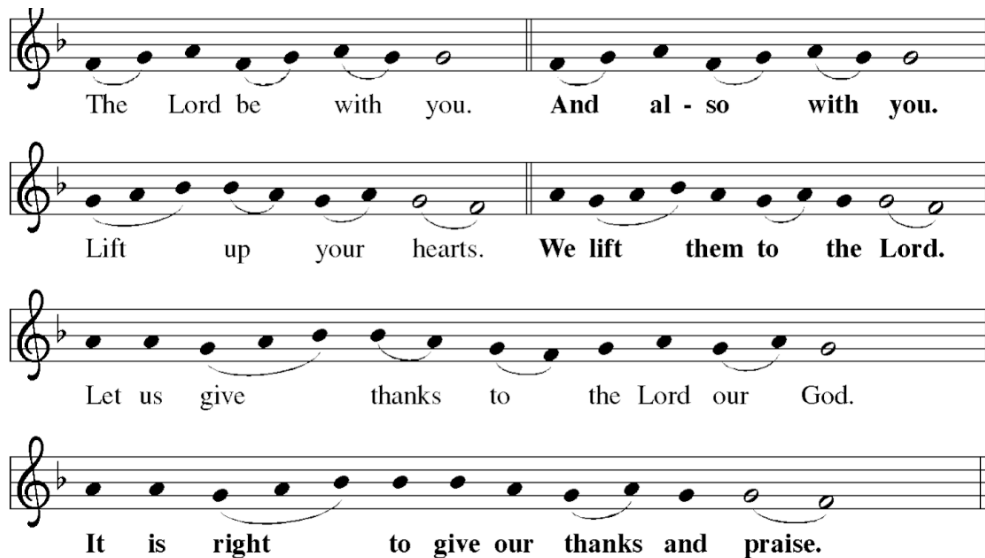
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**ANTHEM**    Gentle Spirit, Dwell With Me    Words and music by Jay Althouse  
Text is based on the text by  
Thomas Toke Lynch (1818-1871)

**\*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**



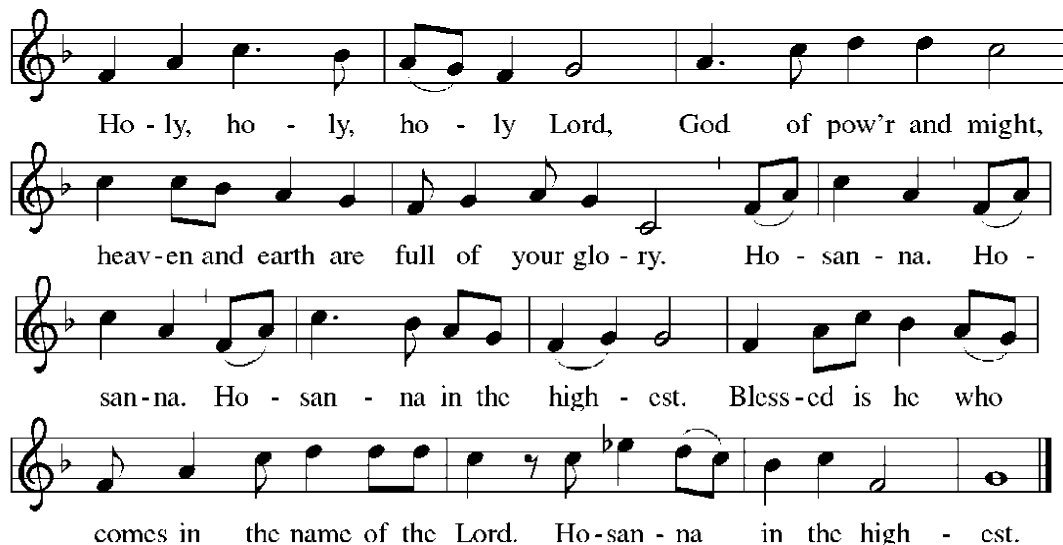
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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**



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.

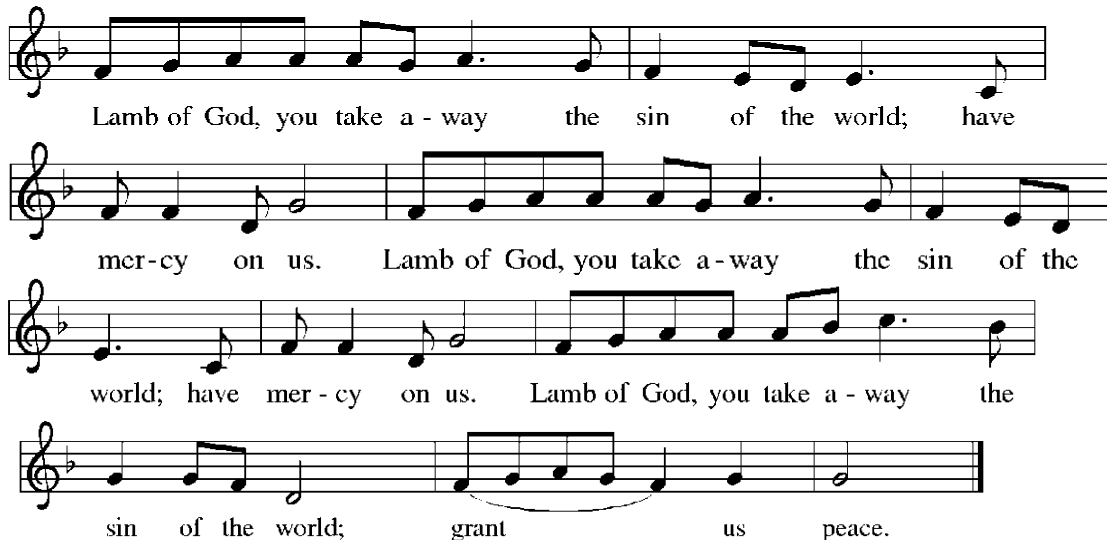
Amen.

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the 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 wafer will be placed in your hand. Take the bread or wafer 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.

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**LET US PRAY.**

**\* 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**

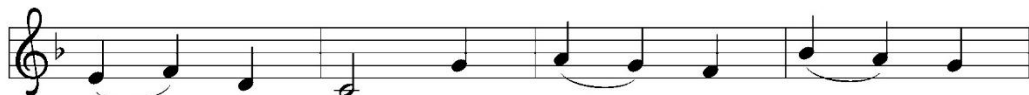
May God who comes among us,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.  
**Amen.**

\*HYMN #551

THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Roger C. Wilson  
Melody by William Steffe

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Today, we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of:

Krista Ellen Ancker daughter of Kevin & Kristina Ancker

*I John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves in born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

Kameron Brooke Emilia Ancker daughter of Kevin & Kristina Ancker

*Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.*

Gwendolyn Jean Runestad daughter of Deborah & Kyle Runestad

*Micah 6:8 And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?*

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week including Anna Corney (May 25) and Kelsey Fitter (May 25).

**CARE AND HEALING:** Elaine Bakios, Heather Bakios, Stephen Bakios, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Rosanna Dumbus, Althea Ericsson, Eric Ericsson, Jill Ferenc, Michael Guhl, 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, Nancy Reichart, Jan and Harv Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

**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

## PENTECOST GERANIUMS

The flowers, which add beauty to our church today and the grounds outside where they will be planted, have been presented to the praise and glory of God:

### **Given in honor of:**

*Our Confirmands Krista, Kameron, and Gwendolyn*

By Melba Grieshaber

*Her Loved Ones*

Given by Ingrid Holliger

### **Given in memory of:**

*Christen Joseph Gorud*

Given by Pastor Mark & Caryl Gorud

*George D. Utley II, Matthew & Marie Weigand,  
Ruth Garrod, and Marie Rhodes-Ryan*

Given by Elaine Utley

*Rodney Aspinwall*

Given by Agneta Aspinwall

*Lisa Droney, Cindy Prochnik, and Karen Wellen*

Given by Laura White

## SERVING TODAY

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

Melba Grieshaber  
Kyle Runestad  
Kristina Ancker  
Laura White  
Deb Evenson, Ingrid Hollinger  
Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine  
Pastor Mark Grorud  
Dr. Alla Borzova

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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

Diana VanDam  
Roger Heine  
Diana VanDam  
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Ingrid Hollinger  
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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## WEEKLY NEWS

May 24-30

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### **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.

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**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.

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**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.

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### **FLOWERS**

The flowers this week were given by Ingrid Hollinger in honor of the confirmands; Gwendolyn, Kameron, and Krista.

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**28 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, MAY 17**

**This Week: May 24-30**

**Sunday, May 24**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship & Affirmation of Baptism Through Confirmation

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**Thursday, May 27**

7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Around The World

**Next Week: May 31 - June 6**

**Sunday, May 31**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**For pastoral services,** Pastor Grorud can be reached at (402) 620-8032 or via his email address [mgrorud@gmail.com](mailto:mgrorud@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 afternoons.

**New Canaan Historical Society:**

Normal hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. They are closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Save  
the Date

**Holden Evening Prayer Around The World - May 27 at 7:30 pm**



**New Member Orientation**  
June 7 - 11:00 am