



Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

July 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

(*Indicates Please Stand)

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude in E major from The Well Tempered Clavier, book 1* J.S. Bach

* 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 #438 MY LORD WHAT A MORNING



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

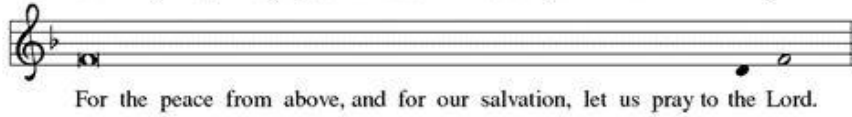


look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

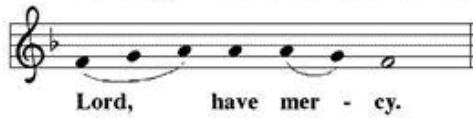
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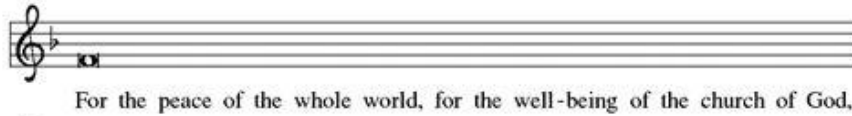
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



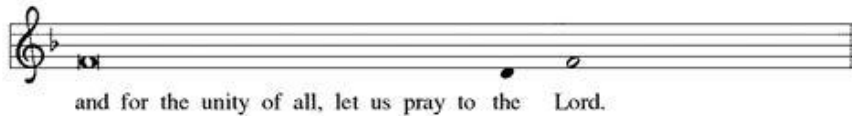
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



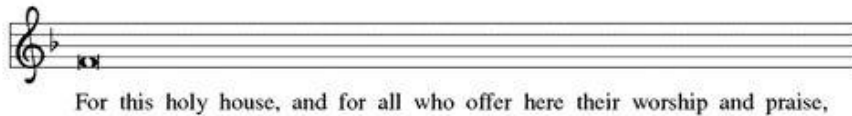
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



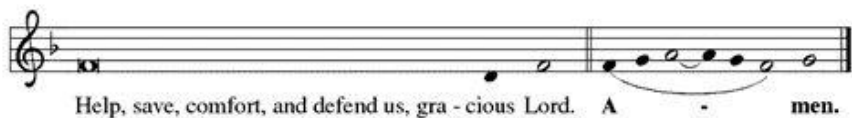
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

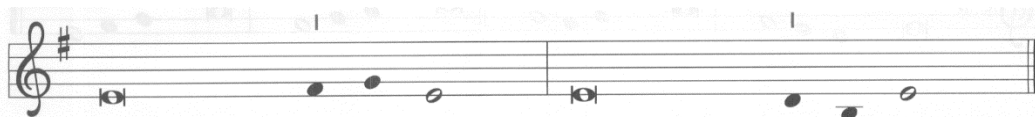
¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14

Sing responsively



⁸The Lord is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works. R**

¹⁰All your works shall praise [|] you, O Lord,
and your faithful [|] ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory [|] of your kingdom
and speak [|] of your power,**

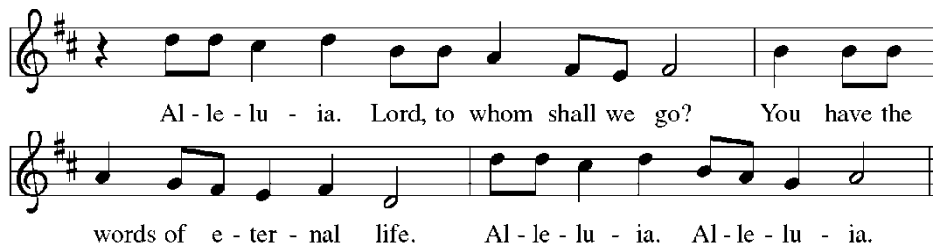
¹²that all people may know [|] of your power
and the glorious splendor [|] of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- [|] out all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in [|] all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Praise to you, O Christ.



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



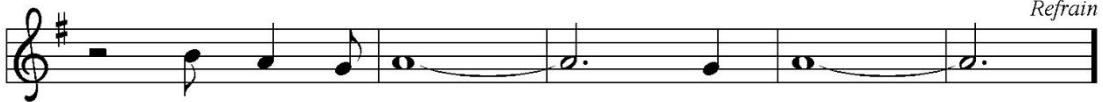
bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



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|---|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or Jew, | ser - vant | or free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the gifts, | man - y | the works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the fields, | scat - tered | and grown, |



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

* 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.**

*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.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

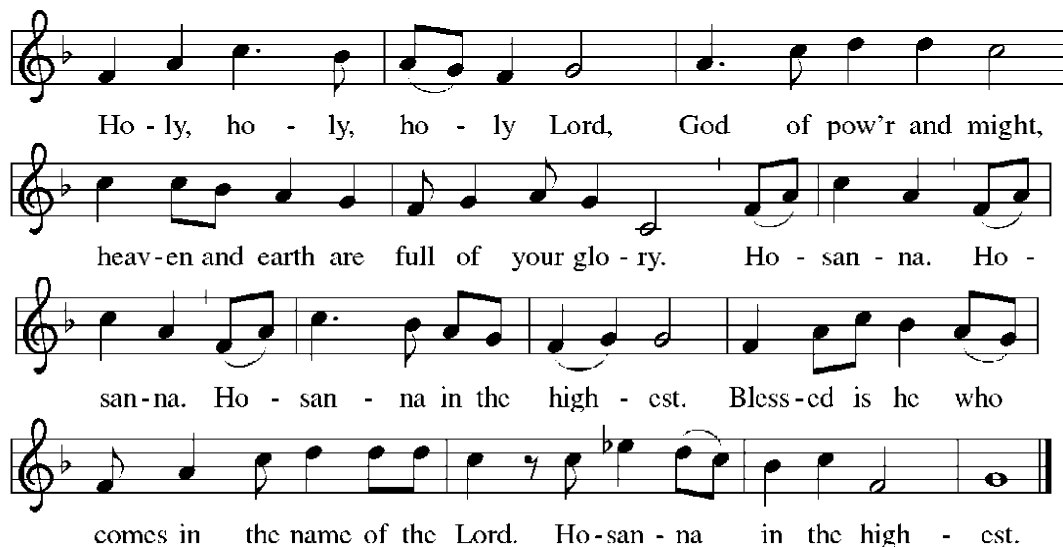
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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



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

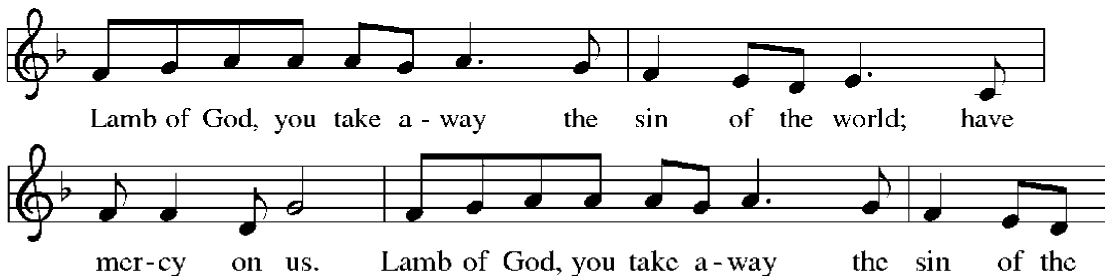
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 #677 THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Separation

Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Diana Van Dam
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Diana Van Dam
Altar Guild	Agneta Aspinwall
Cookies & Conversations	Norma Gerwig
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Karla Carpenter
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Karla Carpenter
Altar Guild	Nancy Reichart, Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	Melba Grieshaber
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
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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

July 13 – 18

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.

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.

CARE AND HEALING: Elaine Bakios, Stephen Bakios, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, 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, Helga Turk, 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

17 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, JULY 5

WEEKLY CALENDER
July 12 - July 19

Sunday, July 12

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Jan Weitzel (July 13), Malda Livalentals (July 15) and Diana VanDam (July 17).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 19

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. 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

Please note the Saint Michael's President's email address has been changed to: SaintMichaelsPresident@gmail.com

RENOVATION UPDATE

NCMHS started their renovation program a bit early by taking the organ pipes out and wrapping to protect them from the upcoming renovation work.

Moving forward, worship will be in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped set everything up this week on such short notice.

And, thank you for your understanding throughout the renovation. Starting earlier than planned will allow time to complete the project in a timely manner.

Summary of Receipts & Expenses: May 2026

	May 31, 2026	Total 2026 YTD
	Actual	Actual
Receipts	21,311	84,238
Expenses	45,274	124,675
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(23,963)	(40,437)