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Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

ELW setting 3

September 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

(*Indicates Please Stand)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

Setting by H. Thomas Manning

* 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 #685 TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE VS. 1,2,3,6



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

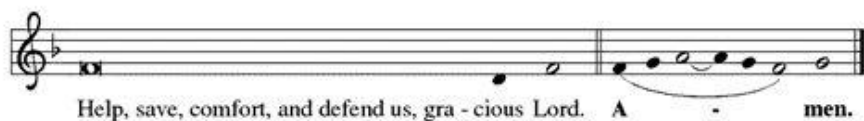
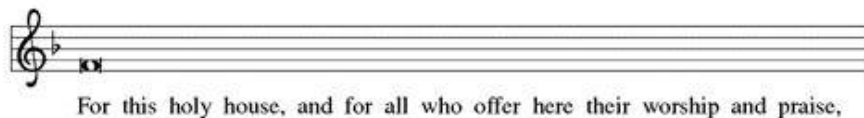
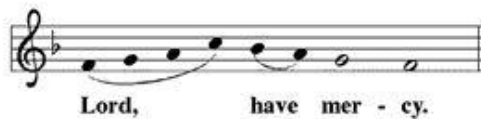
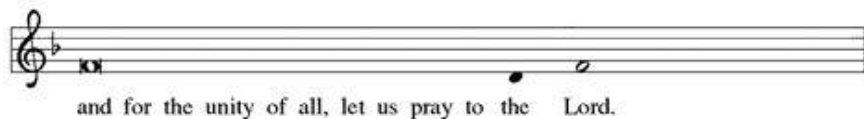
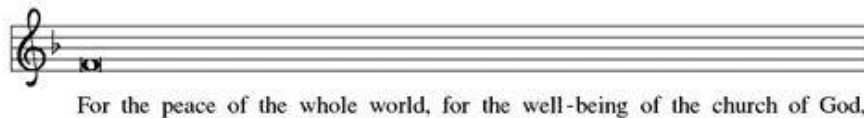
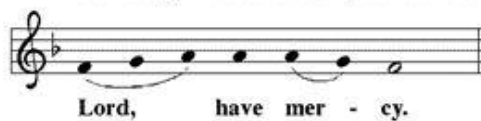
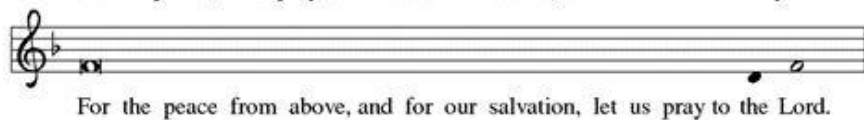


take my mo - ments and my days;	let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be	swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be	filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use	ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

KYRIE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

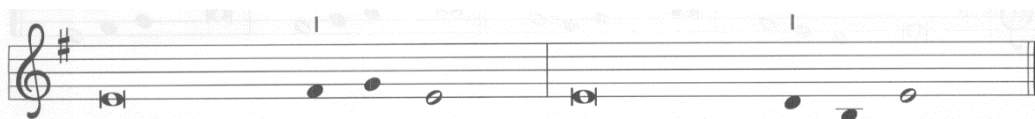
For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 1-8

Sing responsively



¹ I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

**2 Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name fore- | er and ever.**

³ Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power. R

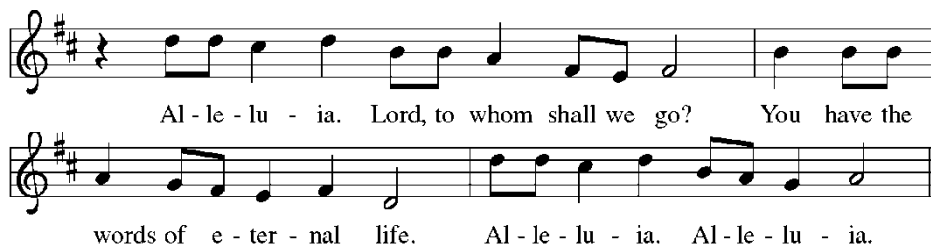
⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

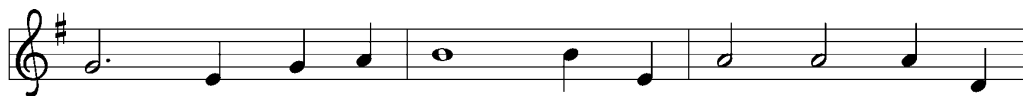
* HYMN

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JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT



1 Je - sus calls us; o’er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life’s wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world’s gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me:”
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus’ sake.
 keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
 plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
 be - dience, serve and love you best of 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.

This musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The first line has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second line also has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third line has a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth line has a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are: '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.

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*** 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.

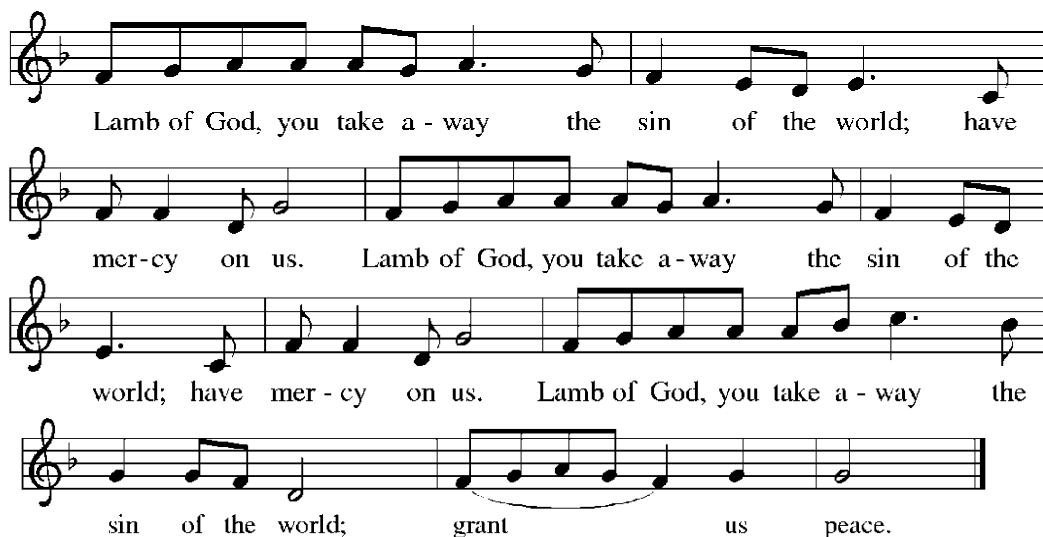
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

LAMB OF GOD



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**

#669

RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

Mrs. J.F. Knapp

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Paul Laubscher
Assisting Minister	Elizabeth Tobey
Reader	Esme Laubscher
Altar Guild	Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	Agneta Aspinwall
Counters	Ken D'Arinzo, Melba Grieshaber
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Ken Fitter
Assisting Minister	Elizabeth Tobey
Reader	Karla Carpenter
Altar Guild	Agneta Aspinwall
Cookies & Conversations	Norma Gerwig
Counters	Roger Heine, Melba Grieshaber
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
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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

September 21 - September 26

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.

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 on the table near the entrance, and you can 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, Pam Lowell, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Helga Turk, Jan Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for all those celebrating birthdays this week, including Norma Gerwig (September 25).

FLOWERS this week are given by Jeff Gerwig in honor of Norma Gerwig celebrating her birthday.

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, SEPTEMBER 13

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ST. MICHAEL'S

Please place checks or cash in envelopes located on the table near the entrance and put the donation in the brass plate as you come forward for communion. If cash, please be sure to identify yourself on the envelope. Anonymous loose plate cash does not need an envelope.

If there is no designation, we will assume that the contribution is for the general funds of St. Michael's. Or you can direct all or part of your donation to: Flowers, Eternal Light or to other special St. Michael's funds. To use a credit card or contribute directly from your bank account, scan the QR code below which links to St. Michael's account in the tithe.ly church giving system. Note that the first field at the top is the designation for the gift which can include ELCA ministries.



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AT ST MICHAEL'S

Sunday School on September 20th at 9:00 am and each Sunday thereafter before service with a class for children ages pre-K to kindergarten. If you know of anyone who has children in this age group who might be interested in having them come to Sunday School, please let them know about this. All are welcome. Thank you Laura

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For pastoral services, Pastor Gorud 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: Nancy will be in on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this week.

Dear St. Michael's Congregation,

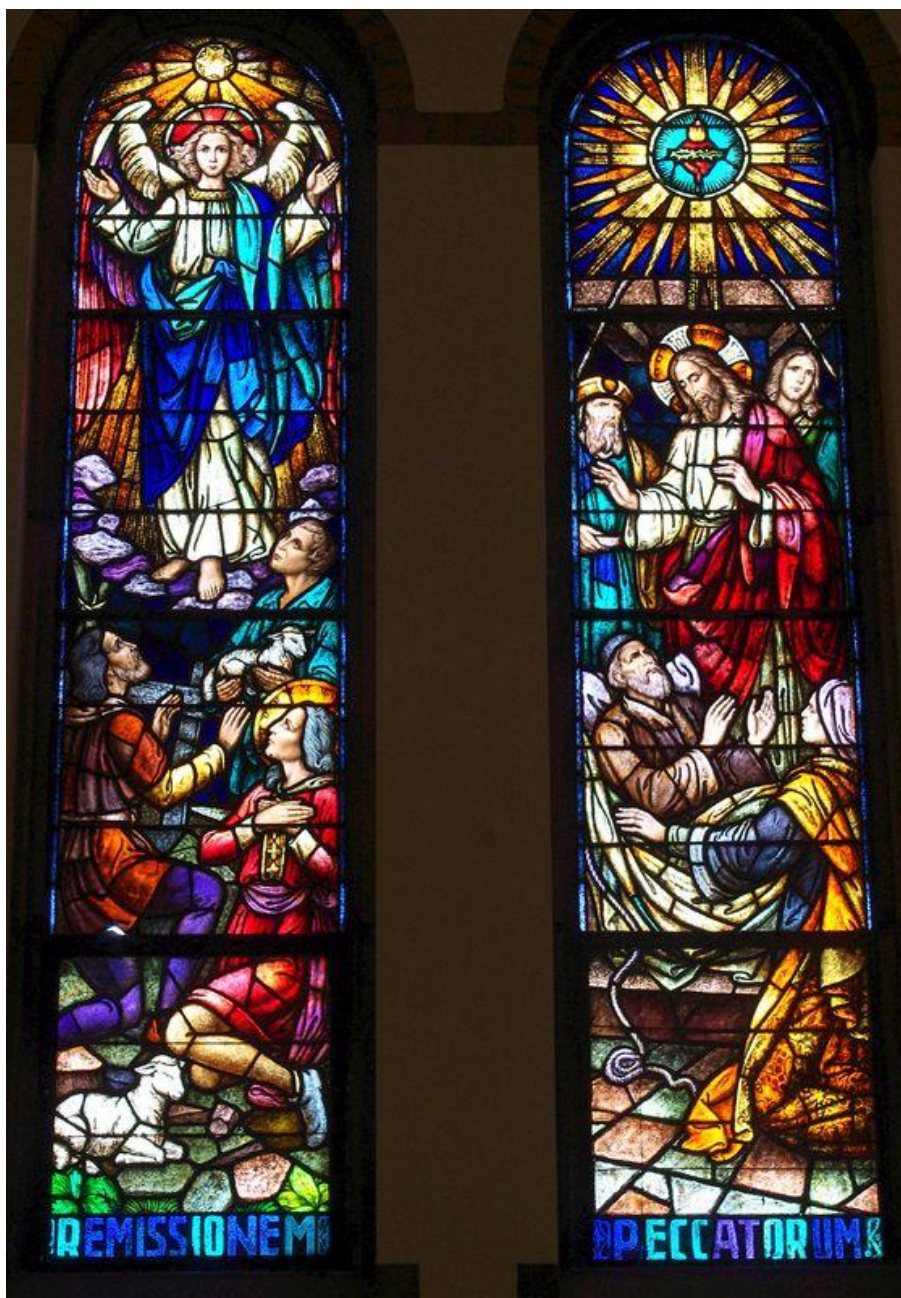
I hope you had an enjoyable summer! Our choir will resume singing in a few weeks. Our first choir rehearsal is today, September 13. Our choir rehearses on Sundays from 9 till 9:40 AM (at this time in the Fellowship Hall) and after the coffee hour (upstairs, the exact place TBA): from 11:15 till noon. We might schedule the additional rehearsal/rehearsals before Christmas and Easter. 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,

Dr. Alla A. Borzova, Music Director



Forgiveness of Sins