

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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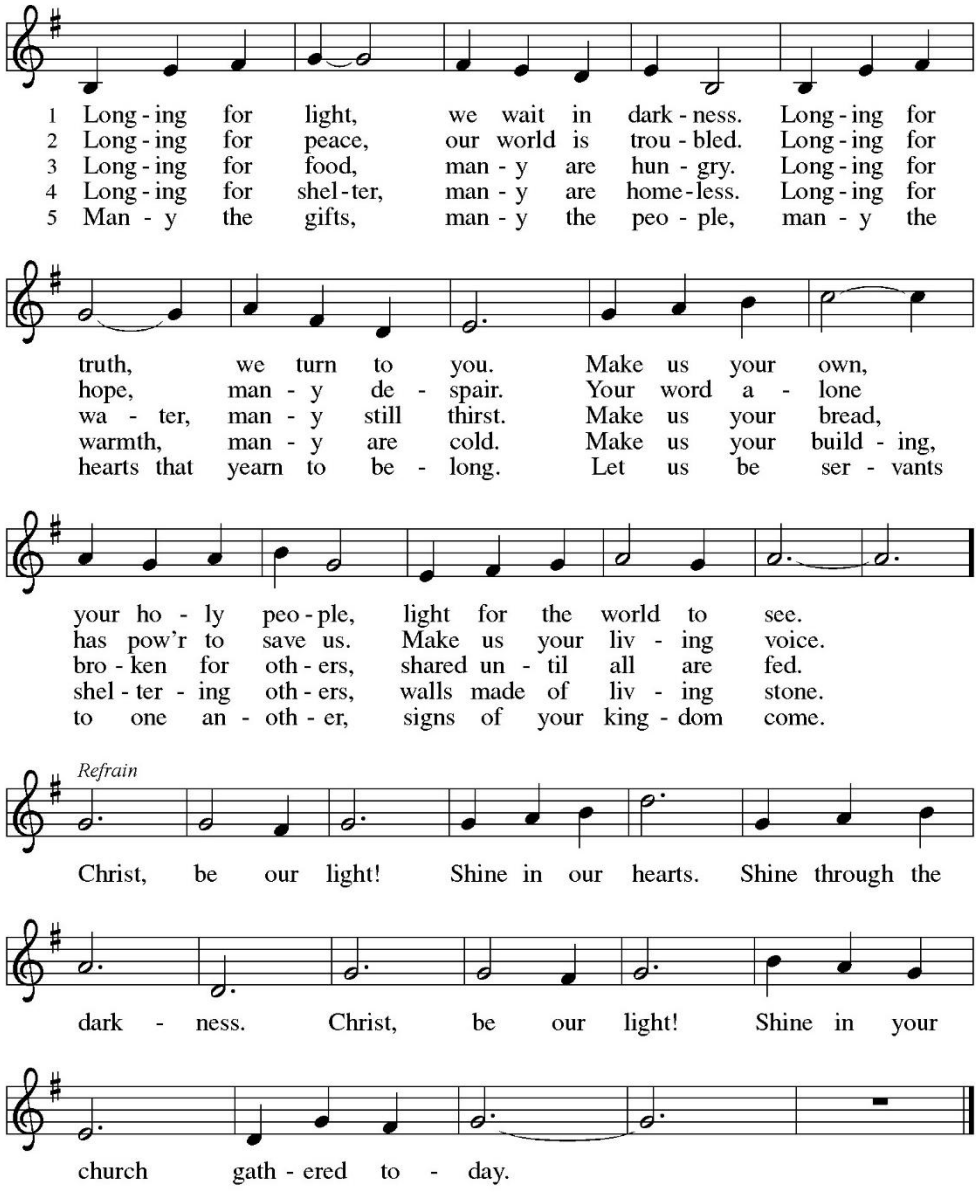
GATHERING

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Setting by Richard Proulx
Tune **BUNESAN**
Gaelic folk melody

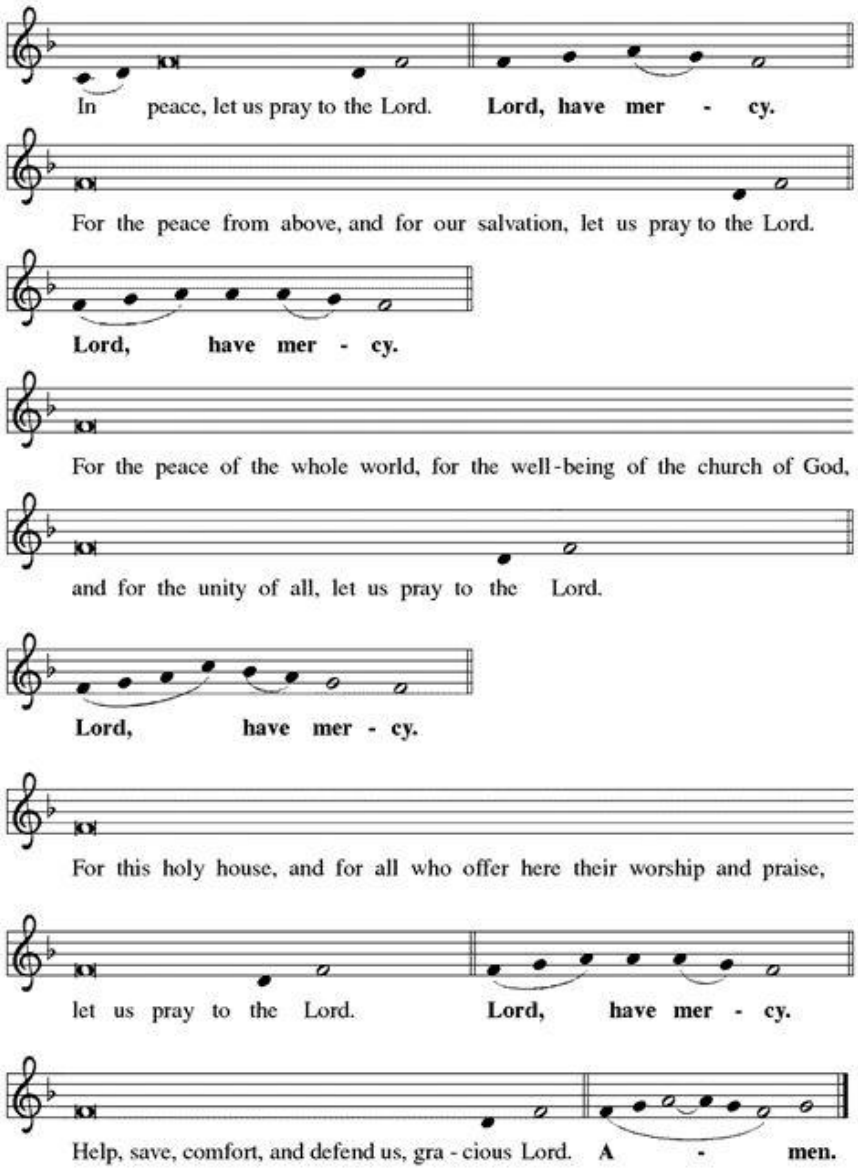
*** INVOCATION**

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 #715 CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



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.**

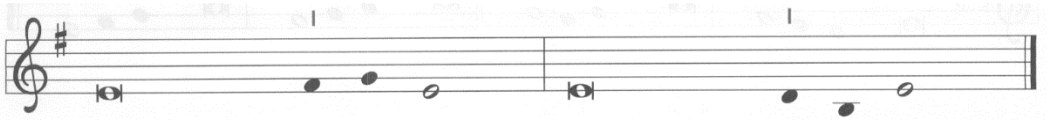
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
WORD

LESSON I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will
be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like
a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for
those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we
may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you
are doing.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

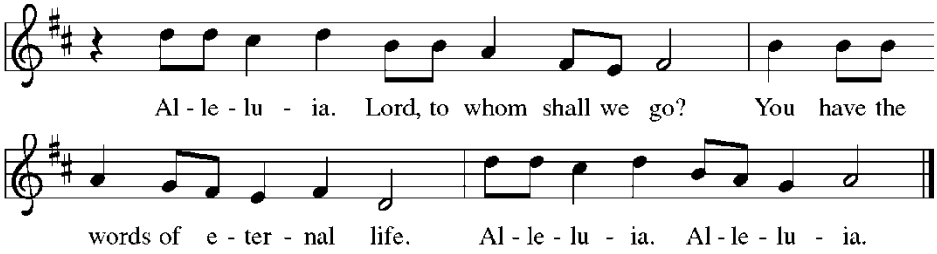
PSALM 90:1-8 *sing responsively*



[1] Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; R

[5] you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
[7] For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
[8] **Our iniquities you have | set before you, and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***HOLY GOSPEL** **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

Jesus said to the disciples: [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*** HYMN** **#688** **LORD OF LIGHT**



*** 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 us, O God.	Bless we the Lord
hear our prayer.	**Your mercy is great.**	**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**

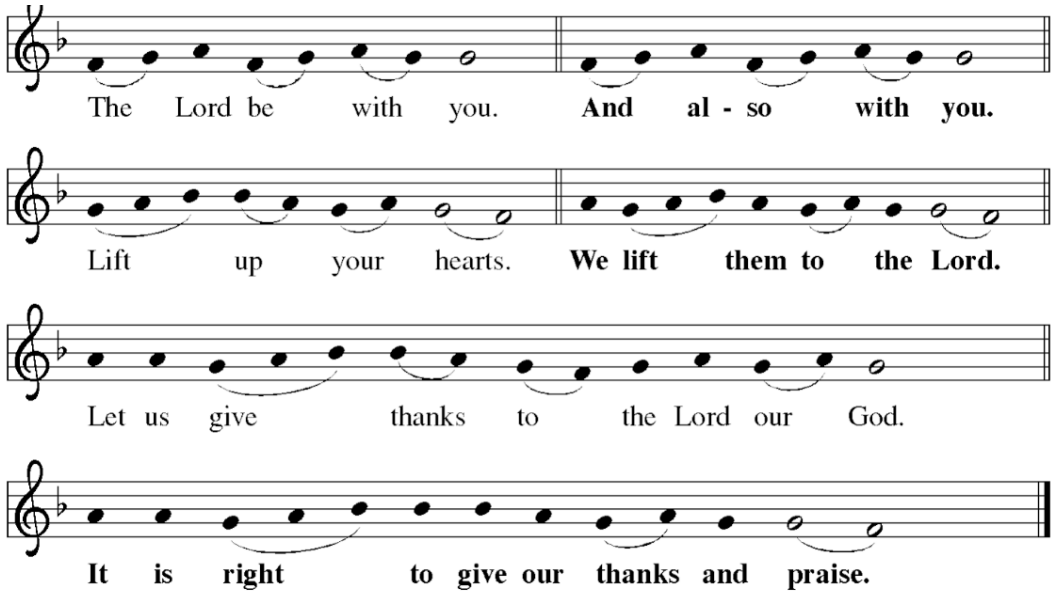
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM *Teach Me Your Way, O Lord* Setting by Lani Smith
Tune by B. Mansell Ramsey

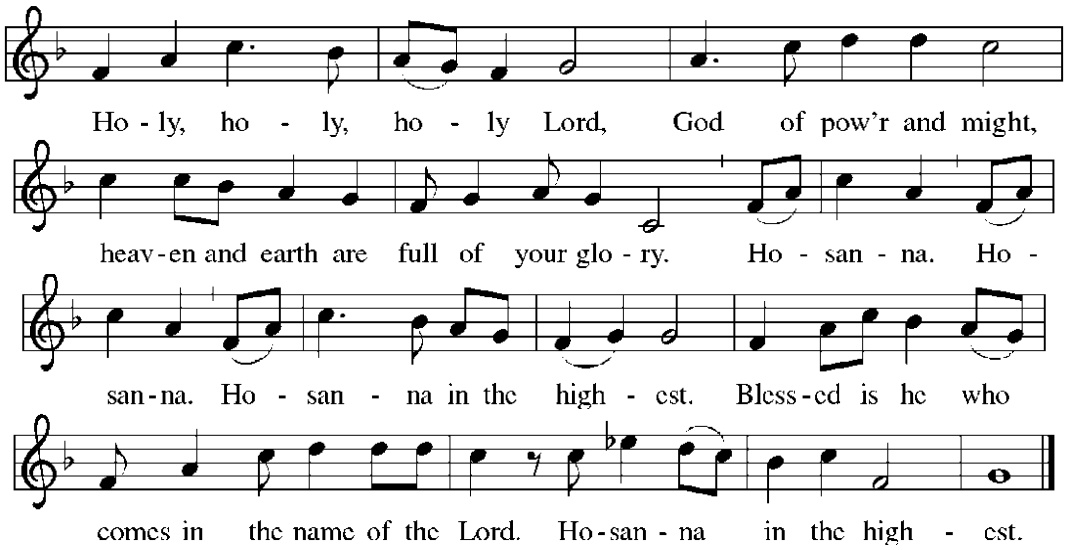
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**



PREFACE FOR PENTECOST SEASON



*** 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.

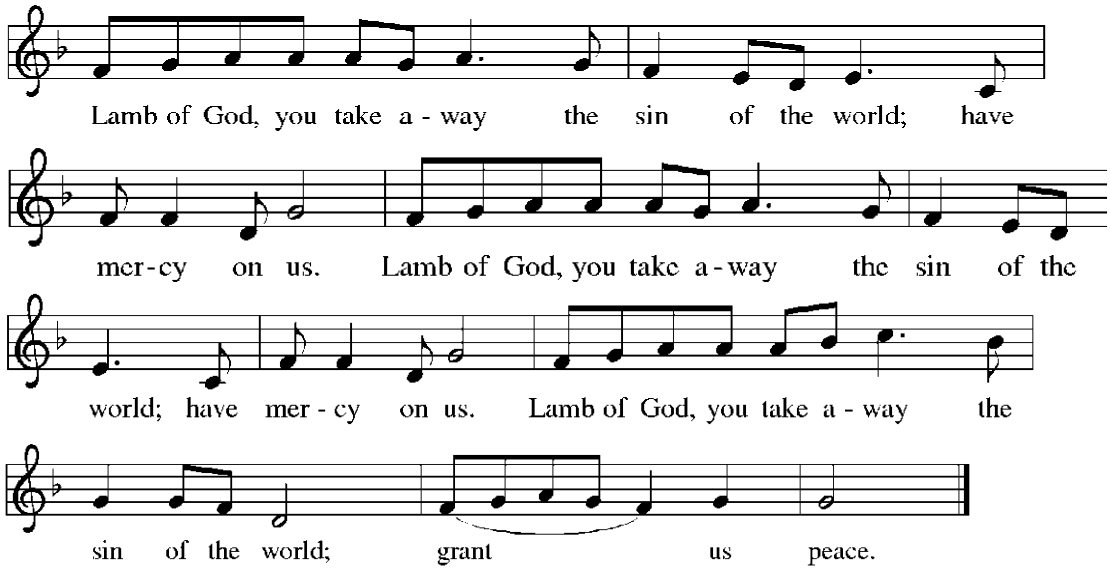
Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

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 **P 471**

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**

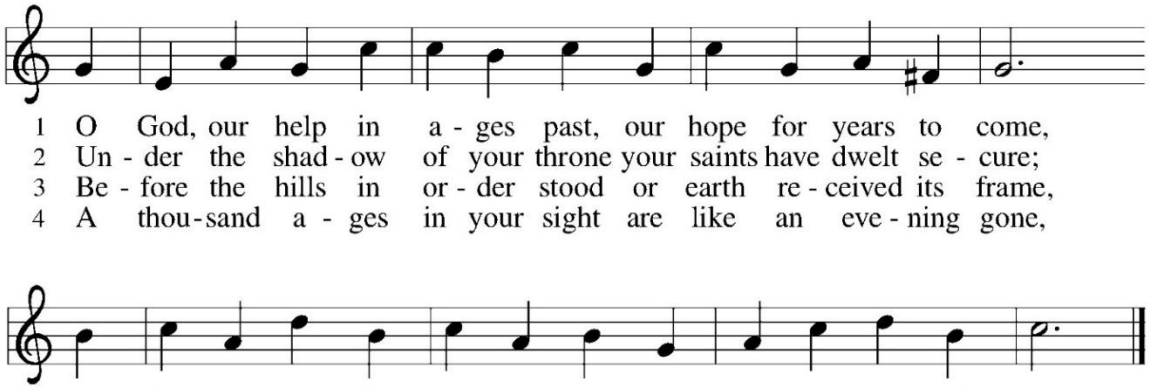
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

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 #632 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST**



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE *Listen, God Is Calling* Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Kenyan Traditional

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Ken Fittter
Assisting Minister	Nancy Perez
Reader	Kyle Runestadt
Altar Guild	Diana Van Dam
Cookies & Conversations	Elizabeth Tobey
Counters	Melba Grieshaber
Guest Pastor	
Organist	Dr. Alla Borzova

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Karla Carpenter
Assisting Minister	Roger Heine
Reader	Karla Carpenter
Altar Guild	Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	
Counters	Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heinz
Interim Pastor	Pastor Mark A. Grorud
Organist	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

November 16-22

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, 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.

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

FLOWERS: Given by Melba Grieshaber and Ingrid Hollinger.

ETERNAL LIGHT in remembrance of Matthew J. Weigand by Elaine Utley

26 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 15
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregation Meeting

Sunday, November 22
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Cookies & Conversation
11:15 am Choir Rehearsal

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Michael's 7:00-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship with Pie Sampling, Cider, and of course, Coffee. Please invite friends and family to join you in this time of worship, thanksgiving, and fellowship.



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.