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Saint Michael's Lutheran Church



Christ the King Sunday

ELW setting 3

November 22, 2026 10:00 a.

(**Indicates Please Stand*)

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Thine Is the Glory* Ryan Thomas
Tune: **JUDAS**
MACCABAEUS
by G.F.Handel

*** 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 #855 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (V 1,3,5)**



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

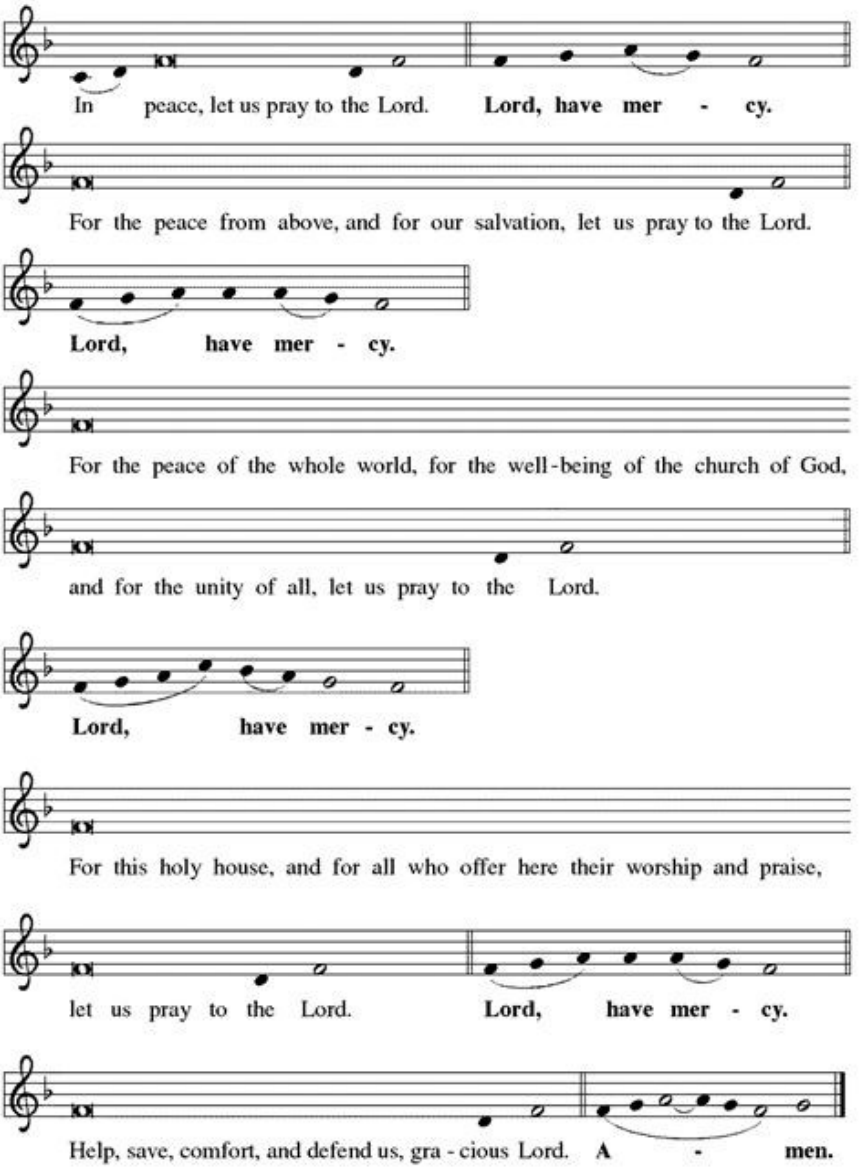


A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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 of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

WORD

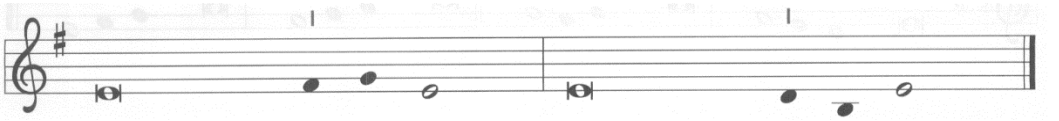
LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward
all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks
for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of
wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with
the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the
hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the
immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power
to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule

and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]
And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the
head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the
fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

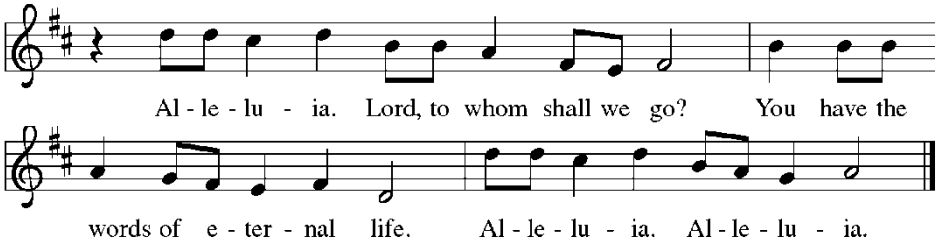
Psalm 95:1-7a *Sing responsively*



[1] Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.
[3] For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R
[5] The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.

[7a] For the Lord | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***HOLY GOSPEL** **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was

hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark A. Grorud

* HYMN #854 BLESSING AND HONOR



*** 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**

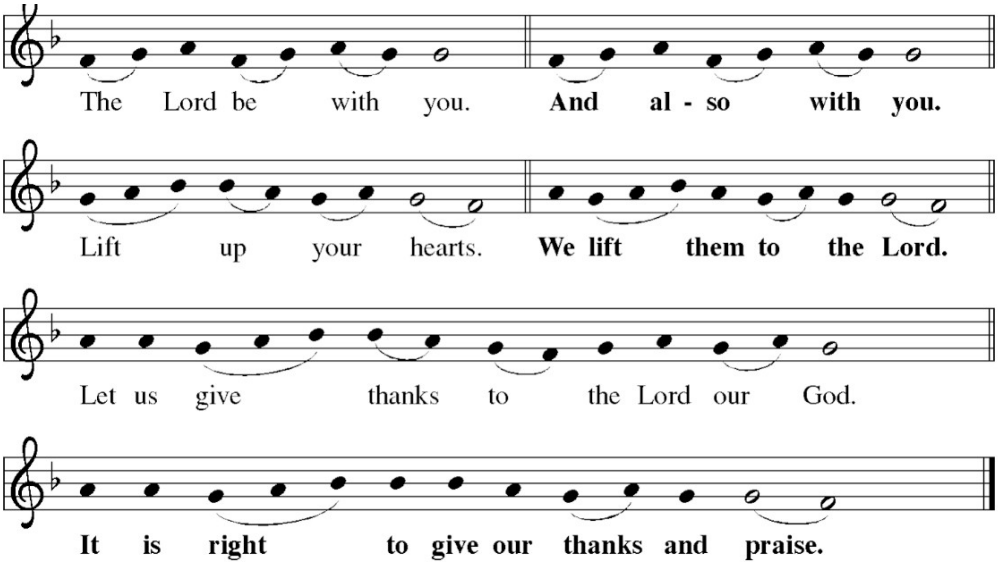
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Lani Smith
Tune by John Darwall

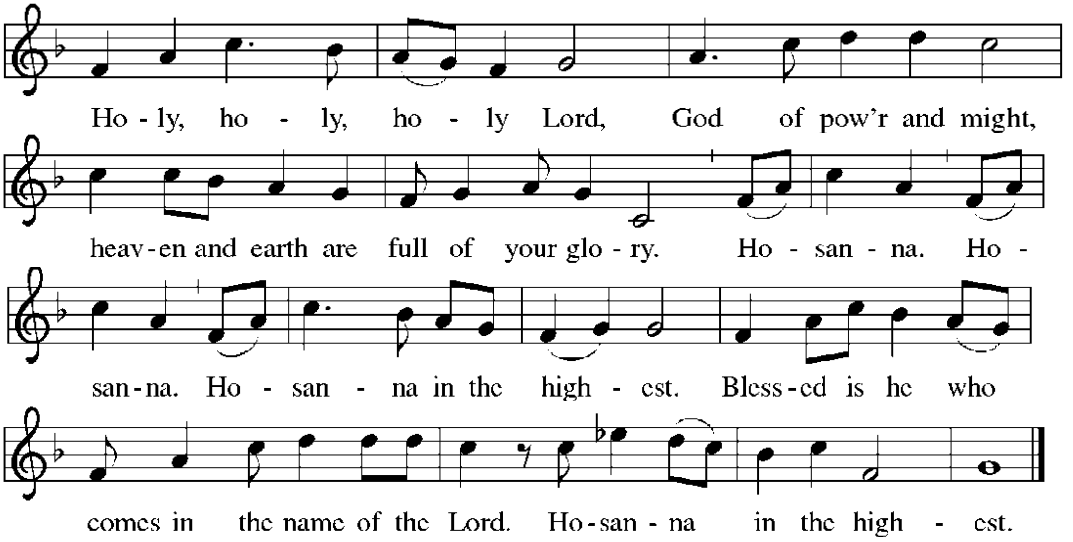
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.

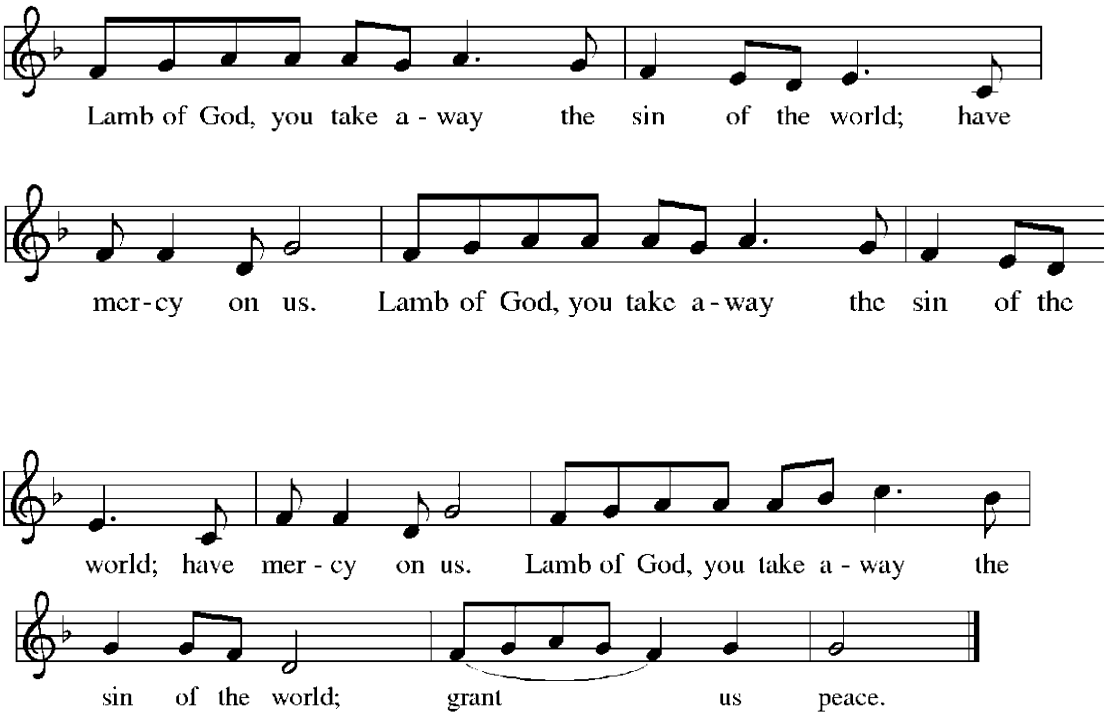
Amen.

* **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**

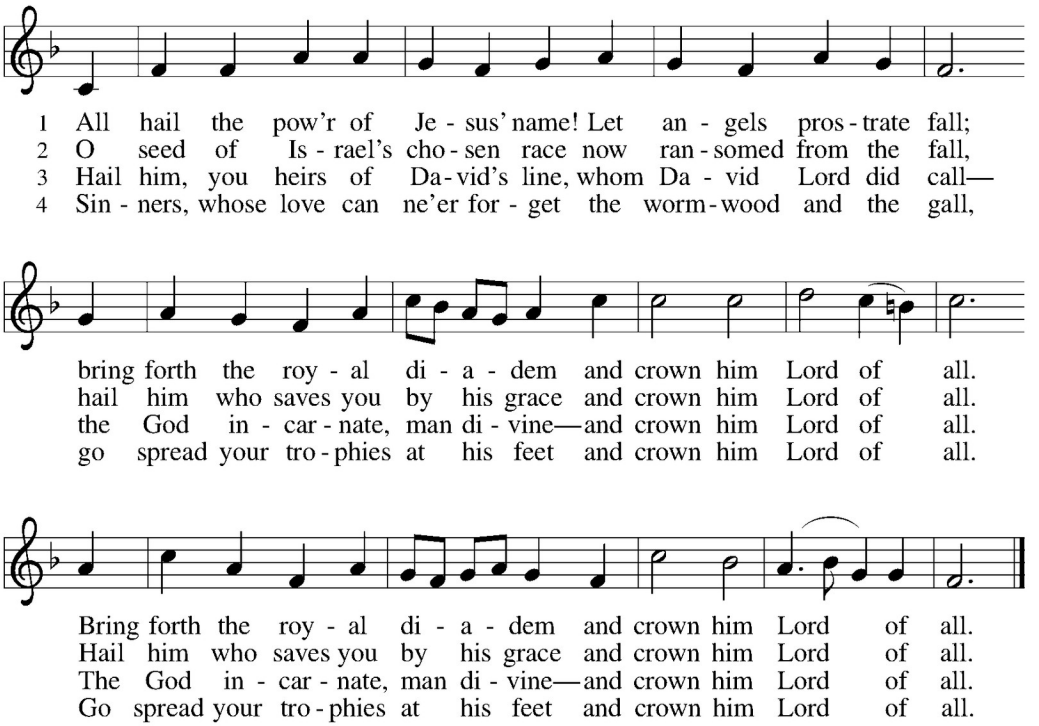
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
Amen

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 #634 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! (V 1-4)



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE *The Triumph of the King* Edward Broughton

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SERVING TODAY

Greeter	Karla Carpenter
Assisting Minister	Ken D'Arinzo
Reader	Karla Carpenter
Altar Guild	Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	
Counters	Melba Grieshaber
Interim Pastor	
Pastor Mark A. Grorud	
Organist	
Dr. Alla Borzova	

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter	Paul Laubscher
Assisting Minister	Roger Heine
Reader	Esme Laubscher
Altar Guild	Laura White
Cookies & Conversations	
Counters	Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heinz

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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

November 23-29

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, including Nancy Perez (November 25), Anne Himmelright (November 27), Reid Fitter (November 28), and Laura White (November 28).

ETERNAL LIGHT in honor of her daughter, Susan Schieffelin on her birthday given by Elaine Utley

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

43 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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 CALENDER

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 29
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

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.