



ST. MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AUGUST 24  
9 AM

# Gospel Family Service



## WE GATHER

*(please stand)*

### OPENING SONG

Oh, give thanks, unto the Lord  
For He is good, yes, He is good  
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### Oh, give thanks

Oh, give thanks, unto the Lord  
For He is good, yes, He is good

For He is worthy, worthy  
For He is good, yes, He is good  
For He is worthy, worthy  
For He is good, yes, He is good

Priest: Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. God's grace, mercy, and peace  
be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**All:** Loving God, whose word is life: Come to us with saving power to free our praise  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives. For the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord, Savior, and Friend. Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE

My Jesus, my Savior  
Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

## Shout to the Lord

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in  
You

*(please be seated)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All: God's Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Let us pray:

**All: Lord God, help us see Jesus and hear his voice, that we may love him in our hearts, think about him in our minds, and experience him in our lives. Amen.**

**THE PSALM FOR THE DAY**

**Psalm 121**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
**the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE TALK

### THE ST. MICHAEL'S CREED

I believe in God the Father,  
who created me and all the world.  
I believe in God the Son, who saved me on the cross and loves me.  
I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who is in me and gives me life.  
I believe in one God, who lives forever and ever.

Let us pray to the Lord of Love for His Church and the world:

Loving God, we thank you for our time together today: for all the people gathered here, and those gathered elsewhere.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Gracious God, we pray for people in our neighborhood, our country, and around the world--for everyone who needs help, and for everyone who is hungry.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Merciful God, we pray for the leaders and future leaders of our world--send us leaders with a heart for goodness and truth.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Ever-present God, we pray for those especially on our hearts and minds today. Make your presence known to them, Lord.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

God, we pray for all of these things, and for everything we are thinking and feeling but haven't said out loud.

**All: We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them to you, God.**

Priest: Loving God, we thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts so that we may fully love you and our neighbor as ourselves, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **WE FIND REST & RELEASE**

Priest: God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for turning away from you and ignoring your will for our lives.

Priest: We have wounded your love by behaving as we wish, without thinking of you or others.

**All: O God, heal us.**

Priest: We stumble in the darkness and fail you in what we think, say, and do.

**All: Light of the world transfigure us.**

Priest: We forget that we are your home by letting ourselves be drawn away from you by the temptations in the world about us.

**All: Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

(silence)

**All: Merciful God, take all these our burdens into your life. We lay them down in faith for healing, forgiveness, re-creation and release through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Priest: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Holy Spirit renew and change your life. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also, with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAY PRAYER:**

Watch over this your child, O Lord.

Bless and guide (him/her) wherever (he/she) may be.

Strengthen and comfort (him/her) to do that  
which is good and right.

May (he/she) feel the touch of Thy Divine Hand,  
and receive the joy and power of the Holy Spirit,  
that (he/she) may be blessed forever more,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

### **ANNIVERSARY PRAYER:**

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and  
mercies on this (these) couple/s.

Guide them with your wisdom,  
protect them with your love,  
fill their home with your presence,  
and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. **Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **THE OFFERING**



## WE SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER

*(sit or kneel)*

Beloved, Jesus often met people at tables— not to judge them, but to welcome them. To break bread. To remind them they belonged. To show them the Father's love.

So come to this table— not because you've earned it, not because you've got it all together, but because you're hungry... hungry for grace, for peace, for the embrace of a Father who has been waiting for you all along.

This is the table where shame has no seat, where striving ends, and love is poured out like wine. Come. Let yourself be fed. Let yourself be known. Let yourself be fathered by God. The table is ready. And so is the Father's love.

Priest: Let us pray.

Loving God, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus sat at a table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my Body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it, saying, "This is my Blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. And as we receive them, may we be filled with your love, renewed by your grace, and made one with Christ and one another. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Friend. Amen.

## JESUS' FAMILY PRAYER

*(all pray together)*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## WE BECOME ONE

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**WE GO**

*(sit)*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim and demonstrate your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

## You Are My Strength

You are my strength,  
strength like no other.

Strength like no other reaches to me.

In the fullness of Your grace,  
in the power of Your name,  
you lift me up, you lift me up.

## DIMISSION

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 31ST @  
THE 9 & 10:15 AM  
SERVICES





# Sunday Lunch

## *Children's Ministry Parent Luncheon*

Join us after the 10:15 service in the conference room! Meet other parents as we have a casual discussion about the children of St. Michael's and what we would like to see in this ministry.

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 service in the conference room  
RSVP to  
[tiffany@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:tiffany@stmichaelschurch.com)

Childcare will be provided





St. Michael's Children's Ministry



# **BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

**Sept 7 • Playground**

Bring the family for donuts on the  
playground at 9:45am





# Monday Morning Bible Study

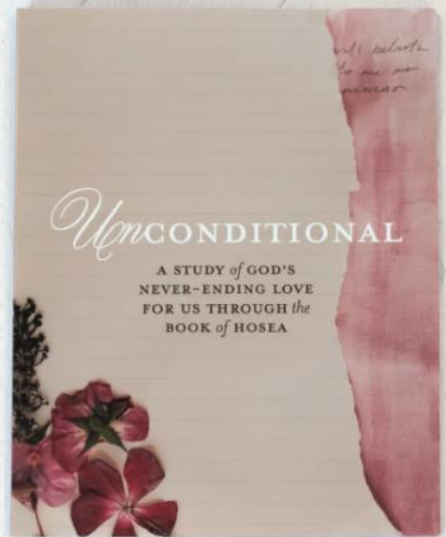
## ***Unconditional: A Study of God's Never-Ending Love for Us Through the Book of Hosea by Katy McCown***

September 22 – November 10  
9:30 AM Conference Room

Have you ever felt like you've messed up too much for God to love you? Like you've wandered too far for Him to call you back? The book of Hosea tells a different story – a story of a God whose love never gives up. Because no matter what we feel, think or do...nothing can stop His relentless pursuit of us. Here we'll see Israel consistently choose not to listen to God's instructions. Thankfully, we'll also see the God who loved them anyway. Here we'll find the God whose love isn't conditional – it's unconditional.

Join us for this 6-week study as we explore the book of Hosea. We will meet every Monday EXCEPT October 6<sup>th</sup> & October 20<sup>th</sup>. Books are available on the Proverbs 31 Ministries website – please click on the link in the Emessenger or scan the QR code – for \$16 each, plus tax & shipping. Be prepared to discuss Week One, pages 20-30, at our first meeting. A helpful additional resource is found in the First 5 app on your phone or tablet.

*For help downloading, or any other questions, contact  
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