

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns 477, 486, 861, 655, 475

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Sermon Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Acts 10:36-48: “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they

heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

1 John 5:1-8: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

John 15:9-17: Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything

that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charlie Zwerk; Wayne Bierlein, Mark Frank, Dennis Thurston*
Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Ushers *Paul Kern, Ron Spiekerman*
Altar Guild . . . *Karli Bierlein, McCauley Cameron*
Acolytes *Lillian Michalak, Bella Daenzer*

Wednesday

Elder *Mark Schiefer*
Usher *Ron Spiekerman*
Organist *Heiki Palm*

Confirmation Questioning: Today, at the 7:45 AM service, this year's Confirmation students will read their papers on a subject of their choosing from the Catechism.

Baptism: Molly Kennedy, daughter of Kyle & Adrienne (Kischnick) Kennedy, will be baptized during late service.

World Relief Quilting will be May 13th, not May 6th as the calendar states, sorry for any confusion.

Mary Martha will be taking a trip to Abele's on Monday, May 5. Please meet at church at 5:30. We will return to church for refreshments and a short meeting. Guests are welcome to join.

Items for the June Newsletter are needed by May 13th.

Mary Martha Flower Sale will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 9-12 at the church storage building. Order forms are available in the narthex near the basement door or on the church website. Orders are due by May 12.

Church Directory Photos: If you have a family member of our congregation that resides in Nursing Home that wants their photo taken for Church Directory, please contact Karen Zehnder at Rummel Studio (989-652-9909)

Reminder to All Boards: Budgets will need to be ready to be approved at the Voters Meeting on June 9th. Please prepare at your May meetings. A Church Council meeting will be held June 3rd.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ: May 12, 2024 Drive thru only. \$12.00 Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Coleslaw, & Cupcakes. Starting at 10:30 AM at St. Michael's School. All proceeds benefit St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Vacation Bible School: This year will be a Carnival theme! July 8th - 11th. evenings. Volunteers are needed Students: this is a great way to get volunteer hours. Each year we have more students and need more help, please call Donna Bierlein @ 989-868-4303.

Bus Trip to Dow Gardens: Trip includes a Guided Tour of Dow Gardens Concert, Lunch at a restaurant in Midland, Motorcoach transportation. Cost is \$65. Sign up early by calling Nancy Schluckbier (989)529-0320.

Lutherans for Life of Michigan's annual Diaper Shower starts next Sunday, May 12 through June 16. Please bring in any size diapers (especially size 6 or any larger) and place them in the box in the foyer. LifeClinic Community Resources in Bay City, a pregnancy resource center, is so appreciative for the support we at St. Michael's will give them. We are an answer to their prayers.

Dear Members of St. Michael's,

To all that participated in our Group Picture event last Sunday, Your cooperation was much appreciated! Our in church photo sessions are now complete. Thank You - Pam & Lois

Attendance

Sunday, April 28th: 436
Wednesday, May 1st: 44

This week at St. Michael's

Today Sixth Sunday of Easter
8th Grade Questioning
& Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon. *Mary Martha 5:30 p.m.*
Wed. Worship Service 7 p.m.
Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mothers Day BBQ 10:30 a.m.
Church Office 989-868-4791
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School Office 989-868-4809
Child Care 989-868-3830

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Unforecastable" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*, It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31)

PRAYERS

Health

Betty Auernhamer, Linda Gray, Justin Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Dale Janson, Jim Karst, Sherry Krieger, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Rollie Wenzel, Bruce Bierlein (surgery), Gretchen Comstock (surgery)

Sympathy

Family of John Schluckbier
Funeral Tues. May 7th, 11:00 a.m.

Missions

Rev. Matthew and Kali Wood serve on behalf of LCMS in Indonesia. Matthew works closely with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI). He helps train pastors and lay leaders by providing resources through educational workshops, translation projects and other efforts in cooperation with the GKLI.

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father, You have prepared good things for those who love You. Increase our love for You and one another that we may receive Your blessings, which are greater than anything we can imagine;

through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
Amen."