

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6th , 2025

Order of Service

7:45 Service *Matins (pg. 219)*
7:45 Hymns 809,704
10:30 Service *DSIV (pg.203)*
10:30 Hymns 809,704,420,430,436
Wednesday Hymns 425, 433

Sermon

“Something New!”
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43: 16-21: This is what the Lord says: he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.”

Philippians 3: 8-14: What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider

them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ.

Luke 20: 9-20: Jesus went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they

said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!” Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charlie Zwerk;*
Jason Hecht, Matt Brown
Organist *Charles Chavariet*
Ushers *Paul Kern, Ron Spiekerman*
Altar Guild *Vicki & Lynette Heinlein*
Lynn DiBerardino

Wednesday

Elders *Mark Schiefer*
Organist *Calista Bickel*
Ushers *Ron Spiekerman*

This week at St. Michael’s

Today Worship Service 7:45 am
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Passion Drama Dress Rehearsal 1 p.m.
Mon Mary Martha 7 p.m.
Tue *Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.*
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Elders 7 p.m.
Wed Sisters of Ruth 12 p.m.
Worship Service 7 p.m.
Fri Passion Drama 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sat *Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m.*
Passion Drama 4:30, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Next Sun *Palm Sunday*
Communion 7:45 am
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday: We will be doing something different this year - we are going to process into church together. If you are able, remain in the foyer until we start the service. If you need to sit down, feel free to sit in the pews.

Easter Services: We will be having 2 Easter Communion services , 6:30 am and 10:30am.

Easter Envelopes will go to Home Purpose.

Passion Drama Dress Rehearsal today at 1:00. Passion Drama Costumes are available for pick-up at rehearsal today, or before the performance on April 11th in the church basement. We still need cast members. You can sign up at the table in the foyer. Questions: DJ Weiss, 989-529-7734.

Blood Drive at the Park Hall , Tuesday, April 8th from 1 to 6 p.m. Making appointments is appreciated by calling 1-866-642-5663. We hope to see YOU there, giving the gift of life.

Lenten Supper 5:30 p.m. Wed. Apr. 9th, hosted by our Parent-Teacher League. Soup, salad, and desserts are on the menu. Donations will support PTL.

Lenten Midweek Worship 7 p.m.: Our theme is “The Hand of the Lord.” This Wednesday we see how Jesus’ hands granted forgiveness to the woman caught in adultery.

Mary Martha: All women are invited to join a fleece tie blanket event on Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Park Hall. Please bring scissors. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. The blankets will be donated to the Tuscola County Homeless Coalition. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10.

Sisters of Ruth will meet April 9 at noon at church. Pizza will be ordered and ice cream will be provided for dessert. You will need to bring what you want to drink.

Easter Egg Hunt hosted by The Board of Discipleship& the ECC will be on Saturday April 12th, 10:30 a.m. at the Park Hall. We are seeking donations of plastic eggs, candy and small trinkets. Please place all donations in the labeled tub in the Narthex. Please

contact Sara Knea or Lori Powell with any questions.

Egg My Yard-Youth Group Fundraiser Order filled eggs for Easter, delivered Sat Apr. 19th. See bulletin board in the foyer for details or scan code to order. Paper order forms also on the foyer table.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training: The Board of Elders is organizing some basic medical training for anyone interested. There is no cost unless you need a wallet-size CPR card. Sessions will likely last 90 minutes . Sign-up sheets for the first session are in the foyer for Saturday, April 26, @ 10 am and Sunday, April 27th, @1 pm. More dates to come.

Easter Cards/Confirmation Cards along with a variety of other cards are available for \$.50 on the counter near the bathrooms.

Cemetery Board is looking for bids to mow the cemetery. Please submit your bids to the church office. Questions: call Ron Kern 989-414-0963.

Attendance

Sun. March 30th 255
Wed. April 2nd 121

Weekly Income: 3/23-3/29: ... \$17,957.01
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.

PRAYERS

Health

Wayne Ader, Keith Bierlein, Robert Buckner, Craig Compton, Jameson Doud, Don Duperon, Irene Gohsman, Hope Hecht, Devin Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Norm Petzold, Larry Putman, Dave Rushford, Donna Schoenow; Cheryl and Ben Dzioba (recovering after a car accident)

Sympathy

Family of Bethany Squanda at the death of her grandparents after a car accident; Families of victims of the Myanmar Earthquake

Calls

Charles Chaveriat,
to Rochester Central Lutheran School in Minnesota

Mission

The Rev. Ross and Kris Shaver serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. Pastor Shaver helps start churches and teaches future pastors at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the city of Palmar Arriba, in the province of Santiago.

Prayer of the Day

“Almighty and eternal God, it was Your will that Your Son should bear the cross for us and destroy the power of the evil one. Help us to remember and give thanks for

our Lord’s Passion that we may receive the forgiveness of sins and be redeemed from eternal death; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

