

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

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Hymns Hymns

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Wednesday Hymns 465, 478

Sermon

"The Breath of Life"
Pastor Larry Wright

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-32: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. "Fellow Israelites, Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this

day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath, that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

1 Peter 1:3-9: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy

Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Dave Miller, Mark Schiefer; Lucas Brown*
Organist *Calista Daenzer*
Usher *Klair Bierlein; Don Bierlein*
Altar Guild *Laura Rushford, Becky Solgat*
Acolytes *Lucas Bierlein; Lane Gebhandt*

Wednesday

Elders *Jason Hecht*
Pianist *Heiki Palm*
Usher *Phil Reinbold; Matt Buchinger*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after late service

Mon Newsletter Deadline
World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.
Mary Martha 6 p.m.
PTL 6:30 p.m.
Tue Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.
Trustees 7 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed *Communion 7 p.m.*
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after late service

We welcome Pastor Larry Wright to St. Michael's this morning. Pastor Wright is currently interim pastor at Christ the King, Mt. Pleasant.

Easter Egg Hunt Join us after late service for an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by St. Michael's Outreach Team! Everyone is welcome—bring your Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Grandpa! Enjoy a hot dog lunch and fellowship with friends and family. Food, Fun & Prizes for all! We hope to see you there!

Voters Meeting April 19th after late service to call a music director.

Mary Martha will meet tomorrow, 7pm at church. Guest speakers will be Josh and Amanda Doud on Jameson Strong non profit, sending faith based care packages to assist families dealing with pediatric cancer. Hear their remarkable story and how it has impacted so many. Anyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Little Dresses Sewing Day will be this Sat., 9 am to 4 pm at Mary Reinbold's place with a potluck lunch at noon. Anyone is invited to join us for

sewing, ironing, or other tasks. Come for as long as you can. If you have any questions or would like dress kits to sew on your own, please contact Mary Reinbold.

Passion Drama Wrap-Up next Sunday at 7 p.m. in the church overflow room.

Silverware Tubs: We have just 7 tubs of silverware left to roll! Please consider helping us finish this large project. Your time and effort make a big difference. This project benefits St. Michael's and the Franklin Avenue Mission, and we are so grateful to everyone who has already helped make it a success. Thank you for your continued support!

Spring Cleaning Campaign/Project: Help us make a difference in our community! Take a bucket and fill it with essential cleaning supplies. Your donations will support families in need. All donations will be given to: Franklin Avenue Mission; Vassar Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity and support! – Outreach Team

St. Michael's Lutheran School is seeking a 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2026–2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please email principal@stmichaelsrichville.org or call 989 868 4809. You may also contact Jason Andrich at 989 992 2093.

LLL Peat Moss Sale: It's LLL Peat sale time. For info and to order, call Mark 989-280-1166 or Jim 989-670-1710. 40 lbs. bags \$4.50 ea buy 10 get 1 free. Pickup and delivery days May 1 & 2.

Dear Members of St. Michael's...

It is with heartfelt joy that I am able to write this. As many of you may now, I have received news that my brain tumor is responding to medication and is now shrinking. Additional brain surgery has been indefinitely postponed and long-term

medical care and supervision have begun with an optimistic outlook. If you remember, the medication was initially ineffective, and the doctors were concerned about the tenacity of this tumor. God proved more tenacious. Your prayers and thoughts have been uplifting in ways that none of you can imagine and I thank you all for them. I have no doubt the Lord heard every prayer for healing and answered them mightily. Once again, I cannot thank you all enough and I am looking forward to the next chapter that our God has in store for me.

In Christ, Lucas Brown

Attendance

Maundy Thursday	230
Good Friday	161
Easter Sunday	663

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Not in Vain" *Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti*; Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Benefit for Ben Dzioba—Euchre Tournament: Sat, April 18th, FCU Basement, Frankenmuth. Registration 6:15 p.m.; Euchre 7:00 p.m. sharp. \$20 entry fee, First-come/First served. Snacks Provided & BYOBeverages; 50/50 Raffle + Surprise Raffle. Donations can be made prior to the benefit by calling Donna Tedford (989)245-4992. More information about the family can be found in the foyer on the bulletin board.

Prayers

Health

Bernice Auernhamer; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Amy Goodrow; Kenneth Hecht; Hope Hecht; Walt Hecht; Ann Houser; Carolyn Navarre; Lorraine Nicodemus; Eugene Palmreuter; Rebecca Rachow; Roy Rodammer; Will Sage

Special Prayers

Safety and Well-being of the Men and Women in the Armed Forces; Favorable Weather for Spring Planting.

Mission

Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Italy, where Jason is a theological educator and church planter. In addition to helping with church-planting efforts throughout Italy, he teaches with the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace show by our words and actions that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

Meet our Guest Pastor

The Rev. Larry Wright is a 2007 Master of Divinity (MDiv) graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. (CTSFW) He served at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Midland, MI until 2014 returning to CTSFW to join the Advancement staff and retired on February 2nd, 2024. As an Advancement Officer, Larry's primary responsibility was to call on active and prospective donors, build relationships, and request continued financial support for the Seminary and their students. Since retiring he served as vacancy Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and Christ the King Chapel in Mt. Pleasant, MI. from April 2024 to April 2025.

Before attending the Seminary, Larry worked for 22 years as a construction manager and licensed Professional Engineer, starting as a Project Engineer and ending as the Vice-President of Industrial Projects. Larry is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Architectural Engineering and earned an M.B.A. from Wright State University. His wife Pam is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a B.S. in Dental Hygiene and is an Adjunct Professor of Dental Hygiene at Delta Community College.

Larry and Pam met in Frankenmuth and have three grown children, Elizabeth, Alicia, and Alexander (wife Sarah). Larry and Pam are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters, Ada and Kasey Wright.

