

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
711, 710, 547, 735, 633	711, 710

Wednesday Hymns 711, 710

Sermon

"I am the gate for the sheep"

Pastor Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:42-47: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone in need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2:19-25: For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not

retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

John 10:1-10: Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	<i>Mark Schiefer, Charlie Zwerk, Dave Miller; Ben Bekemeier,</i>
Organist	<i>Donna Haubenstricker</i>
Usher	<i>Alan Kischnick; Jeff Buchinger</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Mary Reinbold, Delores Landskroener</i>

Wednesday

Elders	<i>Dennis Thurston</i>
Pianist	<i>Heiki Palm</i>
Usher	<i>Jeff Buchinger</i>

This week at St. Michael's

Today	Communion 7:45 a.m. <i>Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.</i> Worship Service 10:30 a.m. w/ 1 st Grade Bible Presentation
Tue	<i>Adult Choir 7 p.m.</i>
Wed	Worship Service 7 p.m.
Fri	<i>LLL Peat Moss Sale 12-5 p.m.</i>
Sat.	LLL Peat Moss Sale 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Next Sun.	<i>Questioning Sunday</i> Worship Service 7:45 a.m. <i>Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.</i> Communion 10:30 a.m.

Their own Bibles! Today we will have our annual Bible presentation to our 1st graders at the 10:30 service.

New Bible Study: With our Lenten journey behind us, Pastor's Sunday Bible Study will look at the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of Mark. Please join us!

Questioning Sunday: At the May 3rd 7:45 worship service this year's 8th graders will read their papers on a topic of their choosing as they prepare for Confirmation.

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.

Jameson Strong Nonprofit fundraiser May 2nd at the Vassar Eagles Club. There will be a dinner, music, and silent auctions. Contact Josh Doud for tickets (989)325-2059. Tickets are \$25 in

advance/ \$30 at the door. Money raised helps us send out faith based care packages to kids with cancer all over the US.

Mary Martha outing on May 4 to Redemption Hill Ranch in Vassar. Providing equine assisted therapy with a mental health and wellness focus. We will meet at church at 5:30 to carpool and return to church afterwards to enjoy refreshments.

Sisters of Ruth will meet May 6 at noon. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring a salad or dessert.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ Sunday, May 10. Starting at 10:30 AM, Drive-Thru Only at the school. \$13 Per Dinner, Dinner Includes: ½ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Cupcake. See you there!

Flower Sale Orders due May 10th, Pickup Sat. May 16th, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at church. Sponsored by Mary Martha with additional funding from Thrivent Financial. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

St. Michael's Youth Group Ministry's 2026 Corn Hole Tournament: Adult and Child Divisions Available. Friday, May 15, 2026; 6:30 PM at St. Michael Lutheran School Gym. Cost: \$20.00 a team. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Special Parade: We will highlight our 175th Anniversary at this year's end of school parade. If you would like to enter a float or a classic car or truck, please contact Mr. Rachow at school or Mrs. Powell at Child Care.

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 and 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.

We're looking for volunteers to help run our live stream during the early service. No experience is needed—it's very easy to learn! If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Kevin Sage by call or text at 989-395-5579. We'd love to have you on the team.

Pastor Call Committee: The committee has met several times as we prepare to call an associate pastor. If you know of a pastor you would like to suggest for our call list, there is a form you can fill out in the church office.

It's here! Forget your envelope? Didn't bring cash? Want to give as a visitor? You now have the option to "text to give" or scan a QR code to give during our services at any time. Text GIVE to 1-989-375-1851, and you'll be directed to the kindred giving page where you can do a one time gift without signing in. You can also scan

the following QR code to do the same. This format accepts credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay.



Attendance

April 19th 370
April 22nd 40

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Planning Is Everything" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. Psalm 146:3-4

Richville Legion 62nd Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q today at 11 a.m. \$14/dinner & drive thru take out only. Menu: 1/2 BBQ Chicken; Mashed Potatoes; Dressing; Gravy; Cole Slaw; Cookie.

Frankenmuth's National Day of Prayer Thursday May 7 from 12 – 1 pm on the front lawn of Frankenmuth City Hall (240 W. Genesee St). Local leaders representing area churches will lead us as we worship and pray to our Savior Jesus for the seven key pillars of our nation: Government, Military, Media/Arts, Business, Education, Church and Family.

Motor City Brass Ensemble Performance We invite you to join us for a special performance by the Motor City Brass Ensemble, a 32-member British-style brass band from Detroit, on May 17 at 4:00 PM in the St. Lorenz Church Sanctuary (1030 W. Tuscola Rd). Their program will feature a blend of classical, contemporary, and patriotic selections in celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary. Come enjoy an afternoon of inspiring music and fellowship as we commemorate this historic milestone together.

Prayers

Health

Bernice Auernhamer; Don Bierlein; Korbyn Chinevere; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Kenneth Hecht; Walt Hecht; Ann Houser; Lynn Koviack; Carolyn Navarre; Lorine Nicodemus; Eugene Palmreuter; Roy Rodammer; Will Sage; Bev Schemm

Sympathy

The Family of Hope Hecht,
Funeral will be tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Call Extended

Samuel Dunbar, called to be Music Director, graduate of Concordia, Nebraska

Mission

Rev. Matthew and Kali Wood serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Indonesia, based in Medan. Matthew serves the as an area facilitator with responsibilities in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and Australia. Matthew works with local church leaders to develop ministry strategies and implement FORO meetings to connect local church partners with LCMS districts, circuits, congregations, Recognized Service Organizations and individuals.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

