

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 10th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
666,735,743,781, 712,801	666,735,744
Wednesday Hymns	666,735

Sermon

“God Provides For Our Needs, Be Ready”
Rev. Keith Knea

Scripture Readings

Genesis 15:1-6: After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-16: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was

visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country

of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:22-40: Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from

a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Scott Wenzel, Matt Brown; Mark Schiefer
Organist	Calista Daenzer
Usher	Ron Spiekerman; Paul Kern
Altar Guild	Mitzi Hill, Renee Marsrow, Hailee Esckelson

Wednesday

Elders	Dave Miller
Pianist.	Heiki Palm
Usher	Paul Kern

This week at St. Michael’s

Today	Communion 7:45 a.m. Bible Class 9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Mon	Newsletter Deadline
Tue	School Registration
Wed	Worship Service 7 p.m.
Next Sun.	Worship Service 7:45 a.m. Bible Class 9 a.m. Communion 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Beach Day after late service

School Registration: This Tuesday, August 12th, from 9:00 until 1:00 and then from 5:30 - 8:00.

PTL’s First Meeting: Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the first PTL meeting of the new school year tomorrow evening, August 11th, at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. We’d love to have you join us!

Youth Group Beach Day, August 17th, Youth 7th - 12th Grade are invited to meet together for church at 10:30 and then load into cars and travel to Caseville after the service. If you are a parent who can drive let Carrie Hoeppner know. We will be at the county park. Please coordinate with friends and bring beach toys, sunscreen, and a change of clothes. Youth Group will provide lunch and beverages. Permission slip for youth group is found on the church website.

Rallying for our Church Anniversary! Our St. Michael’s Lutheran Church congregation will be marking our 175th year. The inaugural planning or “brainstorming” meeting is set for 6pm Monday, August 18, in the church overflow room. Please RSVP to Board of Elders Chairman Scott Wenzel by Monday, August 11, to be a part of our planning at swenzel@airadv.net or 989-245-9679.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training: There is no cost unless you need a wallet-size CPR card. Sessions will likely last 90 minutes . Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for Thurs., August 21st @ 6 p.m. and Sat., August 30th @1 pm.

Bus Trip to Branson, Missouri Sept. 29-Oct. 4. More information can be found in the foyer or be calling Nancy Schluckbier (989)529-0320.

Have you been noticing the great deals on school supplies? Now is a great time to start thinking about packing your Operation Christmas Child shoebox and take advantage of those sales! National Collection week is November 17-24. Stay tuned for more shoebox packing tips along with ways to volunteer collection week!

Attendance

Sun. August 3rd 298
Wed. August 6th 40

Weekly Income: 7/27-8/2: \$31,582.13
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday:"The Stuttering Man of Destiny" *Dr. Oswald Hoffmann*; Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12)

Prayers

Health

Heather Bierlein; Craig Compton; Jameson Doud; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim Karst, Penny Miller, Norm Petzold, John Schemm, Bev Schemm

Sympathy

Family of Dave Rushford,
who passed away August 2nd

Mission

Barbara Rebentisch serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Taiwan, based in Chiayi. In this role, she

translates and interprets between Mandarin and English to facilitate the communication of the Gospel in the Chinese-speaking world.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.