

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16th, 2026

Order of Service	
7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Matins (pg. 219)	DSI (pg. 151)
Hymns	Hymns
644, 678	644, 678, 680, 667, 652
Wednesday Hymns	692, 783

Sermon
“Balcony People”
Pastor Steve Hess

Scripture Readings
Is. 56:1,6-8: This is what the Lord says: “Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” The Sovereign Lord declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Romans 11:1-2,13-15,28-32: I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save

some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Matthew 15:21-28: Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes Lord,” she said. “But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Serving in Worship Today	
Elders . .	Kevin Kern; Lucas Brown, Jason Hecht
Organist	Calista Daenzer
Usher	Don Bierlein; Klair Bierlein
Altar Guild	Maria Kern
Wednesday	
Elders	Ben Bekemeier
Pianist	Heiki Palm

Usher	Klair Bierlein
This week at St. Michael’s	
Founders Day & Guest Pastor Steve Hess	Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
	Bible Class 9 a.m.
	Observation of Founders between services
	Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon	Bd. Of Edu. 6 p.m.
Wed	Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs	Back to School Open House
	K-4th: 6-7 p.m.; 5 th - 8 th : 7-8 p.m.
Sun	Communion 7:45 a.m.
	Bible Class 9 a.m.
	Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

We welcome Pastor Steve Hess today as part of our 175th Anniversary. Pastor Hess is the brother of Tom Hess and the grandson of former Pastor William Schoenow.

Outdoor Service: Next Sunday at 10:30 will be our final outdoor service in the park, weather permitting. Please bring your lawn chairs!

First Day of School: Our first day back is next Monday, August 24th. Everyone is invited to opening chapel at church at 9:00. Parents and church members are always invited and encouraged to attend weekly chapel.

Founders Day: Today the 175th Anniversary Committee will be observing the original settlers who were instrumental in the founding of St. Michael’s. This will occur between early and late service (from 9:00 – 10:00.) Also to be observed will be the grave sites of former Pastors Bernthal, Bekemeier, Schoenow, and Spiekerman, as well as the original log church location. Wayne Hecht will be the narrator for this event and give a brief

history of the early settlers. Everyone is invited to attend this Founders Day event.

Items for the September Newsletter are needed to the church office by tomorrow, August 17th.

Adult Choir starts the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 8th, at 7:00 in the church basement. New voices are always welcome!

Thrivent Choice has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thrivent clients with membership to live generously and support organizations like St Michael's Church, School and Child Care. Choice Dollars are now available to all 1.9 M members at the beginning of the year and will not expire until Dec 31. Go online or call 800.847.4836 to direct your dollars today! Also, December 1, 2026 something exciting is being planned, so watch for more details.

Job Opening: Job Opening: Parish Music (part time position). Interested candidates should call/text Lisa Schultz at (989) 529-1710)529-1710.

Dear members of St. Michael’s...
Blessed Trinity Church in Frankenmuth has donated a flower arrangement as a Thank You for donating VBS supplies to them.

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Real Riches"; Rev. Ken Klaus. Archives August—It’s not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly. Luke 12:15

Prayers

Health

*Don Basel; Doris Bauer; Korbyn Chinevere;
Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon;
Ron Frank; Dale Jammer; Diane Karst; Jim
Karst; Eugene Palmreuter; Margaret Schemm;
Mark Schiefer; Mike Weiss*

Mission

Rev. Paul A. and Genevieve (Gena) Nelson
serve on behalf of The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Southeast
Asia, based in Medan, Indonesia. In this role,
Paul works with deployed staff, partner
churches and partner organizations throughout
the region to provide theological training,
pastoral mentoring and pastoral care.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty and Everlasting God, You are always
more
ready to hear than we are to pray. You give us
more blessings than we
deserve. We ask that You pour down on us the
abundance of Your mercy,
through the merits and mediation of Jesus
Christ Your Son our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever,
Amen."