

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 17th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Prayer & Preaching (pg. 260)	DSI (pg. 151)
<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
801, 763, 917	801, 763, 634, 917, 770
Wednesday Hymns	801, 917

Sermon

“Is Jesus going to bring peace or not?”
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23:16-29: This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise me, ‘The Lord says: You will have peace.’ And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, ‘No harm will come to you.’ But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word? See, the storm of the Lord will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly. I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds. Am I only a God nearby, declares the

Lord, and not a God far away? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? Do not I fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3: By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with

the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Luke 12:49-53: “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against

daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Scott Wenzel; Dennis Thurston, Jason Hecht
Organist	Calista Bickel
Usher	Alan Kischnick; Jeff Buchinger
Altar Guild	Mitzi Hill, Renee Marsrow, Hailee Esckelson

Wednesday

Elders	Lucas Brown
Pianist.	Terese Petro
Usher	Jeff Buchinger

This week at St. Michael’s

Today	Worship Service 7:45 a.m. Bible Class 9 a.m. Communion 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Beach Day after late service
Mon	175 th Anniversary Meeting 6 p.m.
Wed	Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs	CPR Class 6 p.m.
Next Sun.	Communion 7:45 a.m. Bible Class 9 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Beach Day after late service

Church Alarm Codes: We will be resetting the alarm codes for the church alarm, and need everyone who has a code currently to please contact the church office with your name and code number by the end of August.

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 tomorrow at 6pm in the church overflow room.

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 Sat., August 30th @1 pm.

Orphan Grain Train School and Hygiene Kit Collection: Mary Martha is accepting donations for Orphan Grain Train School and Hygiene Kits. Shopping lists are available in the marked envelopes on the bulletin board. Please leave donations on the shelves opposite the coat rack by the kitchen. Kits will be assembled at the October 6th Mary Martha meeting.

Mary Martha will meet on Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm at church. Sally will share highlights from the convention. All women are invited to learn about the resources available through the Lutheran Women In Mission organization. Devotions, a business meeting, fellowship and refreshments will be included. Call Sally Janson if you have questions.

Dear St. Michael’s Members...
Heartfelt thanks to the members of St. Michael’s. The prayers, cards, memorials, words of encouragement, and pastor visits helped us through a very difficult time. We were deeply touched by the kindness and compassion shown. Thanks also to Stephen Ministries. God is faithful. To God be the glory! -The Family of Kurt Howell

Attendance
Sun. August 10th 289
Wed. August 13th 18

Weekly Income: 8/3-8/9: \$18,077.88
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:"Gideon, the Farmer General" Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Archives August--Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27)

Prayers
Health
Bob Bickel, Heather Bierlein; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim Karst, Norm Petzold, John Schemm, Bev Schemm, Pauline Scherzer

Sympathy
Family of Carl Buetow, who passed away Aug. 9th

Family of Jameson Doud who passed away Aug. 12th.
Funeral will be Today at 2 p.m.

Mission
Rev. Paul A. and Genevieve 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 care. His work involves extensive travel as he creates and nurtures relationships in a variety of cultures and languages.

Prayer of the Day
Heavenly Father, You are the protector of all who trust in You. Increase and multiply Your mercy on us, that with You as our ruler and

guide we may pass through the things that are temporal and lose not the things which are eternal; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.