

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
DSI (pg. 151)	Hymns
Hymns	692, 783, 685
692, 783, 685, 698,	
730	
Wednesday Hymns	761, 575

Sermon

"Transformed Instead of Conforming!"

Scripture Readings

Is. 51:1-6: Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Romans 12:1-8: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your

bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Matthew 16:13-20: When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Dave Miller; Rodney Hecht,*
Ben Bekemeier
Organist *Heiki Palm*
Usher *Paul Kern; Ron Spiekerman*
Altar Guild *Kay Buetow, Nicole Buetow,*
Heather Love
Financial Secretaries *Becky Squanda*

Wednesday

Elders *Rodney Hecht*
Pianist *Heiki Palm*
Usher *Ron Spiekerman*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Mon *First Day of School*
Opening Chapel 9 a.m.
Wed *Worship Service 7 p.m.*
Fri No School
Sun *Communion 7:45 a.m.*
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

KIT Program: Calling all college students and military members! We're updating addresses for our members away at college or serving in the military so we can 'keep in touch' throughout the school year. Our students here at St. Michael's are so excited to send some really great letters, cards and projects that they make just for YOU! Please contact Jenni Stuart at 989-284-1541 or jmstuart2015@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sisters of Ruth will meet at Davinci Restaurant in Frankenmuth at 11:30 on September 2. After, we will visit members from church at Covenant Glen. Let Luann know if you would like to

carpool. We will leave the church parking lot around 11:15.

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.

Notes from the School

School Starts Tomorrow! Everyone is invited to our opening chapel service at church tomorrow at 9:00.

Come and support your Raiders next week!
Boys Soccer
Tues., Aug. 25 HOME vs Faith (Bay City) 4:30 PM
Thurs., Aug. 27 HOME vs Immanuel (Bay City)/St. Paul (Frankenlust) 4:30 PM
Girls Volleyball.
Thurs., Aug. 27 HOME vs St. Paul (Lapeer) B only 4:30 PM
Thurs., Aug. 27 HOME vs Christ the King (Sebewaing) 4:30 PM

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Tell Me a Story!" Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Archives

August—God lavishly sows the seed of His Word.
Responses vary. Mark 4:1-20, 26-34

Mum’s Sale for Juniata’s 2027 Senior Class.
Orders are needed by August 26th, and can be
placed to Tony Mathews (989)863-1049. More
information (colors, prices, etc.) can be found on
the bulletin board in the foyer.

Attendance

August 16 th	353
August 19 th	38

Prayers

Health

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

Mission

Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson serve the Lord
through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
(LCMS) in Latvia. In this role, Jerry teaches
courses in church history and theological
English through the Luther Academy in Riga.

Prayer of the Day

"Merciful Father, since You have given Your
only Son
as the sacrifice for our sins, we pray that You
would grant us grace to
receive with thanksgiving the blessings of His
redemption and daily follow
in His steps; through Jesus Christ Your Son our
Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and
forever, Amen."