

Eleventh Sunday After
Pentecost
August 24th, 2025

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.

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Hymns

411,864,

641,735,588,579

10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Hymns 411,864,588

Sermon

“Know Him”

Rev. Keith Knea

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 66:18-23: “And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the Lord. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the Lord in ceremonially clean vessels. And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the Lord. “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me, so will your name and descendants endure. From one New

Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the Lord.

Hebrews 12:4-29: In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance

rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Luke 13:22-30: Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’ There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Lucas Brown, Charles Zwerk;*
Jason Hecht

Organist *Calista Daenzer*

Usher *Brian Knoll; Mike Buchinger*

Altar Guild *Lindsey Campbell*

Wednesday

Elders *Charles Zwerk*

Pianist. *Terese Petro*

Usher *Mike Buchinger*

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*
Wed Worship Service 7 p.m.
Sat..... CPR Class 6 p.m.
Next Sun..... Communion 7:45 a.m.
 Bible Class 9 a.m.
 Communion 10:30 a.m.

Opening Chapel: A new school year starts tomorrow at St. Michael's! We will have an opening chapel service at 9:00 at church. As always, parents, families, and congregational members are invited to attend.

Outdoor Worship Service: We will have our last outdoor service of the year today at 10:30 p.m.

Call Declined: Caleb Gard has declined our call to serve as music director and organist.

Baptism: Wednesday, Aug. 27th, Bowen Bradley Schaub, son of Bradley & Makenzie (Sipes) Schaub will be baptized.

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.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training: Next class: 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 more about Lutheran Women In Mission organization. Devotions, a business meeting, fellowship and refreshments will be included. Call Sally Janson with questions.

Dear St. Michael’s Members...

My sincere ‘Thank You’ for your thoughts, prayers, and donations for Dave. We are truly privileged to be members at St. Michael’s. Special Thanks to Pastor Knea and Pastor Gillaspie for the numerous visits and prayers for Dave, I will forever be grateful for that connection, and a touching funeral service. Thank you Pam for playing the organ, and the men and women who served at the luncheon. To God Be The Glory! The Family of Dave Rushford

Attendance

Sun. August 17th 307
Wed. August 20th 39

Weekly Income: 8/10-8/16: \$16,101.13
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: "Life Narrows Down" *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer*; "Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

Prayers

Health

Larry Bauer; Dennis Bates; Bob Bickel; Heather Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim Karst; Brenda MacKay; Norm Petzold; Charles Rodammer; John Schemm; Bev Schemm; Pauline Scherzer

Thanksgiving

Charles & Delores Rodammer,
65th Wedding Anniversary, Aug. 20th.

Mark & Jan Schiefer
50th Wedding Anniversary, Aug. 23rd.

Mission

Rev. Adam Lehman serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Puerto Rico, based in Ponce. Adam serves throughout the island as a church planter, working alongside other church leaders to grow the church.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.