

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 31st, 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>
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Wednesday Hymns 915, 567

Sermon

"Remove the Dross from the Silver"
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 25:2-10: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. As the heavens are high and the earth is deep, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable. Remove the dross from the silver, and a silversmith can produce a vessel; remove wicked officials from the king’s presence, and his throne will be established through righteousness. Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,” than for him to humiliate you before his nobles. What you have seen with your eyes do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if your neighbor puts you to shame? If you take your neighbor to court, do not betray another’s confidence, or the one who hears it may shame you and the charge against you will stand.

Hebrews 13:1-17: Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who

are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Luke 14:1-14: One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was

a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” And they had nothing to say. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon Labor Day
Tue Elders Meeting 7 p.m.
Wed Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs ECC Bd. Meeting 7 p.m.
Mary Martha 7 p.m.
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

Sister of Ruth: Wednesday, September 3, at church for lunch. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

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.

New Membership Class: Sunday, September 7th at 6:00 will be our first class. We will meet at church. This class covers the basic teachings of the Bible and is for those who would like to become members of St. Michael's as well as any current members who would like to review. There is no cost or obligation; simply bring a pen or pencil.

KidzMin & Bible Study resume September 7th at 9:00 at school. Pastor Gillaspie will lead his Bible class there, topic tba. Dedication of Kidzmin teachers and helpers will be this Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, at the 7:00 worship service.

Dear St. Michael’s Members...
The white rose to the side of the alter is in loving memory of Shain Schoenow, who passed away three years ago on August 30th, 2022.

Attendance
Sun. August 31st
Wed. September 3rd

Weekly Income: 8/17-8/23: \$20,127.60
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: "Dying, We Live" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*, God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20)

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

Thanksgiving
Wayne V. & Patty Bierlein
55th Wedding Anniversary, Sept. 5th
Doris Bauer; 95th Birthday, Sept. 1st

Mission
Rev. Sergio Fritzler and his wife, Lilian Rosin Hilscher, serve as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic. Sergio is the director of Concordia the Reformer Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, where he teaches courses and helps prepare men to be pastors who will proclaim the Gospel throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Prayer of the Day
"Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more
ready to hear than we are to pray, and You give more than we deserve. We ask that You pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us our sins and granting us the blessings which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."