

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Prayer & Preaching (pg. 260)	DSIV (pg. 203)
<u>Hymns</u> 720, 737, 729	<u>Hymns</u> 720, 737, 736, 620, 729
Wednesday Hymns . . . . .	720, 729

Sermon

“Don’t Give Up!”  
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

*Exodus 32:1-8:* When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods,[b] Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt,

have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’  
*Colossians 3:1-11:* Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.[b] You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.  
*Luke 12:13-21:* Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of

a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . Mark Schiefer, Dave Miller;  
Ben Bekemeier  
Organist . . . . . Pam Bernreuter  
Usher . . . . . Klair Bierlein; Don Bierlein  
Altar Guild . . . . . Mitzi Hill, Renee Marsrow,  
Hailee Esckelson

Wednesday

Elders . . . . . Ben Bekemeier  
Pianist. . . . . Terese Petro  
Usher . . . . . Matt Buchinger

This week at St. Michael’s

Today . . . . . Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Communion 10:30 a.m.  
Tue . . . . . Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.  
Elders 7 p.m.  
Wed . . . . . Sisters of Ruth 12 p.m.  
Communion 7 p.m.  
Next Sun. . . . . Communion 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Sisters of Ruth* will be meeting at church on August 6 noon for lunch. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring salad or dessert.  
*Youth Group Beach Day*, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Youth 7th - 12th Grade are invited to meet together for church at 10:30 and then load into cars and travel to Caseville after the service. If you are a parent, who can drive let me know, we will be at the county park. Please coordinate with friends and bring beach toys, sunscreen, and a change of clothes. Youth Group will provide lunch and beverages. Permission slip for youth group is found on the church website.  
*Rallying for our Church Anniversary!* Our St. Michael’s Lutheran Church congregation will be marking our 175th year, serving our Lord and Savior, and developing a vibrant school along the way. The inaugural planning or “brainstorming” meeting is set for 6pm Monday, August 18, in the church overflow room. We are still seeking a chairperson for this milestone celebration. Please RSVP to Board of Elders Chairman Scott Wenzel by Monday, August 11, to be a part of our planning. You can reach me at swenzel@airadv.net, or at 989-245-9679.  
*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 Thurs., August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6 p.m. and Sat., August 30<sup>th</sup> @1 pm.  
*Outreach Needs Your Help!* We’re looking for volunteers to help wrap silverware for the Franklin Avenue Mission. Please feel free to take a tub home, roll the silverware, and return when finished.

*Bus Trip* to Branson, Missouri Sept. 29-Oct. 4.  
More information can be found in the foyer or be  
calling Nancy Schluckbier (989)529-0320.

*Have you been noticing the great deals on  
school supplies?* Now is a great time to start  
thinking about packing your Operation Christmas  
Child shoebox and take advantage of those sales!  
National Collection week is November 17-24.  
Stay tuned for more shoebox packing tips along  
with ways to volunteer collection week!

Attendance

Sun. July 27<sup>th</sup> . . . . . 270  
Wed. July 30<sup>th</sup> . . . . . 25

Weekly Income: 7/20-7/26: . . . . . \$30,438.26  
*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:  
"Writing Him Off"; Speaker Emeritus of The  
Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus; After Jesus  
claimed the Old Testament was written about  
Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off.  
(Luke 4:21-32)

**Prayers**

Health

*Bob Bickel, Heather Bierlein; Craig Compton;  
Jameson Doud; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim  
Karst, Penny Miller, Norm Petzold, Dave  
Rushford, John Schemm, Bev Schemm*

Mission

Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver serve the Lord as  
missionaries through The Lutheran Church  
—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican

Republic. As a church planter and theological  
educator, Ross works with mission churches in  
the area to mentor future pastors in practice  
and theology.

Prayer of the Day

“Almighty and most merciful God, by Your  
bountiful  
goodness we pray that You would keep us  
from all things that may hurt us  
so that we, being ready in body and soul, may  
cheerfully accomplish the  
work that You would have us to do; through  
Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and  
forever, Amen.”