

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12th, 2026
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>
584, 577, 586, 652, 921	584, 577, 586
Wednesday Hymns 584, 577	

Sermon
"The Parable of the Sower"
Pastor Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 55:10-13: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.
Romans 8:12-17: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit

that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
Matthew 13:1-9;18-23: That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Serving in Worship Today
Elders *Kevin Kern, Dave Miller,
Charlie Zwerk; Mark Schiefer*
Organist *Brian Heinlein*
Usher *Ron Spiekerman; Paul Kern*
Altar Guild *Sue Spiekerman, Pam Bierlein*

Wednesday
Elders *Dennis Thurston*
Pianist. *Heiki Palm*
Usher *Don Bierlein*

This week at St. Michael's
Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Mon *VBS 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.*
PTL 6:30 p.m.
Tue *VBS 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.*
Trustees 7 p.m.
Wed *VBS 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.*
Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs *VBS 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.*
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

Guest Organist: We welcome Brian Heinlein this morning, who is the son of Charles & Nancy Heinlein.
Vacation Bible School this week from 4:30-7 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!
Associate Pastor Call List can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.
Bible Study on Miracles: Pastor Gillaspie started a new worship class on miracles. What exactly is a miracle? Do miracles still happen today? Come and find out!

Lutheran Laymen's League Steak Fry and Annual Membership Drive July 20th w/ guest speaker Orv Kabat. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Please contact Wayne Bierlein (551-3011) with questions.
St. Michael's 1st Annual Raider Open Golf Outing: Next Saturday, visit stmichaelsrichville.org for more information!
St. Michael's School is looking for a Kindergarten Aide for the 2026-2027 school year. If interested, please contact the school office or Principal Rachow (989)868-4809.
Job Opening: Director of Parish/School Music. Position can be full-time music/band teacher during the school year and/or part-time parish music. Happy to provide additional information to anyone that is interested. Please contact Lisa Schultz via email or text/phone. Lisa.schultz@live.com or (989)529-1710.
August Calendar: We will have Wednesday night services in August. They were inadvertently left off the August calendar.
Attention! Kindrid Giving has migrated to a new platform called Amplify within Ministry Brands, so the links to giving have changed. Those of you who already have a Kindrid account, will be asked to create a NEW password the next time you log in. For those of you with recurring gifts, all of that will have migrated over in the transition period. Anyone who would like to give online can go to <https://stmichaelsrichville.org> and scroll down to the "I Give Online" button to set up an account, or scan the QR code on the back cover. If you have questions or need help, please contact Carol Hess (989)225-5612.

Lutheran’s For Life: Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Lutherans For Life Mother’s to Father’s Day diaper drive. We were able to collect 1646 diapers, 1328 baby wipes, 2 cans of Enfamil, 5 sippy cups, a handmade baby quilt, & 3 boxes of baby clothes! The volunteers were SO excited to get all the items! God bless you for being a blessing to those in need.

Attendance

July 5 th	216
July 8 th	33

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "From Groans to Glory" *Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen*; A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified. Romans 8: 21-27

Prayers

Health
Korbyn Chinevere; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Ron Frank; Marcella Hecht; Dale Heinlein; Ann Houser; Dale Jammer; Diane Karst; Eugene Palmreuter; Bev Schemm; Margaret Schemm

Sympathy

The Family of Donald Daenzer,
whose funeral was Thursday, July 9th

Vacation Bible School

God's Blessings for our Vacation Bible School this week.

Mission

Rev. Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri

Synod (LCMS) in Asia, based in the Republic of the Philippines. Walter and Robyn serve respectively as theological educator and nutrition educator at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio in northern Luzon.

Prayer of the Day

"Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be governed by Your direction that we, the people of Your Church, may serve You in peace and gratitude; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."