

Fifth Sunday After  
Pentecost  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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848,543	721, 973, 808
Wednesday Hymns . . . . .	721, 808

Sermon  
How do we love God and our Neighbor?  
*Rev. Keith Knea*

Scripture Readings  
*Leviticus 19:9-18:* When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord. Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the Lord. Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge

against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

*Colossians 1:1-14:* Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Luke 10:25-37:* On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Serving in Worship Today  
Elders . *Scott Wenzel, Dave Miller; Jason Hecht*  
Organist . . . . . *Calista Daenzer*  
Usher . . . . . *Mike Buchinger; Brian Knoll*

Altar Guild . . . . . *Lindsey Campbell*  
Wednesday  
Elders . . . . . *Dave Miller*  
Pianist. . . . . *Teresa Petro*  
Usher . . . . . *Brian Knoll*

This week at St. Michael’s  
Today . . . . . Communion 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Class 9 a.m.*  
Praise & Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Mon . . . . . *VBS 5:15 p.m.*  
Tue . . . . . *VBS 5:15 p.m.*  
Wed . . . . . *VBS 5:15 p.m.*  
*Communion 7 p.m.*  
Thurs . . . . . *VBS 5:15 p.m.*  
Sat. . . . . *LLL Field Trip 10 a.m.*  
Next Sun. . . . . *Worship Service 7:45 a.m.*  
*Bible Class 9 a.m.*  
*Communion 10:30 a.m.*

*Air Conditioning:* In hot, humid weather we turn on the overflow room A/C on Saturday evening and run a fan to blow the cool air into the church, which can cool it down by about 5 degrees. Please do not open the windows on Sunday morning if the A/C is on. Thank you!

*LCMS Youth Gathering:* Pastor Knea, Carrie Hoepfner, and Jennifer Krause will be taking four young people from St. Michael's to New Orleans this week: Marin Hoepfner, Makenna Hoepfner, Joe Knea, and Tyler Krause. God's blessings for safe travel and a faith-building experience!

*LLL Field Trip* Sat. July 19<sup>th</sup> to Dyna Engineering in Millington. Meet at the Park Hall to carpool at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

*Day of Prayer:* St. Michael's Board of Elders has designated Monday, July 21st, as a Day of Prayer

for cancer patients. We have several people in our church who are receiving treatment, and you probably have someone in your family or circle of friends who is as well. The church will be open on July 21st from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM for anyone who wishes to pray here and, of course, everyone is invited to set aside a time during the day to pray wherever they may be. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)

*LLL Steak Fry* Annual Membership Drive, Mon. July 21, 5 p.m. at the Park Hall (Meal at 6). Guest Speaker: *Cameron Marsrow*, former DNR officer. Please RSVP to Don B (989)529-5661; Wayne B. (989)551-3011;or John S. (989)863-1180.

*LWML Franconian Zone Summer Potluck* St. Paul Lutheran Church, Millington, MI. Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 registration. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck. In gathering for Vassar Food Pantry, non perishable food items.

*Outreach Needs Your Help!* We’re looking for volunteers to help wrap silverware for the Franklin Avenue Mission. There are 12 tubs ready to be rolled—located in the foyer on the west side. Please feel free to take a tub home, roll the silverware, and return it to the same location when finished. Your time and effort make a difference. Thank you for supporting this important mission!

Attendance

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Other News

*The Lutheran Hour* airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday:"God's Plan = Jesus" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton. (John 16:33)

## Prayers

Health

*Delores Bauer, Bob Bickel, Gerald Bierlein, Heather Bierlein; Craig Compton; Jameson Doud; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Kurt Howell; Penny Miller, Norm Petzold; Larry Putman, John Schemm*

Thanksgiving

*Robert Buckner; 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday, July 11<sup>th</sup>*

Vacation Bible School

Students, Teachers, and Helpers

LCMS Youth Gathering

Safe travel and spiritual growth

Mission

Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver serves the Lord as a missionary through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic. As a church planter and theological educator, he works with mission churches in the area, mentors future pastors in practice and theology, and assists in the formation of congregational leadership in conjunction with Concordia the Reformer Seminary.

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach

us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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