

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
DSIII (pg. 184)	Hymns
Hymns	801, 644, 765
801, 644, 765,	
618, 746	

Wednesday Hymns 801, 644

Sermon Pastor Larry Courson

Scripture Readings

Deut. 7:6-9: For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Romans 8:28-39: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with

him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:44-52: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Dave Miller, Lucas Brown,
Charles Zwerk; Jason Hecht
Organist Heiki Palm
Usher Brian Knoll; Mike Buchinger
Altar Guild . . Karli Bierlein, McCauley Cameron

Wednesday

Elders Rodney Hecht
Pianist. Heiki Palm
Usher Mike Buchinger

This week at St. Michael's

Today Guest Pastor Larry Courson
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed Mary Martha 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service 7 p.m.
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

We welcome Pastor Larry Courson as we countine our 175th Anniversary celebration.

LWML Franconian Zone Summer Retreat & Potluck this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Park Hall. Please bring a dish to pass, table service & drinks will be provided. Ingathering - Feminine Hygiene Products for Family Promise of Tuscola County.

School Registration is Tuesday, August 4th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and also from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Voter's Meeting August 9th after late service for a school music director.

Thrivent Choice has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thrivent clients with membership

to live generously and support organizations like St Michael's Church, School and Child Care. Choice Dollars are now available to all 1.9 M members at the beginning of the year and will not expire until Dec 31. Go online or call 800.847.4836 to direct your dollars today! Also, December 1, 2026 something exciting is being planned, so watch for more details.

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.

Munger Potato Festival: We are looking for volunteers of all ages to participate and walk in the Munger Potato Festival Parade on August 2nd at 12:45pm. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Mallorie Rogers (989) 882-7249 for more information.

Attendance

July 19 th	417
July 22 nd	30

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Why Jesus Told Parables" Rev. Dr. Michael

Zeigler;Archives August—Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus’ parables point us to Himself. Mark 4

Prayers

Health

Korbyn Chinevere; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Ron Frank; Marcella Hecht; Dale Heinlein; Dale Jammer; Diane Karst; Eugene Palmreuter; Margaret Schemm; Mike Weiss

Sympathy

The Family of Tim Eyster;
at the death of his father, Archie Eyster

Mission

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey and Deaconess Gina Teeple serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Germany. Jeffrey serves as a missionary pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt. Trinity is an English-speaking congregation that serves expat families from around the world.

Prayer of the Day

"Grant, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit so we may always think and do that which is pleasing in Your sight and by Your grace live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."