

Seventh Sunday After  
Pentecost  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.

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Hymns

725,766,  
808,774,770,771

10:30 a.m.

Prayer & Preaching

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Hymns

725,766,770

Wednesday Hymns . . . . . 725, 770

Sermon

“Our Heavenly Father will give the Spirit to  
those who ask Him.”

*Rev. Keith Knea*

Scripture Readings

*Genesis 18:17-33:* Then the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.” Then the Lord said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.” The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous

people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.” Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.” When the Lord had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

*Colossians 2:6-19:* So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the

fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

*Luke 11:1-13:* One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: “‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our

daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Scott Wenzel, Charles Zwerk, Dave Miller; Matt Brown*

Organist . . . . . *Calista Daenzer*

Usher . . . . . *Jeff Mossner; Matt Buchinger*

Altar Guild . . . . . *Trisha Vasicek, Jennifer Haines*

Wednesday

Elders . . . . . *Mark Scheifer*

Pianist . . . . . *Terese Petro*

Usher . . . . . *Matt Buchinger*

This week at St. Michael’s  
Today . . . . . Communion 7:45 a.m.  
                                  *Bible Class 9 a.m.*  
          Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
          *Voter’s Meeting after late service*  
Wed . . . . . Communion 7 p.m.  
Next Sun . . . . . Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
                                  *Bible Class 9 a.m.*  
                                  Communion 10:30 a.m.

*Music Director:* Voter's meeting after the 10:30 service today to offer a contract for a Music Director.

*Calls Declined:* Christopher Marshall and Paul Rosin have declined our calls as Music Director and Principal, respectively.

*Coffee Truck is Coming!* Join us between services July 27 for a fresh drink and fellowship. Gypsy Mitten Coffee truck will be parked at the Park Hall offering a variety of hot and cold drinks.

*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. Many of you have reached out to me to be a part of this process and you are welcomed to attend. 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.

*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.

<u>Attendance</u>	
Sun. July 20 <sup>th</sup>	283
Wed. July 27 <sup>th</sup>	25

Weekly Income: 6/28-7/5: . . . . . \$18,418.32  
7/6-7/12 . . . . . \$18,623.95  
*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: "Proclaim His Glory" *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer*, Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

Prayers

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

Sympathy  
*Family of Kurt Howell,*  
who passed away July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Mission  
*Abigail Young* serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), based in Santiago de los Caballeros,

Dominican Republic. In this role, she teaches music to students at a Lutheran school and a local public school, and she assists with English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) training.

Prayer of the Day  
O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.