

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Order of Service

| 7:45 a.m.     | 10:30 a.m.                 |
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| Hymns         | Hymns                      |
| 966, 744, 965 | 966, 744, 566, 965,<br>531 |

Wednesday Hymns . . . . . 887, 548

Sermon

"God Gives Freedom"  
Pastor Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

*Psalms 33:12-22:* Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

*Romans 6:15-23:* What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you

have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Matthew 11:25-30:* At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . Kevin Kern; Dennis Thurston,  
Mark Schiefer, Jason Hecht  
Organist . . . . . Monica (Frank) Heisenbeuttel  
Usher . . . . . Klair Bierlelin; Don Bierlein  
Altar Guild . . Deborah Zwerk, Dianne Stresman

Wednesday

Elders . . . . . Ben Bekemeier  
Pianist. . . . . Heiki Palm  
Usher . . . . . Don Bierlein

This week at St. Michael's

Today . . . . . Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Communion 10:30 a.m.  
  
Tue . . . . . Elders 7 p.m.  
Wed . . . . . Worship Service 7 p.m.  
Next Sun. . . . . Communion 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Guest Organist:* We welcome Monica Heisenbeuttel this morning. Monica is the daughter of Ron & Irene Frank.

*August Calendar:* We will have Wednesday night services in August. They were inadvertently left off the August calendar.

*Associate Pastor Call List:* The list is here! These are the pastoral candidates: Nathan Abel of Ft. Worth, TX; Jon Buescher of Mt. Pulaski, IL; Peter Debernay of Mastic Beach, NY; Andrew Howe of Perry, GA; Chris Jackson of Forestville, WI; Ben Leeper of Marshall, WI; George Morris of Watertown, MN; Greg Moyer of Morton, IL; Randy Rozelle of Roselle, IL; Jacob Smith of Aberdeen, SD; Lowell Sorenson of Red Wing, MN; James Yonkers of Danville, IL. The Call Committee will meet soon to review the detailed information we receive on each candidate.

*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!

*New Portals of Prayer:* New devotional books for July through September are available at the exits.

*Pastor's New Member Class* continues on Monday evenings at 7:00.

*Vacation Bible School* July 13-16th from 4:30-7 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

*Lutheran Laymen's League* Steak Fry and Annual Membership Drive July 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Raider Open Golf Outing:* July 25<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer, or visit [stmichaelsrichville.org](http://stmichaelsrichville.org) to register.

*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.

*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. If you have questions or need help, please contact Carol Hess (989)225-5612.

Attendance

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glory to Your name and blessings to mankind;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen."

Other News

*The Lutheran Hour* airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Knight, Death, and the Devil" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear. Ephesians 6:12

Prayers

Health

Arlene Bierlein; 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

Thanksgiving

Robert Buckner's 100th birthday July 11th;  
The United States 250th Birthday

Mission

Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Puerto Rico, based in Ponce. Adam serves throughout the island as a church planter, working alongside other church leaders to grow the church, and through the relationships formed, Adam and Christine seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

"Lord of the nations, guide our people by Your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us outward prosperity according to Your will, but above all things, give us faith in You, that our nation may bring