# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5: He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10: I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not

boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13: Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,[a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure

spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

### Serving in Worship Today

Elders Wayne Bierlein; Matt Brown,										
Dennis Thurston										
Organist Charles Chaveriat										
Ushers Luke Bierlein; Travis Bierlein										
Altar Guild										
<u>Wednesday</u>										
Elder Dave Miller										
Organist Heiki Palm										
Usher Travis Bierlein										

*Baptism:* Nova Ann Morley, daughter of Calvin & Kelsey Morley, will be baptized today in late service.

Vacation Bible School is this week from Monday to Thursday! Dinner will be served at 5:15 if you'd like to come, and the lessons go from 5:45 - 8:00 at school.

LLL Steak Fry: July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. with guest speaker Mike Avery, for all members and guests. RSVP by July 8<sup>th</sup> to John Schnell (989)863-1184, Wayne Bierlein (989) 551-3011, Tom Daenzer (989)652-9538, or Earl Palmreuter (989)652-9747.

Searching for a Music Director: The call committee established for finding a new Director of Parish Music is seeking names from members of the congregation to be added to the list received from MI District. Names of recommended persons should be sent to Mr. Charles Chaveriat at cchaveriat@stmichaelsric hville.org with contact information. Deadline to submit names is Sunday, July 21, 2024

Save the Date: August 17th Caseville Beach Day! Open to all Youth 7th-12th Grade (We will need drivers and food donations).

National Youth Gathering Pot Luck/Planning Meeting 2024 July 14 at 4:00 PM, at Hoeppner's House (6700 E. Holland). To be eligible for the gathering you must be 14 by 7/19/25 to age 20. We will discuss information about the Youth Gathering and brainstorm fundraising. If it rains we will meet at the church. If your youth is interested, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Mrs. Hoeppner (989) 327-4061 or Mrs. Leanne Rodammer (989)863-8011 about your interest.

Sisters of Ruth: Save the date! August 7. We are planning an outing to St. Lorenz church and museum and also eat lunch at a restaurant (to be determined.) Watch the bulletin for more information, and call Luann if you have any questions.

## <u>Attendance</u>

Sunday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>										342
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## This week at St. Michael's

Today . . . . . . . <u>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</u> Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

Bible Classes 9 a.m. Communion 10:30 a.m. Mon..... *VBS 5:15-8 p.m.* Tue ..... VBS 5:15-8 p.m. Wed..... *VBS 5:15-8 p.m.* Worship Service 7 p.m. Next Sunday . . . Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Communion 7:45 a.m. Bible Classes 9 a.m. Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Meeting 4 p.m. Website..... stmichaelsrichville.org Email . . . . . . . church@stmichaelsrichville.org 

### Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Words of Grace Build Us Up" Guest Speaker: *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola*. The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family. (Acts 20:32)

St. Lorenz German Worship Service: Sunday, July 14th, service will be held at 11:00 am. Continuing in the Lord's Prayer sermon series, "A Prayer for All Seasons" the focus is The Fourth Petition – 'Give us this day our daily bread' (Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute). This enables us to reflect on the physical realities, needs and gifts of "showing how beautiful it is to live with Jesus." The service features German liturgy and scripture readings and an English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman

entitled "A Providing Petition" based on Matthew 6:11. and hymns.

## **PRAYERS**

### Health

Betty Auernhamer, Linda Gray, Kurt Howell, Jim Karst, Sherry Krieger, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Rick Doud, Glenn Doud, Norm Petzold, Calvin Zwerk

### God's Blessings

For our Vacation Bible School this week

#### Sympathy

The families of

Arnold Bekemeier (funeral Friday at 11:00)

Jack Rodammer (funeral Saturday at 11:00)

### <u>Missions</u>

Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) at a new seminary in Shinyanga, Tanzania. Jason is the professor of Greek and Hebrew and assists in pastoral formation.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, Your almighty power is made know chiefly in showing mercy.

Grant us the fullness of your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen.