

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost June 16th, 2024

Order of Service *DSIII (pg. 184)*

7:45 Hymns 906, 691, 730
10:30 Hymns 906, 691, 730, 477, 722
Wednesday Hymns 887, 527
Sermon "Swallowed Up By Life"
Pastor Mark Auernhamer

Scripture Readings

Ezek. 17:22-24: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. "I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it."

II Cor. 5:1-10: For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with

our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Mark 4:26-34: He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Scott Wenzel; Dave Miller, Dennis Thurston; Mark Frank*
Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Ushers *Ron Spiekerman, Paul Kern*
Altar Guild *Karen Bierlein*
Wednesday
Elder *Matt Brown*
Organist *Terese Petro*
Usher *Paul Kern*

Baptism: Dylan Nicole Johnson, daughter of Eric & Megan (Thorp) Johnson, will be baptized today in late service.

Pastor Knea Installation: Pastor Keith Knea will be installed as administrative pastor in a special worship service today at 4:00, with a welcoming dinner following in the school gym. Please join us as we celebrate this important milestone for St. Michael's!

LLL Family Night: Tomorrow night please join us for bratwurst, hotdogs, and a potluck dinner starting at 6:00 at the Park Hall. Please bring a dish to pass, drinks, and your table service. Don Weber's daughter Laura is our guest speaker, and she will talk about work on the Lutheran Hour Rose Parade float.

Attention Current, Past, or Wanna-Be Choir Members: The Mixed Choir will be singing for Pastor Knea's installation on Sunday, June 16. If you would like to sing along and join us in thanking God for sending our pastor to us, then join us in the music room (church basement) at 3:00 on the 16th. If you have ever considered singing along, this is a great

'one-time' opportunity for you to check it out! See you there!

Vacation Bible School: Celebrate the Savior! July 8th - 11th, evenings. Optional free Dinner 5:15 to 5:45 (for all students and those bringing them). VBS Lesson from 5:45 to 8:00. Registration: Fill out a Form on the website: <https://vbsmate.com/stmichaelsrichvillechurch>. Deadline to register is June 17th. Please register early to ensure we order enough supplies for everyone!

Student Scholarship Applications: Due July 1st for college and university students working towards a degree in church work at one of our Lutheran Colleges and Universities. Applications are available in the church office.

Outdoor Worship Service: June 23rd our 10:30 service will be in the park, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Dear Members of St Michael's

Today we want to extend our sincere gratitude to every person who helped make the Annual Mother's Day chicken BBQ a huge success! Among our big helpers were: BBQ Pit Volunteers, Drive Thru Crew, Sales Crew, Kitchen Crew, Serving Crew, Cupcake Crew, Friday evening & Saturday morning Crews, Tim Bierlein, Vern Squanda, Kay Buetow, Leann & Tony Rodammer and kids, Bickel Girls, and many others. Our financial supporters and donors: Frankenmuth Credit Union, Norms Market, Cake That, Shoprite, Vassar Building Center, Dunn Hardware, Weiss Farms, Thrivent Financial, Vic & Lynn DiBerdino and The Richville Fire Department. We were able

to serve and sell 1600 meals! All proceeds will benefit St. Michael's Lutheran Church & School. We are already looking forward to next year! Thanks again everyone! Your help does not go unnoticed! Sincerely, Connie Mossner, Pam (Mark) Mossner, Roxane Mossner, and Pam (Jeff) Mossner

A tremendous thank-you to the members of St. Michael's for all of the cards and gifts which were given at the farewell reception. God has blessed this congregation throughout its history, and I am confident that these blessings will continue. You will all be in my prayers in the years ahead. -Dr. Jon Eifert

I would like to thank the church family for all the prayers, while I am recovering. Thank You - Dale Janson

Attendance

Sunday, June 9th
Wednesday, June 12th

This week at St. Michael's

Today Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Instillation of Pastor Knea 4 p.m.
Mon. LLL Family Night 5 p.m.
Wed. Communion 7 p.m.
Next Sunday Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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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: "You're Really into This, Aren't You?" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you. (Acts 16:30)

PRAYERS

Health

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

Missions

Rev. Nathaniel Jensen serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Nathaniel is pastor of Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church and works with the Synod's partner church in Germany to proclaim the Gospel to non-English speakers, and he serves as a mentor to seminary students throughout the region.

Thanksgiving

Landon and Claire Zwerk
the birth of triplets, May 22nd

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love so we may receive what You have promised by the goodness of Your grace; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."