

Second Sunday After
Pentecost
June 22nd, 2025
Order of Service
7:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
DSIV (pg. 203) Outdoor Worship
 Hymns Service
570, 744, 825, 541, Hymns
 643 570, 744, 646, 837
Wednesday Hymns 570,744

Sermon
 “Even the demons know who Jesus is”
 Rev. Keith Knea

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 65:1-9: “I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’ All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of impure meat; who say, ‘Keep away; don’t come near me, for I am too sacred for you!’ Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day. “See, it stands written before me: I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps—both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,” says the Lord. “Because they burned

sacrifices on the mountains and defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full payment for their former deeds.” This is what the Lord says: “As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and people say, ‘Don’t destroy it, there is still a blessing in it,’ so will I do in behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.

Galatians 3:23-4:7: Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba,

Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Luke 8:26-39: They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.

Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Serving in Worship Today
Elders *Scott Wenzel, Charles Zwerk,*
 Matt Brown
Organist *Calista Daenzer*
Usher *Don Bierlein; Klair Bierlein*
Altar Guild *Deborah Zwerk*
 Wednesday
Elders *Lucas Brown*
Pianist. *Terese Petro*
Usher *Klair Bierlein*

This week at St. Michael’s
Today *Communion 7:45 a.m.*
 Bible Classes 9 a.m.
 Outdoor Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Pastor Gillaspie’s 30th Anniversary
 (after late service)
Wed Worship Service 7 p.m.
 Mr. C’s Farewell Open House 6-9 p.m.
Thurs Mr. Eyster’s Retirement Party 6-9 p.m.
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Portals of Prayer for July-September are available at each exit.

God’s Children Baptized: Three little ones were brought into God’s kingdom of grace this month:

Macario Sausedo Jr., Julia Low & Macario Sausedo; Jensen Felske, Austin & Taylor Felske; Wilder Rupprecht, Tyler & Amanda Rupprecht.

Outdoor (Late) Service: June 22nd, 10:30 worship service will be in park, weather permitting. Please bring your lawn chairs!

Pastor Gillaspie’s 30th Year Celebration: After the outdoor service, our Pastor Wes Gillaspie is marking his 30th year of ministry at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church. The congregation is invited to celebrate this milestone with a meal served in the Park Hall.

Mr. Chaveriat’s Farewell Open House Wednesday, June 25 from 6pm - 9pm at St Michael’s Park Hall. Stop in to wish Chas well on his next endeavor and enjoy light refreshments.

Tim Eyster’s Retirement Party: Save the Date! June 26th St. Michael’s Park Hall 6-9 p.m. Bring your classic car! Food catered by Norm’s. Bring your own drinks.

Voter’s Meeting Sunday, June 29th after late service, to call a Director of Parish Music.

Church Office Hours: The Church Office is usually open from 9AM - 4PM Monday through Thursday, closed on Friday. There are occasional times the office is closed when the pastors are making visits or the secretary has gone home for lunch.

Lutherans for Life of Michigan Through the Lutherans for Life of Michigan's annual Diaper

Shower, St. Michael’s collected 1,832 diapers and 416 wipes. Thank you for your donations!

Attendance

Sun. June 15th..... 319
Wed. June 18th 67

Weekly Income: 6/1-6/7: \$33,742.90
6/8-6/14: \$26,770.73
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: "Honest to God" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; The Book of Job can teach us something about prayer and about how we can talk honestly to God, covered by Jesus. (Job 1:21)

Prayers

Health

Delores Bauer, Heather Bierlein; Craig Compton; Jameson Doud; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Kurt Howell; Norm Petzold; Larry Putman; Mel Rupprecht

Thanksgiving

Rolland & Nancy Wenzel;
65th Wedding Anniversary, June 25th (1960)
Jennifer Smith & Tyler Janson;
Wedding, June 27th at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Mission

Rev. Sergio Fritzler serve as a missionary through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

in the Dominican Republic. Sergio is the director of Concordia the Reformer Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, where he teaches courses and helps prepare men to be pastors who will proclaim the Gospel throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Prayer of the Day

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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