Third Sunday In Lent March 12th, 2023

Order of Service

DSI - pg. 151 7 :45 Hymns - 809, 739, 763, 543, 750 10:30 Hymns - Praise and Worship

Sermon

"We rejoice in our sufferings" Romans 5:1-8 Rev.Wes Gillaspe

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7: All the congregation of the people of Israel camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people guarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock. Water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders

of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-8: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-26: So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy

food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Serving in Worship Today

Wednesday

Lenten Worship: We continue our series "Surely This Man Was The Son Of God" Wednesday at 7:00 with Holy Communion. This week we turn our attention to Caiaphas, who asked Jesus, "Tell us if you

are the Christ, the Son of God." A Lenten supper will begin at 5:30.

Our Lenten Supper on Wednesday will be hosted by Mary Martha. Donations will go towards St. Michael's Hot Lunch Program. On the menu: Casseroles, Salads and Desserts.

Items for the April newsletter and calendar should be turned in to the church office by tomorrow, March 13th.

LLL Card Party: THIS SAT. March 18, 2PM at St. Michael's School. Come, bring some friends and enjoy an afternoon of fun, refreshments, prizes and food. Support the local radio broadcast of the Lutheran Hour. \$9 advance \$10 at the door. Eric at 989-295-9627, Wayne 989-551-3011. You and your table can play whichever game you would like. Drawing for prizes throughout the afternoon.

Lutherans Laymen's League will be meeting March 20th at 7 p.m. where Wesley Reinbold will be speaking and showing slides of Frankentrost. Refreshments will be served and All are invited!

The St. Michael's Wind Ensemble will begin rehearsals for Easter Sunday on Wednesday, March 15, following the Lenten service that evening. We will be meeting in the church music room (basement). If you are a wind player, or know someone who should be

playing along, please make plans to attend! (PS: If you are new to the wind ensemble, please let Dr. Eifert know so that music can be prepared for you.)

Help Wanted: If anyone is interested in taking care of historical church items at the church, please contact Pastor at the church office.

Endowment Applications are due at the end of March. You can pick one up in the church office or from an Endowment Committee member. Please check with Ed Roedel if you have any questions.

Passion Drama: March 31st at 6:00 and 7:30; April 1st at 4:30, 6:00, and 7:30. It will be inside the church. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer. You can put your sign-up sheet in the box at the entrance of church, or in Leona Doud's mailbox. If you want to sign up by e-mail send to firefighterdoud@gmail.com. We hope many of you will participate as we tell the story of our Savior's suffering and death!

VBS: Mark your calendars for VBS July 10-13th, evenings. Free dinner will be served each night. Volunteers are needed in various areas. Teens are also welcome to help, and get volunteer service hours. Please contact Heather Reinbold 989-577-0013 if willing to help.

Faith Films: at Vassar Theaters, "Jesus Revolution"--Mar 3 to 16; More information on the bulletin board for times and prices.

Church Services Online: You can listen to an audio recording of the previous Sunday's worship service at stmichaelsrichville.org. Click on "Connect" and then on "Service."

Cemetery Decorations: All wreaths or decorations should be removed by March 31st. If not, the cemetery board will remove and dispose of them.

Fish Fry: Richville Conservation Club is having a Fish Fry March 17th from 4-7p.m.

Doug Gruber Memorial Scholarship: St. Michael's high school 2023 seniors who participated in high school sports are now eligible for a \$1500 scholarship in memory of Doug Gruber. This scholarship is run and payable through Reese High School. Applications for this scholarship can be picked up at our church office starting March 1st and should be returned there by April 7th Contact Dennis and Vickie Gruber at (989)868-3684 if you have any questions.

Newsletter Corrections: Winter Village: Lois E. Bickel, 4/18; Loraine Schluckbier, 9/22. Vassar Comfort Care: Dorothy Schlicht 8/5 No KidzMin March 26th.

Attendance

March 5th: 437 March 8th: 201

This week at St. Michael's

Today	Third Sunday in Lent
	Communion 7:45 a.m.
	Bible Classes/Kidz Min 9 a.m.
	Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mon	WR Quilting 9 a.m.
Tue	Elders 7 p.m.
Wed	Lenten Supper 5:30 p.m.
	Handbells 6 p.m.
	Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs	Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Sat	Card Party 2 p.m.
Sun	Fourth Sunday in Lent
	Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
	Bible Classes/Kidz Min 9 a.m.
	Communion 10:30 a.m.

Church Office	
New website	. stmichaelsrichville.org
Email church@	astmichaelsrichville.org
School Office	989-868-4809
Child Care	989-868-3830

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. The sermon for next Sunday: "Bad Karma vs. Good Creator" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*, When bad things happen, is it "bad karma" or an opportunity for our Good Creator to be doing a greater work? (John 9:3)

Prayers

<u>Health</u>

Marion Gugel, Covenant; Linda Gray -University of Michigan, Edna Michael (cancer), North Carolina, Mary Ann Mossner, Wanda Reinert, Brenda MacKay, Health conditions

Missions

Rev. Stephen and Maggie Oliver serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Asia region, based in Taiwan. As a theological educator, Stephen teaches the New Testament at China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, we pray that You would keep us from all danger and adversity that could harm us either in body or soul; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."

