

Palm Sunday March 29th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
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Sermon

"He humbled himself"

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a: The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?

Philippians 2:3-11: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:12-19: The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Serving in Worship Today

Elders . *Charles Zwerk, Dave Miller, Kevin Kern; Rodney Hecht, Dennis Thurston, Jason Hecht*
 Organist *Calista Daenzer*
 Choir *Adult Choir; Handbells*
 Usher *Travis Bierlein; Luke Bierlein*
 Altar Guild *Nancy Bierlein; Ann Thurston*
 Acolytes *Lucas Bierlein; Lane Gebhandt*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Palm Sunday
 Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
 Communion 10:30 a.m.
Passion Drama Rehearsal after late service
 Mon No School (Spring Break)
Endowment Grant Apps. Due
 Passion Drama (Set up Church)
 Tue *Adult Choir 7 p.m.*
 Maundy Thursday Communion 9 a.m.
Communion 7 p.m.
 Good Friday Worship Service 1 p.m.
Passion Drama 7 p.m.
 Sat. Passion Drama 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.
 Next Sun. Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Communion 6:30 a.m.
 Communion 10:30 a.m.

The Pew Candles are used for special services, i.e. *Easter, Church Anniversary, Christmas, and weddings (upon request)*. They are temporarily fastened to the pew. They are not firmly attached. For your safety, please do not hang onto them when standing up or sitting down. Thank-you.

Holy Week Worship Schedule: Maundy Thursday Communion 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM; Good Friday Worship 1:00 PM; Easter Communion 6:30 AM and 10:30 AM. There is no Bible class or Kidzmin Easter Sunday.

No Wednesday Worship this week (April 1st) or the week after Easter (April 8th).

The Easter envelope this year will go to Home Purpose. Easter sunrise worship is at 6:30 and the late service is at 10:30. There will be no Kidzmin or Bible class on Easter.

Contribution Envelopes: It is time to order our paper contribution envelopes for 2027. If you would like to be taken OFF the list to receive paper envelopes, please contact the church office (church@stmichaelsrichville.org) by March 30 (If you choose not to receive paper envelopes, you will still retain your envelope number. This way, any contribution via Kindrid or other check can still be tracked for year end statements. Cash donations, as always, will not be tracked and go into Home Purpose.)

Grant applications for St Michael's Endowment Non-Designated Fund are due tomorrow. Any questions, contact Pam Bierlein 989-971-3340.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Your Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2026! You may do so by: going online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice OR calling (800) 847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

Mary Martha Rummage Sale: April 10th & 11th Collection will be April 6th; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. & April 7th; 4 p.m. - 8 p.m (No collection on Wed.) Bring your donations to the Richville Legion Hall (items like: clothing, toys, sporting goods, furniture, decor., etc.) Contact Judy Janson (989)868-4294 with any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt Right after late service, April 12th at St. Michael's Park Hall. All are welcome. Presented by St. Michael's Board of Outreach.

Silverware Tubs have been dropped off to be wrapped, feel free to take a tub or two. When you finish, please return them to the same area. The wrapped silverware is used for the Franklin Avenue Mission and for various events at St. Michael's. Thank you, Outreach

Spring Cleaning Campaign - Spring Cleaning Project: Help us make a difference in our community! Take a bucket and fill it with essential cleaning supplies. Your donations will support families in need. All donations will be given to: Franklin Avenue Mission; Vassar Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity and support! – Outreach Team

Sisters of Ruth will not meet in April. Watch the bulletin for May.

Dear Members of St. Michael's...

We would like to thank the St. Michael's Outreach Baby Ministry team for the gift of diapers, wipes and clothes for our new baby girl. We appreciate all you do! - The Sahr Family

Attendance

Sun. March 22nd 450
Wed. March 25th 123

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Dime-Sized" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful. 1 Corinthians 13:11

Prayers

Health

Lucas Brown; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Kenneth Hecht; Hope Hecht; Walt Hecht; Faith Heinlein; Ann Houser; Craig Keinath; Carolyn Navarre; Lorraine Nicodemus; Eugene Palmreuter; Rebecca Rachow; Roy Rodammer

Sympathy

The Family of Rollie Wenzel;
who passed away March 25th.

Call Extended

Bethany Zeckzer, Lincoln NE,
called to be music director.

Mission

Rev. Roberto and Kathryn (Katie) Weber serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Roberto teaches at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba and serves as a pastor at a mission station in Santiago. He also brings along seminarians to Santiago to mentor them in pastoral practice.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent
Your Son to suffer death on the cross,
mercifully grant that we may follow
the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His
humility and also share in His
resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son
our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever, Amen."