

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Order of Service

7:45 a.m.

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### Hymns

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10:30 a.m.

Prayer & Preaching

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### Hymns

475, 482, 474

Wednesday Hymns . . . . . 475, 482

### Sermon

"Not Orphans"

Pastor Dennis Matyas

### Scripture Readings

*Acts 17:16-31:* While Paul was waiting in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown

god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

*1 Peter 3:13-22:* Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation

to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

*John 14:15-21:* Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever: the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

### Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Dave Miller, Charlie Zwerk; Dennis Thurston*  
Organist . . . . . *Calista Daenzer*  
Usher . . . . . *Luke Bierlein; Travis Bierlein*  
Altar Guild . . . . . *Marcy Buchinger*

### Wednesday

Elders . . . . . *Jason Hecht*  
Pianist. . . . . *Heiki Palm*  
Usher . . . . . *Travis Bierlein*

### This week at St. Michael's

Today . . . . . Communion 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.*

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
*Mother's Day Chicken BBQ 10:30 a.m.*

Mon . . . . . Newsletter Deadline  
*World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.*  
PTL 6:30 p.m.

Tue . . . . . *Adult Choir 7 p.m.*  
Trustees 7 p.m.

Wed . . . . . Worship Service 7 p.m.

Sat. . . . . *MM Flower Sale Pick Up 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Next Sun. . . . . *Confirmation Sunday*  
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.*  
Communion 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome Pastor Matyas:* We welcome Pastor Dennis Matyas as our guest this morning as we continue our 175th Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Matyas serves St. Paul, Frankenlust, one of the original Franken colonies.

*We welcome the following new members* who have joined St. Michael's this year, either through membership class, transfer, or profession of faith: Tamra and TJ Shultz and their children Gwen and Robin; Hailey Schultz and her children Anastasia and Addison; Joel and Rebecca Rachow and their sons Marcus and Ephraim; Dianna Rogers; Richard Houser; and Luke Harrington.

*Rite of Confirmation:* Next Sunday our 8th grade Confirmands will speak their confession of faith at the 10:30 worship service.

*Mother's Day Chicken BBQ Today!* Starting at 10:30 AM, Drive-Thru only at the school. \$13 Per Dinner, Dinner Includes: ½ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Cupcake. See you there!

*Flower Sale* Orders due today, Pickup Sat. from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Park Hall. Sponsored by Mary Martha with additional funding from Thrivent Financial. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

*St. Michael's Youth Group Ministry's 2026 Corn Hole Tournament:* Adult and Child Divisions Available. Friday, May 15, 2026; 6:30 PM at St. Michael Lutheran School Gym. Cost: \$20.00 a team. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

*Vacation Bible School* July 13-16th from 4:30-7 p.m. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

*St. Michael's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Raider Open Golf Outing:* July 25<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer, or visit [stmichaelsrichville.org](http://stmichaelsrichville.org) to register.

*Spring Cleaning Campaign/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 and be given to: Franklin Avenue Mission; Vassar Food Pantry. There are 21 of 50 left. Thank you for your generosity and support! Please return all buckets by the end of May – Outreach Team

*St. Michael's Lutheran School is seeking a 2nd Grade Teacher* for the 2026–2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please email [principal@stmichaelsrichville.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelsrichville.org) or call 989 868 4809. You may also contact Jason Andrich at 989 992 2093.

*Thrivent Choice:* Thrivent offered an additional \$25 to everyone that has a product, so if you've

never had dollars before, you will have some to direct. Don't forget to

*Hospital Visits:* Our pastor is glad to make visits to our members in the hospital, but the chaplain's office rarely tells us when people from St. Michael's are there. So please let us know and we will visit and include you in our prayers.

Dear Members of St. Michael's...

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers & cards during my recent illness and surgery. God has blessed me with many caring friends and doctors.*

*-Lynn Koviack*

Other News

*The Lutheran Hour* airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Don't Despise Small Beginnings" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*, Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. Acts 1:14

*Faith-Based Summit:* Tuscola County Prevention & Recovery invites you to a conference May 12<sup>th</sup> for those who are dealing with a loved one experiencing substance abuse. Call (989)670-8238 to register. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

*St. Lorenz's German Worship Service* will be held May 10th at 11:00 am in the church. Our sermon series "Open Arms" continues with a focus on Jesus' invitation, with open arms, to come before Him in contrition and repentance.

## Prayers

Health

*Bernice Auernhamer; Wayne Ader; Matt Buchinger; Korbyn Chinevere; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Jim Hecht; Kenneth Hecht; Walt Hecht; Ann Houser; Carolyn Navarre; Eugene Palmreuter; Roy Rodammer; Carol Roth; Will Sage; Bev Schemm; Margaret Schemm*

Sympathy

*The Family of Doris Heindel;*  
whose funeral was Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

*The Family of Edwin Rupprecht;*  
whose funeral is Mon. May 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Lorenz

Thanksgiving

For all of our Mom's this Mother's Day

Special Concerns

Members of St. Michael's who have stopped attending worship

Mission

*Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson* serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Italy, where Jason is a theological educator and church planter. In addition to helping with church-planting efforts throughout Italy, he teaches with the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Lord, because You have promised to give what we ask in the name of Your only begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray and with all Your saints to offer You our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

