

Confirmation Sunday
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)
May 18th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
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<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
818, 803, 484	818, 803, 861, 484, 689, 468, 655
Wed. Hymns.	818, 803

Sermon
"No One Will Take Away Your Joy"
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings
Acts 11:1-18: The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do

not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Revelation 21:1-7: Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their

God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

John 16:12-22: Jesus said, "I have much more to tell you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'?" We don't understand what he is saying." Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another

what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

Serving in Worship Today
Elders *Dave Miller; Mark Schiefer, Scott Wenzel*
Organist *Charles Chaveriat*
Altar Guild *Maria Kern*

Wednesday
Elder *Ben Bekemeier*
Pianist *Terese Petro*

This week at St. Michael's
Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon School Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Lutheran Laymen's League 7 p.m.
Tue Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed *Communion 7 p.m.*
Thurs *Spring Concert 6:30 p.m.*
Next Sun Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

The Rite of Confirmation for this year's 8th graders will take place at the 10:30 service today.

Church Refrigerator: There are numerous items which have been in the church refrigerator for quite some time. Please remove them if you left them there. Thank you!

District Meeting at St. Lorenz: St. Lorenz will host a meeting of the Michigan District Board of Directors on May 19th starting at 6:00 at the Worship and Event Center, 805 West Genesee. Everyone is invited to hear about what we are doing to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lutheran Layman's League May 19th, 7 p.m. All members and guests of the LLL are entreated to attend our meeting in the church overflow room. Our entertainment for the evening will be discussion on the rewrite of the St. Michael's LLL Bylaw's (led by Chuck Heinlein) & our annual upcoming events for June/July.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training: Rescheduled from May 8th, we will be having a class May 22nd at 6:00 P.M. There is no cost unless you need a wallet-size CPR card. Sessions will likely last 90 minutes. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Spring School Music Concert: Come hear our talented school choirs and band ensembles Thursday, May 22nd, at 6:30.

Pastor Knea and Sara invite you to celebrate the college graduation of their daughter, Elizabeth, at an open house Saturday, May 31 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the church overflow room. They are very excited to announce that she has accepted a teaching job at Lake Country Lutheran High School in Hartland, WI.

Lutherans for Life of Michigan's annual Diaper Shower will run through June 15, Fathers' Day. Bring any size diapers in (especially the larger sizes if possible) and place them in the box in the foyer. LifeClinic and Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center are so appreciative for all the support we at St. Michael's give them every year. We are an answer to their prayers.

Interim Principal Opportunity: The St. Michael's Lutheran School Board of Education is seeking qualified candidates for the Interim Principal position for the 2025-2026 school year. If you know someone who might be interested in this leadership role, please forward their contact information to Shelley Daenzer at sunshine.shelley@icloud.com, or reach out via text or call at 989.529.8346.

Thank You's

I would like to thank my St. Michael's church and school family for all of the prayers, cards, food, etc as I was going through my breast cancer treatments. I am happy to say that my treatments are completed. I am so blessed to be a part of this church community. God has blessed me and my family beyond measure

with all of the love and support. So, thank you again. I appreciate everyone of you. God's blessings
-Devin Heinlein

Attendance

Sun. May 11th..... 333
Wed. May 14th..... 37

Weekly Income: 4/27-5/3: \$18,573.87
5/4-5/10: \$17,714.00
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: "What's Your Story?" *Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning;* Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power. (John 9:1-11)

Valley Lutheran Summer Camp: Planning to sign up for a VL summer camp? Register by Tuesday, May 20 to take advantage of the early registration discount! Camp offerings, schedule, and registration are available at www.vlhs.com/camps.

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Prayers

Health

Karen Bauer, Craig Compton, Jameson Doud, Don Duperon, Hope Hecht, Kurt Howell, Elaine Keinath, Norm Petzold, Larry Putman, Mel Rupprecht, Dave Rushford

Mission

Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as the regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), which encompasses 22 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean.

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father, You make the minds of Your people to be of one will. Therefore grant that we may love what You command and desire what You promise, and may You direct our hearts to the true joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever, Amen."