

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 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>
716,906,889,525, 494,532	716, 906, 889

*(We will be singing God Bless America
after service)*

Sermon

Take Heart I Have Overcome The World
Rev. Keith Knea

Scripture Readings

Acts 16:9–15: During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27: One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful,

but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

John 16:23–33: Jesus said, “In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.” Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.” “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Matt Brown;*
Jason Hecht
Organist *Pam Bernreuter*
Usher *Alan Kischnick, Jeff Buchinger*
Altar Guild *Maria Kern*

This week at St. Michael’s

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed *Worship Service 7 p.m.*
Fri Last Day of School
Next Sun *Worship Service 7:45 a.m.*
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

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!

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 parsonage. They are very excited to announce that she has accepted a teaching job at Lake Country Lutheran High School in Hartland, WI.

Council & Voters: Church Council meets at 7:00 June 2nd, and Voters after the 10:30 worship service on June 8th.

Graduation Sunday: June 1st, we will be celebrating our 8th graders graduation from St. Michael's. They will be recognized in late service along with all of our high school and college graduates. Any high school and college graduates are invited to wear their robes and regalia to this service. Please check in with Mr. Chaveriat on arrival and proceed to the

overflow room. We will process in as the service begins. Hope to see you there!

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.

Attendance

Sun. May 18th 474
Wed. May 21st 47

Weekly Income: 5/11-5/17: \$9,681.65
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:

"God's Gumbo" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew bound together by the power of Jesus' love. (John 17:20-21)

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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

Thanksgiving

*Barbara Bierlein’s 92nd Birthday; May 18th
Tim & Alice Bierlein’s 50th Wedding Anniversary; May 24th*

Special Concerns

Favorable Weather - Drier and warmer conditions for spring planting
Memorial Day- Remembering Alvin Miller & Albert Schwab, World War I Veterans KIA, buried at St. Michael’s cemetery.

Mission

Rev. Dr. Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries based in the Dominican Republic (DR). As the Latin America and Caribbean regional chaplain, Jonathan

provides pastoral care to LCMS missionary families in over 10 countries.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.