

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

## Hymns

7:45 a.m. . . . . 466, 488, 861, 477  
10:30 a.m. . . . . 466, 528, 458, 477, 488  
Wednesday . . . . . 887, 477

## Sermon

"He is not ashamed to call us brothers."

*Pastor Wes Gillaspie*

## Scripture Readings

*Acts 6:1-7:* In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Greek Jews among them complained against the Hebrew Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

*Hebrews 2:9-17:* But we see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should

make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the assembly I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

*John 14:1-14:* Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in

me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Charlie Zwerk; Mark Schiefer;*  
*Lucas Bierlein, Ben Bekemeier*  
Organist . . . . . *Pam Bernreuter*  
Usher . . . . . *Brian Knoll; Mike Buchinger*  
Altar Guild . . . . . *Mary Reinbold,*  
*Delores Landskroener*

## Wednesday

Elders . . . . . *Kevin Kern*  
Pianist . . . . . *Heiki Palm*  
Usher . . . . . *Mike Buchinger*

## This week at St. Michael's

Today . . . . . *Questioning Sunday*  
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
*Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.*  
Communion 10:30 a.m.  
Mon . . . . . *Mary Martha 5:30 p.m.*  
Tue . . . . . Elders 7 p.m.  
*Adult Choir 7 p.m.*  
Wed . . . . . Sisters of Ruth 12 p.m.  
Communion 7 p.m.  
Thurs . . . . . *ECC 6:15 p.m.*  
Next Sun. . . . . 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.*

*Mary Martha* outing tomorrow to Redemption Hill Ranch in Vassar. Providing equine assisted therapy with a mental health and wellness focus. We will meet at church at 5:30 to carpool and return to church afterwards to enjoy refreshments.

*VLHS Junior Symphonic Band:* St Michael's is one of nine participating area Lutheran schools that will be presenting a Spring Concert this Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 pm, at Valley Lutheran High School in the gym. We would like to invite the you to join us for the evening as we celebrate the talents of our middle school band students. There will be light refreshments available after the concert. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Sisters of Ruth* will meet Wednesday at noon. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring a salad or dessert.

*Mother's Day Chicken BBQ* Next Sunday, May 10. 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 next Sunday, Pickup Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 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. Thank you for your generosity and support! – 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 or call 989 868 4809. You may also contact Jason Andrigh at 989 992 2093.

It's here! Forget your envelope? Didn't bring cash? Want to give as a visitor? You now have the option to "text to give" or scan a QR code to give during our services at any time. Text GIVE to 1-989-375-1851, and you'll be directed to the kindrid giving page where you can do a one time gift without signing in. You can also scan the following QR code to do the same. This format accepts credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay.



Attendance

April 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 386  
April 29<sup>th</sup> ..... 38

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "The King Who Reigns" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge; If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. Luke 24:36-53

Frankenmuth's National Day of Prayer This Thursday from 12 – 1 pm on the front lawn of Frankenmuth City Hall. Local leaders representing area churches will lead us as we worship and pray to our Savior Jesus for the seven key pillars of our nation: Government, Military, Media/Arts, Business, Education, Church and Family.

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. May His invitation be accepted by us without fear of reprisal. The service features German liturgy and an English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman, entitled "Productive Penitence" based on Luke 18:13.

# Prayers

Health

Bernice Auernhamer; Korbyn Chinevere; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Kenneth Hecht; Walt Hecht; Ann Houser; Lynn Koviack; Carolyn Navarre; Eugene Palmreuter; Roy Rodammer; Will Sage; Bev Schemm; Margaret Schemm

Sympathy

Kevin & Diane Stresman; at the death of Kevin's father, Ken

Special Concerns

For Favorable Weather for Spring Planting

Mission

Rev. Nathaniel and Emma Jensen serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Nathaniel is pastor of Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church, which serves U.S. military members stationed in the area. Nathaniel also works with the Synod's partner church in Germany to proclaim the Gospel to non-English speakers, and he serves as a mentor to seminary students throughout the region.

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."

