

Mission Fest
(Last Sunday in the Church Year)
November 23rd, 2025

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
DSIV (pg. 203)	Prayer & Preaching
Hymns	(pg. 260)
842, 848, 846, 620,	Hymns
852	842, 848, 846

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Frechette - Franklin Avenue Mission

Scripture Readings

Malachi 3:13-18: "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?' "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'" Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

Colossians 1:13-20: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things

in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Luke 12:35-40: "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	Scott Wenzel; Ben Bekemeier, Charlie Zwerk; Mark Schiefer
Organist	Pam Bernreuter
Soloist	Doug Doud
Choir	Handbells
Usher	Luke Bierlein; Travis Bierlein
Altar Guild	Laura Rushford
Acolytes	Eli Piazza, Luke Hoerlein

	<u>Wednesday</u>
Elders	Dennis Thurston
Pianist.	Calista Daenzer
Usher	Travis Bierlein

This week at St. Michael's

Today	Mission Fest
	Communion 7:45 a.m.
	Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
	Voters Meeting after late service
	OCC Dropoff 12:30-3 p.m.
Mon	OCC Dropoff 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tue	Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 p.m.
Thurs	Thanksgiving Day Service 9 a.m.
Next Sun.	Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
	Bible Class 9 a.m.
	Communion 10:30 a.m.

Voters Meeting will be today, following late service in the overflow room, where we will be voting on next year's officers.

November 30th Communion: Holy Communion will be offered at the 10:30 service next Sunday.

Pastor's Bible Class: Pastor Gillaspie's Bible study at school will not meet today. Everyone is invited to the overflow room to hear Pastor Frechette, our Mission Fest speaker.

Thanksgiving Worship: Wednesday night at 7:00 and Thursday morning at 9:00. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Vassar Food Pantry. The Thanksgiving envelope will go 50% to Student Scholarship and 50% to Home Purpose

Envelope Boxes for 2026 can be picked up in the foyer. Please do not use until Jan. 1st, 2026.

Advent begins next Sunday: We look forward to this special time of year as we light the Advent wreath, sing those beautiful Advent hymns, and look forward to the celebration of our Savior's birth. Devotional books "Every Heart Prepare" provided by our Lutheran Laymen's League with support from St. Michael's Endowment Fund, are available at the exits.

Advent Wednesday Worship begins December 3rd. We are doing something new this year: Wednesday morning worship at 9:00 for our school students and all other members who would like to attend! We will also have Advent worship at 7:00 PM Wednesday nights.

Ushers Needed! Members between the ages of 3 and 103, male or female, can be an usher for church services. Contact Don Bierlein (989) 529-5661.

CHRISTmas Decorators needed: We are looking to find a couple more helpers to decorate our church for Christmas - Dec 4th & 5th, 9 a.m. If you have a liking for making our church beautiful for Jesus' birth, contact Beth Bierlein: (989)385-0310 or Renee Rodammer (989)882-3503.

Lion Consulting with Julian Petzold will be hosting a question/answer session about School & Childcare Security on December 7th, after the 10:30 service.

Christmas Concert December 7th at 3:00. We lift up our voices as we praise our newborn King!

Mary Martha/LLL Christmas Party Mon. Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m. at Millington Christian Fellowship Church. Tickets are \$16, please contact Sally Janson (989) 550-2192 or Wayne

Bierlein(989)551-3011. More information can be found in the foyer

*Interested in our Church History?*In excitement for our 175th Church Anniversary next year, we have books from our 150th Anniversary and a Church Building Booklet from 1971 on the table in the foyer for you, free of charge.

The Caring Closet in Saginaw Supported by Outreach. Sat. December 13th, The Caring Closet will host the second annual “Kelly Loves Christmas 4 Kids” event —giving children the joy of shopping for their family members in need. More information can be found in the church newsletter. Questions, contact Ann Zwerk (989) 672-9363.

Gift Card Fundraiser: Simplify your gift giving needs by stopping by the table in the church foyer between church services Nov.30-Dec. 14. Orders can be made by going online to Raiseright.com. More information can be found in the church newsletter or by contacting Cheryl (989)882-5621 or Lavonne (989)863-0081.

Attendance

Sun. Nov. 16th..... 430
Wed. Nov. 19th..... 53

Weekly Income: 11/9-11/15: \$19,058.18
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Misc. 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: "Rise and Shine" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am

wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:11)
St. Lorenz German Christmas Song Fest Nov. 30th, at 3 p.m., The 33rd annual “Weihnachts-Singfest” of German hymns and readings for Advent and Christmas.

Prayers

Health

Karen Bauer; Larry Bauer; Bruce Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Michelle DeCoe; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim Karst; Barb Kern; Jenna Mathews; Norm Petzold; John Schemm; Bev Schemm; Pauline Scherzer; Rollie Wenzel

Mission

Franklin Avenue Mission is a community of like-minded Christians who desire to enact systemic change within our community. Being tasked to love God and serve our neighbor, it is our hope that through compassionate care, skill-developing programming, and Gospel-centered teaching we might empower our neighbors to, together as one body in Christ, loose the chains of cyclical poverty within our communities.