

Twenty-Second Sunday
After Pentecost
November 9th, 2025

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
DSIV (pg. 203)	Matins (pg. 219)
Hymns	Hymns
256 (from TLH), 521, 522, 520, 441	256 (from TLH), 521

Wednesday Hymns 890, 522 vss 1-3, 7-8

Sermon

“They are like the angels.”
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-15: Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the

Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

II Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17: Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell

you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Luke 20:27-40: Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?” Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s

children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.” Some of the teachers of the law responded, “Well said, teacher!” And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Scott Wenzel, Matt Brown*
Organist *Calista Daenzer*
Choir *Cherub Choir*
Usher *Alan Kischnick; Jeff Buchinger*
Altar Guild *Bev Bierlein, Linda Trombley*
Acolytes *Nolan Woodward, Lucas Bierlein*

Wednesday

Elders *Jason Hecht*
Pianist *Heiki Palm*
Usher *Jeff Buchinger*

This week at St. Michael’s

Today Communion (Cherub) 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Harvest Brunch 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mon World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.
Church Council (Park Hall) 7 p.m.
Tue PTL 6:30 p.m.
Trustees 7 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed *School Chapel (in school) 10:00 a.m.*
Worship Service 7 p.m.
Next Sun. *Worship Service 7:45 a.m.*
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion (K-1) 10:30 a.m.

Harvest Brunch: Join us today from 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Park Hall for a free breakfast, to celebrate and give thanks for all everyone has done.

Church Council Meeting will be tomorrow, Nov. 10th, 7 p.m. at the Park Hall.

Veteran's Day Chapel Service Wed. Nov 12th, 10 a.m. at the school, we invite everyone to join us in a special chapel service for our veterans.

Instillation Service for Pastor Mark Auernhamer will be Nov. 16th during late service.

December Newsletter Deadline is Monday, Nov. 17th.

Lutheran Laymen's League Mon. Nov. 17th at 7 p.m. in the church overflow room, our meeting will include Election of Officers and a bible study with Pastor Gillaspie, who will also swear the new officers in. All men of the congregation are welcome!

Mission Fest Sunday Nov. 23rd. Please join us to hear more about the work that Franklin Avenue Mission does for the Flint community from our guest preacher Pastor Jeff Frechette. We here at St. Michael's for many years helped with silverware and meals, and helped individual families through this mission.

Food Pantry Donations for Thanksgiving! During our Thanksgiving services, we will once again be collecting food donations for the Vassar Food Pantry. Please bring your non-perishable food items with you to the 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve or 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day worship services.

Poinsetta Orders can be placed in church for the Christmas season in honor/in memory of

someone, and names will be printed in the bulletin. If interested, please contact Deborah Zwerk (989)737-5250 by Nov. 28th. The cost is \$20. Please drop off payment at the church office (cash in exact amount; check's made out to St. Michael's Church.) Due to limited space, we are limiting it to 16 plants.

Operation Christmas Child: We are looking for volunteers to help us during National Dropoff week, Nov.17th-Nov. 24th. Sign up sheets with more information can be found in the foyer.

Daytime Advent Services: We will be having Advent services at 9 a.m. as well as our 7 p.m. service December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. The school students will attend and our parishioners are welcome to attend, especially those who do not wish to travel in the dark.

Interested in our Church History? In excitement of 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.

Help us promote our Passion Drama at the Living Nativity at Immanuel Lutheran, Frankentrost - December 5th- 7th. Please call Duane Weiss Jr. (989)529-7734 if you are interested.

Do You Have Thrivent? If you have Thrivent and haven't used your Thrivent Generosity Cards yet, please contact me! Pam Mossner — (989)239-6999 or ramprod@airadv.net.

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. We are collecting: Toys, books, games, blankets, hats, mittens, socks, pajamas, and gifts for parents and grandparents too. If you'd rather donate money, arrange donations, or have any questions, contact Ann Zwerk at (989) 672-9363.

Voters Meeting will be Nov. 23rd, following late service in the overflow room, where we will be voting on next year's officers:

Chairman (1): Mark Frank; Jay Trombley
Contributions Coordinator: Carol Hess

Elder (2): Kevin Kern; Rodney Hecht; Phil Keinath
School Board (3): John Sahr; Jeff Bolzman; Lindy Richards; Josh Doud; Becky Cook, Jenny Bickel

Trustee (2): Ron Spiekerman; Collin Bierlein; Kevin Hecht; Nick Erbisch

Cemetery Board (2): Dennis Reinbold; Wayne V. Bierlein; John Mossner; Matt Buchinger; Anthony Bierlein

Financial Secretary (2): Kay Schluckbier; Karen Bierlein (White); Becky Squanda; Matt Bierlein
Childcare/Preschool (1): Matt Reinbold; Emily Bierlein; Megan Bauer

Nominating Committee: Wayne Bierlein, Pam Bierlein, Mark Frank, Eric Roedel, Mike Ehrlinger, Dave Janson.

Attendance

Sun. Nov. 2nd 352
Wed. Nov. 5th 50

Weekly Income: 10/19-10/25: ... \$33,022.59
10/26-11/1: \$16,453.49
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:

"The Name on the Front" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God. (Romans 12:5-6)

Prayers
Health

Randy Balzer; Karen Bauer; Larry Bauer; Bruce Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Jim Karst; Barb Kern (surgery); Norm Petzold; Carol Roth; Les Roth; John Schemm; Bev Schemm; Pauline Scherzer; Rollie Wenzel

Thanksgiving

Doris Rau; 90th Birthday, Nov.6th; & For our Veterans on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th

Mission

We have been blessed with the opportunity to adopt a full time chaplain in the military. It is an opportunity to pray for them and perhaps send them cards and encouragement. Our Chaplain is currently serving in Belleville Illinois, but is heading off to chaplains school in January. His name is *Chaplain Joshua Kintz*. He is married to his wife Rachel and has three young kids. We hope to hear more about Chaplain Joshua and his family as he starts his journey to be a full time chaplain and to serve those who are serving us. Please pray for Pastor Joshua and his family.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty and everlasting God, we pray that Your grace may always surround us that good works may show forth in our lives to Your glory; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."