

Eighteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
October 12th, 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>
763, 846, 686, 528, 435,806	763, 846, 806
Wednesday Hymns 763, 846, 806	
<u>Sermon</u>	
“Lord, have mercy on us and heal us”	
Rev. Keith Knea	

Scripture Readings
Ruth 1:1-19a: In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your

mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!” At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

2 Tim 2:1-13: You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding

officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Luke 17:11-19: Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

<u>Serving in Worship Today</u>	
Elders	Scott Wenzel, Ben Bekemeier, Charles Zwerk; Lucas Brown
Organist	Donna Haubenstricker
Usher	Travis Bierlein; Luke Bierlein
Altar Guild	Ann Zwerk, Brenda MacKay
Acolytes	Grady Fent, Nathan Hecht

<u>Wednesday</u>	
Elders	Matt Brown
Pianist.	Terese Petro
Usher	Luke Bierlein

<u>This week at St. Michael’s</u>	
Today	Communion 7:45 a.m. KidzMin 9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. New Membership Class 6 p.m.
Mon	Newsletter Deadline World Relief Quilting Church Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Tue	PTL Meeting 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m.
Wed	School Chapel 10:10 a.m. Communion 7 p.m. Board of Stewardship Meeting 8 p.m.
Sat	Wedding
Next Sun.	Worship Service 7:45 a.m. Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m. Communion (K-1 Choir) 10:30 a.m. Voters Meeting after late service New Membership Class 6 p.m.

Pastor Gillaspie's Sunday Morning Bible Class will not meet today. We will resume next week.

8th Grade Teacher: Rebecca Gehm has resigned from her called position as 8th grade teacher. The School Board will give an update at the Council and Voter's meetings. If you know of anyone who could help fill this position, please let the school office know.

Church Council meets tomorrow night at 7:00 and Voters assembly Sunday the 19th after the 10:30 service. Nomination of officers is on the agenda.

Altar Guild: Sign up for 2026 will be Sunday October 12 - 26th in the foyer. Please sign up for 3

weeks, 2 weeks if you take a holiday. If you haven't taken a holiday the last few years, please take your turn. We are looking for new people to join our team, this is not a big time commitment. Please call Donna Bierlein (989)233-9323 if you are considering this, and have questions.

Lutheran Laymen’s League Tomorrow at the Park Hall, we will have a fun night with cards (4 p.m.), a meal (6 p.m.), and a meeting starting at 7 p.m., with special guest speaker Chris Nuechterlein, a retired federal judge. Bring a friend!

Franconian Zone Women in Mission Rally & Ingathering October 18th at St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center. See speaker Mid MI Teen Challenge Cost is \$10. Registration & Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. Contact Sally Janson for more information.

Fall Craft & Vendor Show Sat. October 25th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Park Hall. Contact Carrie Hoeppner (choeppner@stmichaelsrichville.org) for more information.

Trunk or Treat hosted by St. Michael’s ECC on Oct. 30th from 6-7:30 p.m. Please contact Lori Powell (989)868-3830 if you would like to register a vehicle for this event.

Free Stove: Pastor & Ann are remodeling their kitchen. We have an older model flat-top stove in good condition, free to whoever can pick it up.

Jameson Strong Birthday Toy Drive New & Unused Toys are being collected and will be taken to the Pediatric Cancer ward at Mott's Children Hospital in Ann Arbor. A flyer is on the bulletin board in the foyer with more details.

Little Dresses Sewing Ministry will be meeting on Nov. 1st, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mary Reinbold’s house. Please join us in sewing, ironing, and other tasks. If you have items to donate (new cotton fabric,

narrow elastic, etc.), please place them in the blue tote by the coat rack in the foyer. More information can be found in the Oct. Newsletter.

LLL Greenery Sale is back again! Grave Blankets: \$49.00; Wreaths: \$29.00. To place an order, please call Bruce (989) 798-8073 or Jim (989) 670-1710. Watch for flyers!

Attendance

Sun. October 5 th	477
Wed. October 8 th	35

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "God's Help Dwells in Us" *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez*, The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us. (Numbers 11:29)

Prayers

Health

Larry Bauer; Bruce Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Kenny Hecht; Jim Karst; Brenda MacKay; Norm Petzold; Larry Putman; Charles Rodammer; Les Roth (eye surgery); John Schemm; Bev Schemm; Rollie Wenzel; Willie Wirth

Sympathy

The family of Marilyn Baesl, whose funeral service was Wed. October 8th, at Great Lakes National Cemetery

Mission

Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Puerto Rico. Both have served as missionaries in this region since 2008, in Panama and the

Dominican Republic.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.