

Seventeenth Sunday After
Pentecost
(LWML Sunday)
October 5th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Prayer & Preaching (pg. 260)	DSI (pg. 151)
<u>Hymns</u> 790, 730, 782	<u>Hymns</u> 790, 730, 782, 788, 789, 643
Wednesday Hymns 790, 730	

Sermon

“If We Have Food And Clothing We Will Be
Content”
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-14, 2:1-4; The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received: How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. The Lord replied, “Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from

afar. They fly like an eagle swooping to devour; they all come intent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand. They mock kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; by building earthen ramps they capture them. Then they sweep past like the wind and go on. They are guilty people, whose own strength is their god.” Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish. Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.”

I Timothy 6:6-19 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good

confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 17:1-10 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves. If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while

I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	<i>Charles Zwerk; Mark Schiefer</i>
	<i>Dennis Thurston</i>
Organist	<i>Calista Daenzer</i>
Choirs	<i>Cherub Choir</i>
Usher	<i>Mike Buchinger; Brian Knoll</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Ann Zwerk, Brenda MacKay</i>
Acolytes	<i>Cole Heinlein, Johnathan Schultz</i>

Wednesday

Elders	<i>Ben Bekemeier</i>
Pianist.	<i>Heiki Palm</i>
Usher	<i>Brian Knoll</i>

This week at St. Michael’s

Today	Worship Service 7:45 a.m. <i>Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.</i> Communion 10:30 a.m. <i>New Membership Class 6 p.m.</i>
Mon	<i>Mary Martha 7 p.m.</i>
Tue	<i>Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.</i> Adult Choir 7 p.m. <i>Elders 7 p.m.</i>
Wed	Worship Service 7 p.m.
Next Sun.	<i>Communion 7:45 a.m.</i> <i>Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.</i> <i>Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</i> New Membership Class 6 p.m.

LWML Sunday: We will have a loose plate offering for LWML Sunday and snacks after church service in the overflow room. More information can be found in the October Newsletter.

Mary Martha meet tomorrow at 7 pm to assemble school and health kits for Orphan Grain Train. Everyone is invited!

Blood Drive Tuesday, October 7th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Park Hall. Making appointments is appreciated. Call 1-866-642-5663.

Lutheran Laymen’s League Mon. October 20th 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!

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.

Bus Trip to Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, MI on Thurs. Nov 6th. Cost is \$100 which includes the show, lunch, and travel. Please call Nancy Schluckbier (989)529-0320.

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 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.

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! Please call Donna Bierlein (989)233-9323 if you are considering this, and have questions.

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!

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.

<u>Attendance</u>	
Sun. September 28 th	397
Wed. October 1 st	40

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday:"When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. (Numbers 14:30-31)

Weekly Income: 9/14-9/20: \$34,544.51
9/21-9/27: \$18,098.44
Weekly Income includes: Home Purpose Envelopes, Miscellaneous Income, Gifts in Kind, IRA Donations, and Loose Plate.

Prayers
Health
Larry Bauer; Bruce Bierlein; Heather Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Kenny Hecht; Jim Karst; Brenda MacKay; Norm Petzold; Larry Putman; Charles Rodammer; John Schemm; Bev Schemm, Willie Wirth

Thanksgiving
Hilda Buchinger’s 95th Birthday - Sept. 29th

Mission

The work of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). The LWML supports missionaries, provides Bible studies, and donates school supplies and other gifts to those in need. Our Mary Martha organization is a part of the LWML.

Prayer of the Day
Heavenly Father, without whose blessing we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.