

Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 6th, 2026

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns

554, 720, 744

10:30 Hymns

554, 720, 527, 744,

918

Wednesday Hymns 527, 720

Sermon

"Let Us Fix Our Eyes On Jesus"

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Ezek.33:7-9: Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, "You wicked person, you will surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

Heb. 12:1-3: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Matt. 18:1-20: At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or

three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Dave Miller; Lucas Brown,

Kevin Kern, Dennis Thurston

Organist Donna Haubenstricker

Usher Mike Buchinger; Brian Knoll

Altar Guild . . Karli Bierlein; McCauley Cameron

Financial Secretaries. Marty Zwerk

Wednesday

Elders Rodney Hecht

Pianist. Heiki Palm

Usher Brian Knoll

This week at St. Michael's

Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class 9 a.m.

Communion 10:30 a.m.

Labor Day No School

Tue Adult Choir 7 p.m.

Trustees 7 p.m.

Wed Worship Service 7 p.m.

Thurs Mary Martha 7 p.m.

Sun Communion 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

German Service w/ Pastor Loest 3 p.m.

Adult Choir starts this Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 in the church basement. New voices are always welcome!

Mary Martha will be meeting Thurs. Sept 10th at 7 p.m. to observe the 65th anniversary of the founding of our St. Michael's Mary Martha in 1961 and discuss the future.

Historical German Service: Next Sunday, September 13th, the 175th Anniversary Committee will be having a special German Service at 3:00pm here at St. Michael's. 175 years ago, the German language was the only language used in worship at St. Michael's. Up until approximately 50 years ago, a German service was still held at St. Michael's. If you know very little or no German, translation will be made available to follow along. Pastor Mark Loest from Frankentrost will be conducting this service and Monica Heissenbeutell will be the guest organist. We encourage everyone to attend this special service to experience the German past of St. Michael's.

World Relief Quilting will meet Mon. Sept. 14th at 9 a.m. in the church basement.

Church Council Monday, Sept. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Bus Trip to Meadow Brooke Inn Rochester on October 28th. We will be going to see a play "The Man for shot Liberty Valentine, and stopping for lunch at the White House Tavern. Cost is \$105/a person. Please call Nancy Schluckbier by Sept. 17th (989)529-0320.

Pastor Mahlburg is back: Pastor Steve Mahlburg, who served his vicarage at St. Michael's in 1994, will be our special guest on September 20th. Pastor Mahlburg and family were most recently missionaries to Sri Lanka and will be moving to Japan. We have supported the Mahlburgs through Share the Blessings in our Endowment Fund.

Voters Meeting Sun.,Sept. 20th after late service.

LLL will be meeting Sept. 21st at 7 p.m. in the overflow room. Our guest speaker will be Mark Eischer, Announcer and Production Advisor for The Lutheran Hour. Refreshments will be provided.

Protect Young Eyes: “Digital Discernment: Creating a Tech-Ready Family in the AI Age.” A free presentation to help you learn ways to overcome challenges from today’s digital world. More information and registration can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer. Sponsored by the St. Michael’s PTL.

Mary Martha is accepting Orphan Grain Train School/Hygiene Kit donations. Shopping lists can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer. More information can be found in the September newsletter.

Keep Everyone In The Loop!: If you have announcements and events from your committee, board, or organization, please remember to send them to the church office as soon as possible so they can be put in the bulletin and newsletter. Some of our members don't check Facebook or our website. It's always helpful to communicate both digitally and in print.

KIT Program: Calling all college students and military members! We’re updating addresses for our members away at college or serving in the military so we can ‘keep in touch’ throughout the school year. Our students here at St. Michael’s are so excited to send some really great letters, cards and projects that they make just for YOU! Please contact Jenni Stuart at 989-284-1541 or jmstuart2015@gmail.com. Thank you!

Job Opening: Job Opening: Parish Music (part time position). Interested candidates should call/text Lisa Schultz at (989) 529-1710.

Baptism: Sutton Janson, daughter of Tyler and Jennifer Janson, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 30th. May our gracious Heavenly Father keep this child and her family in His grace in the years to come.

Dear Members of St. Michael’s...
"In preparing for prostate surgery, my doctor ordered a PET scan two weeks ago. It showed a spot on my liver. The doctor then ordered an MRI of my liver. Last week Ann and I met with an oncologist at the University of Michigan, and the oncologist is almost certain that the spot was a false positive. While I still must undergo treatment for prostate cancer, that is much simpler than fighting cancer on multiple fronts. We are so thankful for your many prayers, and thanks be to God for good medical care!"
- Pastor & Ann Gillaspie

Notes from the School
No School Monday, September 7th (Labor Day).

School Chapel: Please join us every Wednesday at 8:42 for weekly chapel. We usually meet in the gym and occasionally at church. Come see our students proclaim the Gospel of Jesus!

Come and support your Raiders next week!
Boys Soccer.
Tues., Sept. 8th . . @ Trinity (Monitor) 4:30 P.M.
Girls Volleyball
Wed. Sept. 9th @ St. Paul (Millington) 4:30 P.M.
Thurs. Sept. 10th . . vs. St. Lorenz-East 4:30 p.m.
Cross Country.
Tues., Sept. 8th Wildcats Relay @ Mayville
Wed., Sept. 9th . . . St. Paul Invitational (Lapeer)

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable": Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; In God’s family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It’s not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are. Matthew 6:12

Valley Lutheran has openings for the following positions: Assistant to the Athletic Director; Freshman Boys Basketball Coach; Set Builder
More information about each of these positions and directions to apply can be found at www.vlhs.com/jobs.

Attendance
August 30th 375
September 2nd 52

Prayers
Health
Don Basel; Korbyn Chinevere; Gretchen Comstock; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Ron Frank; Pastor Wes Gillaspie; Diane Karst; Jim Karst; Julie Mossner; Margaret Schemm; Mark Schiefer; Mike Weiss

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
"Lord of all power and might, we pray that You would
put Your love into our hearts, increase our faith, and nourish us with all
Your mercies that we may bring forth the fruit of good works; through
Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."

