

Fourteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
September 14th, 2025

Order of Service

<u>7:45 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
DSI (pg. 151)	Matins (pg. 219)
<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
797, 583, 628, 584, 577, 589	797, 583
Wednesday Hymns 797, 583	

Sermon

“That’s not what I wanted to hear!”
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 11:6-13: The Lord said to me, “Proclaim all these words in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: ‘Listen to the terms of this covenant and follow them. From the time I brought your ancestors up from Egypt until today, I warned them again and again, saying, “Obey me.” But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubbornness of their evil hearts. So I brought on them all the curses of the covenant I had commanded them to follow but that they did not keep.’” Then the Lord said to me, “There is a conspiracy among the people of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem. They have returned to the sins of their ancestors, who refused to listen to my words. They have followed other gods to serve them. Both Israel and Judah have broken the covenant I made with their ancestors. Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘I will bring on them a disaster they cannot escape. Although they cry out to me, I will not listen to them. The towns of Judah and the people of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they will not help

them at all when disaster strikes. You, Judah, have as many gods as you have towns; and the altars you have set up to burn incense to that shameful god Baal are as many as the streets of Jerusalem.’

I Timothy 1:12-17: I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10: Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the

house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders	<i>Scott Wenzel, Lucas Brown; Mark Schiefer</i>
Usher	<i>Don Bierlein; Klair Bierlein</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Karen Bierlein, Janet Bierlein</i>
<u>Wednesday</u>	
Elders	<i>Lucas Brown</i>
Pianist.	<i>Terese Petro</i>
Usher	<i>Klair Bierlein</i>

This week at St. Michael’s

Today	Communion 7:45 a.m. <i>Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.</i> Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Mon	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Bd. Of Education Meeting 7 p.m.
Wed	<i>School Chapel 10:10 a.m.</i> Communion 7 p.m.
Next Sun.	Worship Service 7:45 a.m. <i>Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.</i> Communion 10:30 a.m. Mission & Ministry Fair 12:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Today during late service, Alana Leslie DeGroff, daughter of Dean & Macy (Zwerk) DeGroff will be baptized. On Wednesday night, Bowen Bradley Schaub, son of Bradley & Makenzie (Sipes) Schaub, will be baptized.

Call Accepted: Pastor Mark Auernhamer has accepted the call to serve as St. Michael's Assistant Pastor Outreach to Wellspring. As was explained at the Voter's meeting, this is a non-salaried position. Pastor Auernhamer

provides hospice care to both our members and others through Wellspring. His acceptance letter is on the bulletin board.

Church Council meets Mon. September 22nd at 7:00 at Park Hall.

Voters Meeting Sun. September 28th after the 10:30 service.

Items for October Newsletter are needed to the church office by Sept. 15th.

Church Alarm Codes: Please contact the church office with your name and code number if you have not already.

KidzMin & Bible Study at 9:00 at school. Pastor Gillaspie will lead his Bible class , where we will look at today’s Epistle lesson.

Adult Choir meets Tuesday’s at 7:00 in the church basement. New voices are always welcome!

St. Michael’s Youth Group is open to all 7th-12th Grade students. Ultimate s’more night September 21 at 6:00 pm till 8:00pm at Mrs. Hoepfner’s house! Bring a friend and some ideas of things you want to do this year. Where: 6700 E. Holland. Permission slips for 2025 are on the church website.

Missions & Ministry Fun Fair: We’re bringing back something from the past—our annual Fun Fair—where we share fellowship with games, food, and more! Mark your calendars for Sun. Sept. 21st at 12:30 p.m. and join us for fellowship and fun! Contact Heather Reinbold (989)577-0339 with any questions.

Orphan Grain Train School and Hygiene Kit Collection: Shopping lists are available in the

marked envelopes on the bulletin board. Please leave donations on the shelves opposite the coat rack by the kitchen by September 28.

KIT Program: 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 projects that they make just for you! Please contact Jenni Stuart at 989-284-1541 or jmstuart2015@gmail.com.

Coach Callahan Cross Country Meet Oct. 3rd. St. Michael’s cross country team is hosting a “PINK OUT” in honor of Mrs. Courtney Callahan. Sign up information is on the bulletin board. Contact Carrie Hoepfner (choepfner@stmichaelsrichville.org) with any questions.

Thrivent Members: Don’t forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars! You may do so by going online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice OR calling (800)847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Dear St. Michael’s Members...
A sincere thank you to the pastors and all who prayed for me after my fall. I thank the Lord for His healing. -Pauline Scherzer

Attendance

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Wed. September 10 th	41

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Someone Worth Having" *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*, We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we

can know Him: Jesus--"God saves." (Numbers 6:27)

Prayers

Health
Larry Bauer; Dennis Bates; Heather Bierlein; Lucas Brown; Craig Compton; Don Duperon; Ron Frank; Hope Hecht; Kenny Hecht; Jim Karst; Brenda MacKay; Norm Petzold; Larry Putman; Charles Rodammer; John Schemm; Bev Schemm

Sympathy
Dennis & Mary Reinbold
for the loss of his mother, *Vera (Reinbold) Talaski*, who passed away.

Safe Travels
For our 7th and 8th graders going to Washington DC

Mission
Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Island, both locals and expats, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, to know You is everlasting life. Grant us to know Your Son Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May we follow in His steps and walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen