

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.

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Hymns

904, 535, 570, 514,
830

10:30 a.m.

Prayer & Preaching

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Hymns

904, 535, 514

Wed. Hymns 904, 535

Sermon

"Shall We Go To The Wedding?"

Pastor Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Is. 25:6-9: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Phi. 4:4-13: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or

praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Matt. 22:1-14: Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?'

The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Kevin Kern, Charlie Zwerk, Dave Miller;*

Lucas Brown

Organist *Calista Daenzer*

Choir *Cherub Choir (10:30)*

Usher *Alan Kischnick; Jeff Buchinger*

Altar Guild *Mitzi Hill, Renee Marsrow*

Financial Secretary *Matt Bierlein*

Acolytes *Brylee Bickel, Aubrey Baase*

Wednesday

Elders *Mark Schiefer*

Pianist *Heiki Palm*

Usher *Jeff Buchinger*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.

Communion 10:30 a.m.

Mon WR Quilting 9 a.m.

PTL 6:30 p.m.

Church Council 7 p.m.

Tue *Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.*

Trustees 7 p.m.

Adult Choir 7 p.m.

Wed Worship Service 7 p.m.

Next Sun. *Guest Pastor Andrew Howe*

Communion 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Members of the Confirmation class of 1957 are here today to remember and to give thanks for the 69th anniversary of their confirmation.

The 175th Continues: Next Sunday we welcome Pastor Andrew Howe to St. Michael's. Pastor Howe is from Frankenmuth and is the son of Jim and Gail Howe.

Church Council tomorrow at 7:00; Voters after worship October 25th. Nomination of Officers is on the agenda.

Blood Drive Tue. Oct. 13th in the Park Hall. Registration information can be found in the newsletter. We hope to see you there.

LWML Franconian Zone Fall Rally Sat. Oct. 24th, at Immanuel, Frankentrost. Pastor David Reed of Orphan Grain Train will be speaking. Cost: \$10. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

It's LLL Greenery Sale time! You can order the beautiful Grave Blankets \$50, and Wreaths \$30, call or text Bruce 989-798-8073 or Jim 989-670-1710.

Altar Guild: Sign up for 2027 will begin today! The calendar will be on the table in the foyer. Please sign up for 3 weeks (2 weeks if you take a holiday). If you haven't taken a holiday in a few years, please take a turn. Holidays for 2027 are Palm Sunday week, (which includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), Easter, and the week of Christmas. We welcome anyone new to our group. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Donna Bierlein at 989-233-9323.

Youth Group Ministry (7th Grade and UP) Flashlight Corn Maze Trip Oct. 24 at Kohl's Farm in Unionville. We will need drivers !!! Meet at the church at 6:30, and we will return to the church about 9:30. RSVP by Oct. 22 to Mrs. Hoepfner (989)327-4061

Trunk or Treat Thurs. October 29th, 6-8 p.m. in the church parking lot. Free Hot Dog Dinner included. Interested in participating? Contact Lori Powell (989)868-3830 to register a trunk. Sponsored by St. Michael's ECC.

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

Fourth Grade Teacher position available starting in Nov. Please contact Principal Joel Rachow (989)868-4809 if interested and/or more information.

What is the St. Michael's Lutheran Church Endowment? An endowment is like a permanent savings account for a church or charity. The original money is never spent; instead, it is invested to make more money, and the earnings are used to pay for needs of the church. The more investment, the more returns are dispersed. A gift given to the Endowment Fund is a FOREVER gift. Question? Contact Pam Bierlein, Jean Rodammer, Jeff Hecht, Dave Rodammer or Kevin Kern.

Dear Members of St. Michael's...
The Cemetery Board would like to thank Tim & Amy Bickel for their donation of top soil from BHT.

Notes from the School
Come and support your Raiders next week!
Cross Country.....
Tue. Oct 13th...NCA Small School Invite @ Novi
Wed. Oct. 14th... Bay City Western MS Warrior
XC Invitational @ Bay City

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "The Heart of the Matter" Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. How do you respond to tough

questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. Matthew 22:15-22

Prayers

Health

*Don Basel; Matt Brown; Dana Buchinger;
Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Diane Karst; Jim Karst; Margaret Schemm;
Mike Weiss*

Thanksgiving

*The Marriage of
Megan Bierlein & Ben Heymoss*

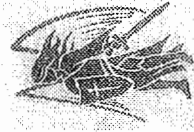
Sympathy

*The Family of Nancy Gruber,
whose funeral was this past Thursday.*

Mission

Rev. Steven and Martha Mahlburg serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Sri Lanka. Steven partners with the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Sri Lanka to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

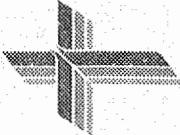
Financial Report as of 09/30/26			
MISSIONS			
Missions Collected YTD	Goal \$50,000		\$ 12,661.48
Net Budget Missions Collected YTD			\$ 515.90
HOME PURPOSE			
		MTD	YTD
Home Purpose Balance as of 07/01/26			\$ (18,171.02)
Home Purpose Income		\$ 125,970.37	\$ 352,303.32
Home Purpose Expenses		\$ 130,024.29	\$ 381,959.52
Trunk or Treat in H.P.	\$ 1,488.90	\$ (4,154.21)	\$ (29,566.20)
School Income		\$ 3,853.50	\$ 80,721.59
School Expenses		\$ 34,747.73	\$ 53,285.40
		\$ (30,894.23)	\$ 27,436.18
Child Care/Preschool Income		\$ 80,470.82	\$ 221,348.61
Child Care/Preschool Expenses		\$ 85,223.26	\$ 182,781.25
Trunk or Treat in Child Care	\$ 51.00	\$ 23,247.66	\$ 23,557.36
Home Purpose Balance (includes Child Care/Preschool/School)			\$ 11,266.32
NEW CONSTRUCTION			
		MTD	YTD
New Construction Balance as of 07/01/26			\$ 31,410.89
Income	Goal \$25,000	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 3,094.00
Expenses		\$ 17.10	\$ 17.10
New Construction Fund Balance		\$ 1,702.90	\$ 34,485.83
Franklin Ave Mission	Goal \$5,000	\$ 165.00	\$ 335.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			
		MTD	YTD
Capital Improvement Balance as of 07/01/26			\$ 176,824.24
Collected	Goal \$50,000	\$ 6,270.66	\$ 13,510.93
Expenses		\$ 84.80	\$ 2,514.58
Capital Improvement Balance		\$ 6,205.86	\$ 186,820.29

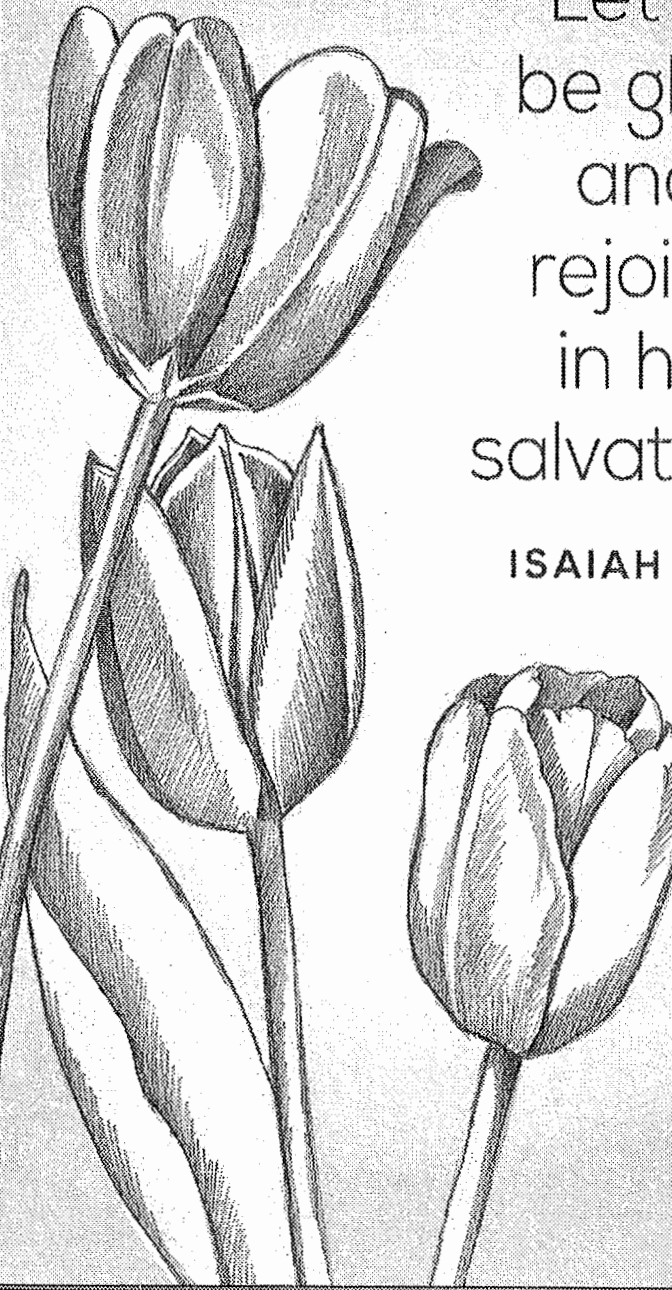


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"The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod"





"Let us
be glad
and
rejoice
in his
salvation."

ISAIAH 25:9