

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 18th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Prayer & Preaching
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Hymns

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650, 644, 658, 634,

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632

Wed. Hymns..... 880, 685

Sermon..... Pastor Andrew Howe

Scripture Readings

Is. 45:1-7: This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

1 Thess. 1:1-10: Paul, Silas, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually

mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matt. 22:15-22: Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Lucas Brown; Ben Bekemeier,
Dennis Thurston

Organist..... Calista Daenzer

Choir..... Handbells(7:45); K-1 (10:30)

Usher Brian Knoll; Mike Buchinger

Altar Guild Mitzi Hill, Renee Marsrow

Financial Secretary Marty Zwerk

Acolytes Abel Bekemeier, Ruben Bierlein

Wednesday

Elders Lucas Brown

Pianist..... Heiki Palm

Usher Mike Buchinger

This week at St. Michael's

Today Guest Pastor Andrew Howe

Worship Service 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.

Communion 10:30 a.m.

Mon LLL 7 p.m.

Tue Adult Choir 7 p.m.

Wed Communion 7 p.m.

Next Sun..... Communion 7:45 a.m.

Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Voters Meeting after late service

We welcome Pastor Andrew Howe to St. Michael's as part of our 175th anniversary celebration! Pastor Howe is from Frankenmuth and is the son of Jim and Gail Howe.

Associate Pastor Call Meeting today after late service.

Items for the November Newsletter are needed to the church office by Wednesday, October 21st.

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

Youth Group Ministry (7th Grade and UP) Flashlight Corn Maze Trip this Sat. 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 Friday to Mrs. Hoeppner (989)327-4061.

Voters Meeting after worship next Sunday. Nomination of Officers is on the agenda.

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.

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 is 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/have any questions, please contact Donna Bierlein at 989-233-9323.

Fourth Grade Teacher position available starting in Nov. Please contact Principal Joel Rachow

(989)868-4809 if interested and/or for more information.

Dear Members of St. Michael's...

We would like to say thank you to Pastor Gillaspie, Calista, luncheon servers, and our church family for the love and support given at the funeral. Thank you for the prayers, cards, and memorials - your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated. Thank you also to the tape ministry team for bringing church service recordings to Ron when he no longer could go to church. -The family of Ron Frank

Notes from the School

The second graders are looking for pen pals from our congregation! We hope to match 9 gentlemen and 11 ladies with our students. Details and contact information are on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please speak with Theresa Jammer. Thank you for helping build these special connections.

Attendance

Oct 11th.....444
Oct. 14th.....33

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Relief" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. Romans 3:23-24

Prayers

Health

Don Basel; Matt Brown; Dana Buchinger;
Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Diane Karst; Jim Karst; Margaret Schemm;
Gary Schoenow; Lone Weber; Mike Weiss

Thanksgiving

Don Hecht's 100th Birthday

Mission

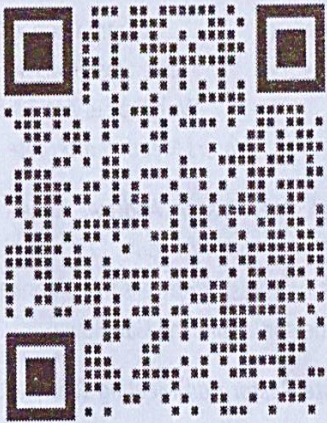
Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as the regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), which encompasses 22 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean.

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father
we pray that You would enlighten our minds by the Holy Spirit
that we may be led into all truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever, Amen."

Online Giving

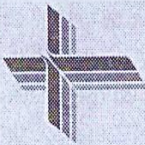
Scan the QR code below OR Go to the St. Michael's webpage, "stmichaelsrichville.org" and scroll down and click on the "I Give Online" button.



If you need help, please contact Carol Hess (989)225-5612 or church@stmichaelsrichville.org



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... you turned to God from idols to serve

THE LIVING
and TRUE GOD

and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead —
Jesus, who rescues us from
the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, NIV

