

# Second Sunday in Lent February 25th, 2024

## Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 733, 713, 739, 750, 664

10:30 Hymns: 733, 713, 739

Wed. Hymns: 440, 428, 419

## Sermon

"God will never give you more than you can handle?"

*Rev. Wes Gillaspie*

## Scripture Readings

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16:* When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give

you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

*I Corinthians 10:11-13:* These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

*Mark 8:27-38:* Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of man." Then he called

the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

## Serving in Worship Today

Elders . . . . . *Scott Wenzel, Mark Scheifer, Lucas Brown; Dennis Thurston*

Organist . . . . . *Dr. Jon Eifert*

Choirs . . . . . *Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Adult Choir*

Usher Captains . . . *Mike Buchinger; Brian Knoll*

Altar Guild . . . . . *Bev Bierlein, Linda Trombley*

Acolytes . . . . . *Ava Callahan, Bella Daenzer*

## Wednesday

Elder . . . . . *Scott Wenzel*

Organist . . . . . *Dr. Jon Eifert*

Usher Captain . . . . . *Brian Knoll*

*Questions of the Passion:* This week's question is from Jesus when arrested in Gethsemane: "Shall I not drink the cup my Father gave me?" Worship is at 7:00 PM.

*Lenten Supper:* Our Lenten Supper on Wednesday will be hosted by St. Michael's Child Care. Please join us for delicious food

and fellowship! On the menu: Sloppy Joes, Side Dishes, and Desserts.

*From the Church Office:* If you do not have a mailbox in the foyer and would like one to receive church news, and/or you would like your church newsletter emailed to you directly, please contact the church office. Thank you!

*Contributions Online:* It's easy to setup electronic donations. Go to the St. Michael's webpage, "stmichaelsrichville.org" and scroll down and click on the "I Give Online" button. From there you will complete the instructions and make an account. If you need help, please contact Mark Schoenow (989) 751- 4910 for help.

*Save The Dates:* Vacation Bible School - July 8th - 11th evenings. Volunteers are needed. More details will follow in future Sunday bulletins and Newsletters.

*Thrivent Members:* Your Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2024! You may do so by going online at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) OR calling (800)847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

*Doug Gruber Memorial Sports Scholarship:* St. Michael's high school 2024 seniors who participated in high school sports are now eligible for a \$1500 scholarship in memory of

Doug Gruber. This scholarship is run and payable through Reese High School. Applications for this scholarship can be picked up at our church office starting March 1st and should be returned there by April 5th Contact Dennis and Vickie Gruber at (989)868-3684 if you have any questions

Passion Drama will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will also be presented inside the church. We still need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer at church, which can be placed in Joshua Doud's mailbox. We will still need a setup and take down crew, lots of cast members, soloists, and a lot of cookie donations. You can also sign up through Josh Doud at [stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com) or (989)325-2095. This is a great chance to show and remind the community of what Jesus did for us. We hope to hear from each and every one of you soon.

Dear Members of St. Michael's,  
*I thank God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel. (Philippians 1:3-5)* After much prayer and deliberation, I have been led to accept the divine call to serve as Director of Parish Music at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Birmingham, MI. This deliberation has led me to a greater appreciation of all the gifts with which God has blessed St. Michael's, and I am confident that He will continue to guide you into a

blessed future. You will continue to be in my prayers for years to come, and I ask for your prayers as I transition into this new chapter of my career in church work.

*-Dr. Jon Eifert*

*Thank you to all who came and/or donated to this year's Winterfest Auction. This was a great year for donations and bidding. Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise close to \$24,000.00 for the school's Media Center. Funds from the auction directly benefit our students. They get new, popular books, subscriptions to testing programs, author visits, presentations, and fun rewards. Thank you to all that participated!* - Leslie Brown

Attendance

First Sunday of Lent: 316  
Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: 173

This week at St. Michael's

Today ..... Second Sunday of Lent  
Communion 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. .... Handbells 6 p.m.  
Worship Service 7 p.m.  
Thurs. .... Adult Choir 7 p.m.  
Next Sunday ..... Third Sunday of Lent  
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.  
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.  
Communion 10:30 a.m.

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Child Care. .... 989-868-3830

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next week, "Included in Such Company" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company. (Mark 10:43-45)

Camp Lu Lay Lea registration is open! This is a Christian Summer Camp for youth ages 8-14, and is located on Henderson Lake near West Branch, Michigan. We are offering 5 one-week sessions (Sunday-Saturday) this summer. Youth campers have the ability to participate in daily Chapel, boating/canoeing, campfires, arts and crafts, gaga ball, devotions, three different games a day, skits, singing, swimming, making new friends and so MUCH MORE! To learn more about our camp and schedule, go to [www.camplulaylea.org](http://www.camplulaylea.org).

# PRAYERS

Health

*Karen Bauer, Sharon Dietrich, Kurt Howell, Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Deborah Doan, Chuck Mossner, Willie Wirth, Jeff Mossner*

Thanksgiving

Birth of Aubree Ann Perez  
*Aaron & Kelsey Perez*

Call Extended

*Pastor Keith Knea* of Trinity Lutheran Church, Evansville, IN, has received the call to serve St. Michael's as administrative pastor.

Special Concern

Financial Problems at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, and Concordia University, Wisconsin

Missions

*Rev. Dr. Ronald and Mary Anne Rall* serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. In this role, Ronald teaches courses in Lutheran theology at Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip. He also conducts continuing education workshops for pastors and evangelists in remote areas and distributes reading glasses.

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father, whose glory it is to always have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways. Bring them back with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold firmly to the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."