

Third Sunday in Lent March 3rd, 2024

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 507, 486, 645

10:30 Hymns: 507, 486, 624, 645, 579, 419

Wed. Hymns: 423, 551, 420, 453

Sermon

"Three"

Pastor Mark Auernhamer

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17: And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the

sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

1 Corinthians 1:18-31: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and

sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

John 2:18-23: The Jews then said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk; Mark Frank, Matt Brown; Dennis Thurston*

Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Choirs *Handbells*
Usher Captains . . . *Travis Bierlein; Luke Bierlein*
Altar Guild *Nancy Bierlein, Ann Thurston*

Wednesday

Elder . . . *Scott Wenzel, Dave Miller, Matt Brown*
Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Choir *Cherub Choir*
Usher Captain *Luke Bierlein*

Call Accepted: We give thanks to God that Pastor Keith Knea has accepted the call to serve as administrative pastor of St. Michael's. Because Pastor and Sara have two sons in high school, they will be moving here at the end of the school year. We pray that their transition to Richville will go smoothly. His installation and other information will be forthcoming.

Council and Voters Meetings: Church Council will meet on March 11th, at 7:00 p.m., and a Voters meeting will be held Sunday, March 17th, at 11:45 a.m.

Questions of the Passion: This week's message is "Do you not think I can call on 12 legions of angels?" Holy Communion service at 7:00 PM.

Lenten Supper: Our Lenten Supper on Wednesday will be hosted by St. Michael's PTL. Come and enjoy some delicious tacos with all the trimmings, salads, and desserts. Donations will support the St. Michael's PTL.

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.

Mary Martha will gather on Monday, March 4th at 7 pm. We will be tying fleece blankets to be donated to Tuscola County. Join us for fellowship, devotions and refreshments. A mite offering will be taken as well. All women are welcome.

Mary Martha Rummage Sale is coming. Remember to start saving things for the sale the first week in April! The Rummage Sale collection and sale dates can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Sisters of Ruth will meet Wednesday, March 6th, for a noon potluck at church.

Daylight Saving Time arrives Sunday, March 10th, so turn you clocks ahead this Saturday night!

The Kindness Club is in need of new or gently used shoes that you have at home. We are partnering with Funds2Org, to host a fundraiser for Pastor Joe Boway, who will be visiting us for chapel in April. His mission is to build schools in Liberia. For the shoe drive, we are collecting new or gently used shoes of any size. Our goal is to fill over 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by the end of April! You can start sending in your pairs of shoes this week! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you for your support, Mrs. Callahan and the Kindness Club.

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 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 22nd & March 23rd, 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 \[stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com\]\(mailto:stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com\)](mailto:JoshDoud@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.

Attendance

Second Sunday of Lent: 421
Wednesday, February 28th: 118

This week at St. Michael's

Today Third Sunday in Lent
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon *Mary Martha 7 p.m.*
Wed *Lenten Supper 5 :30 p.m.*
Handbells 6 p.m.
Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Sat LLL Card Party 2 p.m.
Next Sunday. Fourth Sunday in Lent
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "All Bets Are Off" *Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us. (Mark 11)

Concordia University, Ann Arbor: Our Lutheran University here in Michigan has placed many graduates in church work as pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of Jesus Christ. There is a special fund drive to raise 5 million dollars to support CUAA. Nearly half amount that has already been pledged. To donate you can go to michigandistrict.org and click on "Pledge Support." Or go to cuaa.edu and click on "Donate" at the top of the page.

St. Lorenz's German worship service will be held March 10th at 11:00 am. The monthly German Services will embark on a Sermon Series entitled "A Prayer For All Seasons" based on the Lord's Prayer. The service features German liturgy, A solo "Ich komm' zu deinem Abendmahle" (I Come, O Savior to Thy Table) will be sung by Jordan Maurer and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns: „ Wir glauben all' an einen Gott“ (We All Believe in One True God) „Jesu, meines

Lebens Leben“ (Christ, the Life of All the Living), etc.

Valley Lutheran Home Concert: Sunday, March 17, the 80 musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir of Valley Lutheran High School will present a Lenten worship concert beginning at 3:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church Frankentrost. We extend a warm welcome to you, and pray that you will find strength and peace as we focus on Christ’s ultimate act of love on our behalf. Please invite a friend to hear this important message of Christ’s love for us! More information can be found in the foyer.

Camp Lu Lay Lea registration is open! 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.

PRAYERS

Health

Karen Bauer, Sharon Dietrich, Kurt Howell, Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter, Deborah Doan, Willie Wirth, Vicki Heinlein, knee replacement, March 4th.

Thanksgiving

Jeremy Heinlein
Successful Kidney Transplant

Sympathy

The family of *Alvina Rosentreter*,
(mother of Kathy Rosentreter)
called to her eternal rest Feb. 22nd

Special Concern

St. Michael’s Girls Basketball Team
State Tournament

Missions

Benjamin and Rebecca Helge
serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region, based in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Benjamin works closely with the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession and the Evangelical Center. He and Rebecca reach out to the community by teaching conversational English to people of all ages, assisting with youth group and planning events for the neighborhood.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, we pray that You would keep us from all danger and adversity that could harm us either in body or soul; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."