

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(without communion)

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(including portions of Psalm 130, and Romans 5:1-2)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

C: O Lord, hear my voice!

P: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

P: O Israel, hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love,

C: And with Him is plentiful redemption.

P: And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. *(we pause for silent confession)* O Lord God. . .

C: Merciful Father, we poor sinners confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again for our salvation, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, renew us and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His grace has had mercy on you and given His only begotten Son into death for your forgiveness and raised Him again for your justification. As His called and ordained servant I announce His grace to you and declare the complete forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

P: And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

C: Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:1–6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:33–12:8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** RESPONSE** (*Portions of Psalm 2:6-7; 117*)

A: But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Praise the Lord!

A: As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.

C: I will tell of the decree:

A: The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

C: Praise the Lord, all nations!

A: Extol Him, all peoples!

C: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

A: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

C: Praise the Lord!

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*** GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 16:13–20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O LORD. (*After the reading the following is said. . .*)

P: This is Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Each petition concludes with "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation responds: "**Hear our prayer**").*

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** BLESSING** (*based on Romans 15:5, 13*)

A: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

C: Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG**

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY (8/23)**Presiding Minister (P):** Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann**Preacher & Assisting (A):** Rev. Daniel Maske**Praise Team Leader:** Jane Connon**Lay Ministers:** Arlan Wendzel, Rich Conklin**Ushers:** Jesse Hogue**Greeters:** Mark & Kim Ruesch**Children's Message:** Pastor Maske**Lector:** Kerry Batten**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/30)***Rev. Vincent Iqbal**Jane Connon**Arlan Wendzel, Rich Conklin**Jesse Hogue**Dave & Linda Johnson**Pastor Maske**Mark Ruesch***Isaiah 51:1–6**

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Romans 11:33–12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.