

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

Back to School Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(with Holy Communion)

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(including portions of Psalm 26)*

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

C: Amen.

P: (O Lord) Test my heart and my mind.

C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;

P: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

C: Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us come into God's holy presence with sincere hearts and confess to Him our sin, so that by His grace, and for the sake of the saving work of His Son, He might have mercy on us and grant us forgiveness. *(We pause for a time of silent reflection and confession).* Almighty God. . .

C: Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both 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 all this we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. But for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us and now lives, have mercy on us and forgive us, and by the power of the 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: Having heard your sincere confession, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to you, and in the place and at the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Vindicate me, O Lord,

C: For I have walked in my integrity,

P: And I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

C: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

P: And I walk in Your faithfulness.

C: And I will not sit with the wicked.

P: I wash my hands in innocence

C: And go around Your altar, O Lord,

P: Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

C: And telling all Your wondrous deeds.

P: 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.

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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: Jeremiah 15:15–21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 12:9-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** RESPONSE** (*Portions of Psalm 26*)

A: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house

C: And the place where Your glory dwells.

A: As for me, I shall walk in my integrity;

C: Redeem me, and be gracious to me.

A: My foot stands on level ground;

C: In the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

*** HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:21-28

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*** THE NICENE CREED**

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING

*** PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Petitions conclude: "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all respond: "Hear our prayer"*).

*** SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right for us to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, who gave His life for the forgiveness of all our sins so that we might have life forever with you. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we rejoice and magnify Your glorious name, forever praising You and saying. . .

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, heaven and earth are full of His glory!

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it,

all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

C: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, O almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray. . .

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.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*** THANKSGIVING**

A: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: And His love lasts forever!

A: Let us pray. Loving Father, You have given Your only-begotten Son into death on the cross for our sins, and by His glorious resurrection from the dead, given us our eternal salvation. By the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us who have received Christ's true body and blood to live for His glory until that day You bring us into Your heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

P: 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 (+).

A: 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 (8/30)

Presiding Minister (P): Rev. Vincent Iqbal

Preacher & Assisting (A):

Musician: Jane Connon

Lay Ministers: Dave Johnson, Matt Heintz

Ushers: Jesse Hogue

Greeters: Dave & Linda Johnson

Children's Message: Mel Schroeder

Lector: Mark Ruesch

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (9/6)

Rev. Daniel Maske

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Grace Metheany, Allison Kingsbury

Dave Johnson, Matt Heintz

Jesse Hogue

Linda Johnson, Virginia Hetrick

Angie Heimlich

Kerry Batten

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."