

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church and School

“Engaged in God’s Work”

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(portions of Psalm 103)*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

C: **Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits--**

P: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

C: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

P: He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever;

C: **He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;

C: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

P: Our God is gracious and compassionate, and so we come to Him with complete confidence in Christ, as well as in sincere contrition and repentance, confessing to Him our sins *(We pause for a brief time of silent confession of sin).*
Father in Heaven. . .

C: **We poor sinners confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of the obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Our gracious Heavenly Father has heard our confession and forgives us all our sins on account of the atoning sacrifice of His Son. Therefore, in His place and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May God empower us with His grace to take this gift by faith, and to live a new life to His greater honor and glory.

C: **Amen.**

* SONG OF PRAISE

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, You sent Your Son into the world, and into death, as the Suffering Servant for our eternal salvation. By the power of the Holy Spirit enable us to trust in Him for our salvation, and serve Him in willing and joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 5:1–7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** RESPONSE** (*Psalm 80:7-15, antiphon from verse 7*)

A: Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

A: You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C: You drove out the nations and planted it.

A: You cleared the ground for it;

C: It took deep root and filled the land.

A: The mountains were covered with its shade,

C: The mighty cedars with its branches.

A: It sent out its branches to the sea

C: And its shoots to the River.

A: Why then have you broken down its walls,

C: So that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

A: The boar from the forest ravages it,

C: And all that move in the field feed on it.

A: Turn again, O God of hosts!

C: Look down from heaven, and see;

A: Have regard for this vine,

C: The stock that Your right hand planted,

A: And for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.

**C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*** GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 21:33–46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*after the reading the following is said. . .*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*** 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**

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

*** SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

- P: Holy and gracious Father, we give You thanks that in Your infinite love You made us for Yourself, and when we rebelled against You in sin, You had mercy on us and sent Your perfect Son to the cross and raised Him from death that we might be reconciled to You. Therefore, with angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your holy name, forever saying:
- C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**
- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this 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 is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me." For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C: Amen, come Lord Jesus.**
- 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.**

SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

* THANKSGIVING PRAYER

- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C: And His steadfast love lasts forever.**
- P: We give thanks to You, dear Father, and glorify Your holy name for all Your countless blessings to us, especially the forgiveness, life, and salvation we have through this holy Sacrament of the true body and blood of Your Son. Empower us with the Holy Spirit that we might be Your people in the world, and share the good news of Your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit as one God forever.
- C: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

* BLESSING AND SENDING

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.
- C: Amen.**
- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

* CLOSING SONG

POSTLUDE

*Those who would like someone to pray with them privately
are invited to come toward the front of the sanctuary at this time.*

SERVING TODAY (10/4)

Presiding Minister (P): Rev. Daniel Maske

Assisting (A) and Preaching: Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann Rev. Daniel Maske

Lay Ministers: Arlan Wendzel, Howard McNees

Ushers: Jesse Hogue

Greeters: Meg Bess, Virginia Hetrick

Children's Message: Pastor Maske

Lector: Kerry Batten

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/11)

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Arlan Wendzel, Howard McNees

Jesse Hogue

Dave & Linda Johnson

Kathy Taylor

Jesse Hogue

Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Philippians 3:4b–14

Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33–46

“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’ ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.