



Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 29, 2023
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

We are glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship God together. Thank you for silencing your cell phone and wearing a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the Gathering Space, along with name tag request forms. If this is your first time visiting, you have a prayer request, or you would like to get more connected, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offertory plate or the black box on the welcome table in the Gathering Space. Our Nursery, located on the lower level, is open today from 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM for children 5 and under. *The Bible we are using to proclaim the Gospel is The Saint John's Bible, Heritage Edition, and you can learn more about the Bible at stmikeschurch.com/bible.* We hope you have a blessed day and week ahead.

Prelude (8:00 AM Service) "Be Still" by Ashley Grote
(10:30 AM Service – Bill Tillman & Band) "As the Deer" by Martin J. Nystrom

Opening Hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service" Hymn 610

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed, we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light, in its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to you, most Holy Lord God; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children are invited to attend Children’s Chapel at this time (10:30 AM Service)

Children will return during The Peace

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (34:1-12)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.
 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or the land and the earth were born, *
 from age to age you are God.
 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
 "Go back, O child of earth."
 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
 and like a watch in the night.
 You sweep us away like a dream; *
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
 Show your servants your works *
 and your splendor to their children.
 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

My Heart Sings Out 20

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (22:34-46)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation "Celtic Alleluia"

Sermon The Rev. Vicki Hesse

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 Service) "Majesty" by Jack Hayford
Bill & Band

The Nicene Creed The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 392

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; and especially for the victims and their families
 suffering gun violence, and those at war;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, our Clergy; and for all bishops and other
 ministers;
People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially:
 Alice, Barbara, Bill, Bryce, Carol, Edd, G.G., Judy, Kaelin, Kim, Landon, Laura, Oriana, Roe,
 Scott, Steve, Wolf, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for:
Arlene, Autume, Barbara, Bill, Bobbie, Caleb, Carol, Cathleen, Cheryl, Chris, Courtney, Craig, Danielle, Debra
G., Dennis B., Diana, Diane A., Ethel, Greg, Hunter, Ian, Ji-bril, Jonathan, Kalob, Kate, Kristen, Laura D.,
Laura J., Leona, Lyle, Marlene, Mateo, Megan, Michael, Micki, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Natalie, Peg,
Peter, Peyton, Randy, Rich, Ross, Russell, Sara W., Sarah R., Sharon D., Sharon G., Sherry W., Spence, Sue,
Terri, Tripp, Valerie, Wolf, Zoe.

*To add or update a prayer request, use this form online: <https://www.stmikeschurch.com/prayer-request>
 or email Diane Dennison at diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.*

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Anton, Thomas, Dallas, Brian, Alexander & Jason. Hear us, Lord;

***People* For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sue N., Nathan B., Roger B., Toby V., Elena Z., Simon P., George H., Margaret M.; **and** those with anniversaries: David & Elizabeth Draves, Bob & Lorrie Pettis, Ama & Chris Couch; and for those expecting: Kate D., Roxy S., and Kristin P. We will exalt you, O God our King;

***People* And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***People* Who put their trust in you.**

Leader The flowers on the altar are given by Darlene Greenhut in memory of her brother, Jim Dale.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess 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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Announcements

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. You may receive the wine by sipping from the common cup or use the practice of intinction/dipping of the bread into the wine. At the altar rail, you may kneel or stand, and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the cup. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pen. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please assist the chalice bearers by guiding the chalice to your lips with one hand. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: *Please come to the left side (as you face the altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.*

Communion Hymns

“Praise the name of Jesus” *(instrumental)*

“Lord, be glorified”

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| 1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified,
Be glorified.
In our lives, Lord,
Be glorified today. | 3. In your church, Lord, be glorified,
Be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
Be glorified today. |
| 2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified,
Be glorified.
In our homes, Lord,
Be glorified today. | 4. In your world, Lord, be glorified,
Be glorified.
In your world, Lord,
Be glorified today. |

“More precious than silver”

Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant: In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn “O God, our help in ages past” Hymn 680

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| <p>1. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 our shelter from the stormy blast,
 and our eternal home:</p> <p>2. under the shadow of thy throne
 thy saints have dwelt secure;
 sufficient is thine arm alone,
 and our defense is sure.</p> <p>3. Before the hills in order stood,
 or earth received her frame,
 from everlasting thou art God,
 to endless years the same.</p> | <p>4. A thousand ages in thy sight
 are like an evening gone;
 short as the watch that ends the night
 before the rising sun.</p> <p>5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly, forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.</p> <p>6. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.</p> |
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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

<p>Postlude (8:00 AM Service) (10:30 AM Service)</p>	<p>Postlude (for Full Organ) “God of Wonders”</p>	<p>by Roger C. Wilson <i>Bill & Band</i></p>
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Upcoming Events & New Announcements:

Today, Sunday October 29, 2023:

Art Theology Sunday Forum - 9:15 AM

Youth Council – Sunday, 6:00 PM

Vestry Person of the Day – Bob Poli

All Saint's Service – Wednesday, November 1, 12:00 PM

Please submit names online by October 30

Vestry Nominations – due to the Senior Warden, November 1

Light Build Days for Light Festival – Select Days, November 4 – 25

Children & Youth Sunday – Sunday, November 5

Quest Diocesan Middle & High School Retreat – November 10-12 RSVP

40s & 50s Bowling at Main Event – Friday, November 10, 6:00 PM

New Member Dinner - Sunday, November 12, 5:00 – 7:00 PM RSVP

Royal Gorge Philharmonic – As Foretold Fall Orchestra Concert

Saturday, November 18, 5:00 PM RSVP

Family Sunday School – Sunday, November 19

Thanksgiving Day Potluck – Thursday, November 22, 2:00 PM RSVP

Adopt-a-Nativity – Sunday, November 26, 9:15 AM (*Intergenerational*)

Advent Festival – Sunday, December 3, 9:15 AM (*Intergenerational*)

“Elf” at the Fine Arts Center – Wednesday, December 6 (\$30 per ticket) RSVP

Advent Retreat – Saturday, December 9, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM RSVP

Christmas Light Festival – December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sense-ational Journey to Bethlehem – Sunday, December 10, 9:15 AM (*Intergenerational*)

Blue Christmas Service – December 14, 7 PM

Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Services – Sunday, December 24, 2023

Family Service, 4:00 PM

Traditional Service, 7:00 PM

Midnight Service, 11:00 PM

Christmas Day Service – Monday, December 25, 10:00 AM

RSVP to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup