



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 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 10:15 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 How Great Thou Art by Robert A. Hobby
Opening Hymn “O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God” Hymn 505

1. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
in every need thou bringest aid;
thou comest forth from God's great throne,
from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
2. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
increase our faith in our dear Lord;
unless thy grace the power should give,
none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
3. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
make us to love thy sacred word;
the holy flame of love impart,
that charity may warm each heart;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.
4. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
enlighten us by that same word;
teach us to know the Father's love,
and his dear Son, who reigns above;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

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 God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Genesis (25:19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 763

**Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:1-11)

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Nettleton Alleluia”

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (13:1-9,18-23)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Nettleton Alleluia”

Sermon

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Baptism (10:30)

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 301

The Nicene Creed (8:00 AM)

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 (8:00 AM)

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.
***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 his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially:
 Angela, Barbara, Calob, Diane, Emily, Gary, G.G., Jennie, Lanny, Laura D., Laura J., Margaret,
 Peter, Sharon, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Al, Alan, Alice, Allison, Arlene, Barbara, Ben, Brennan, Britney, Bryan, Caitlin, Carl, Catbleen, Charles, Charlotte, Chris, Courtney, Dan, Danielle, Debra, Diane, Donald, Doug, Ellen, Gail, Garrett, Gerry, Ginny, Hammah, Harold, Hayes, Hayden, Hunter, Jane, James, Jaxon, Jenny, Ji-bril, Jim, John, Jonathan, Kalob, Kathy, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, Kristen, Lanny, Laura, Lauren, Leah, Leona, Lilace, Linda, Mark, Mary, Mary, Mathew, Mateo, Michael, Michelle, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Nydia, Peg, Peyton, Phil, Phyllis, Ross, Russell, Ruth, Ryan, Samantha H., Samantha R., Sarah, Sherry, Sue, Taffy, Tammy, Taylor, Terri, Tracy, Trip, Tristen, Valerie, Vern, Warren.

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Garrett, Anton, Daniel, Thomas, Ben, Carson, 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: Joe H., Brent T., Stephen C., Charlotte C., Kelly H., Regina W., Alex D., Nova M., Noah W. and those with anniversaries; Geoff & Jessica Bennett; and for the birth of Emmett McMorran, grandson of Emily McMorran.

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, especially; Margaret Buhner, friend of Jennie Wandfluh, Bill Merit, friend of Micki Rice, and John Thorpe, father-in-law of Janice Thorpe, 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 altar flowers this week are given in thanksgiving for the baptism of Jasmine Geis by her parents, Grant & Melissa Geis.

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 (8:00 AM)

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

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

1. Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
2. Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



Offertory

“Thy Word”

by Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Hymn 380 vs. 3 *(10:30 AM Service Sung)*

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a proper preface is said.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Bless-ed, bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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hea - ven, earth, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Bless-ed, bless-ed, is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

(The people stand or kneel in body or spirit)

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People

**We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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. At this time we are only offering intinction/ dipping of the bread into the wine. Please come to the altar rail 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 wine. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pew. 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 front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine. The ceramic chalice is for gluten free hosts only.*

Communion Hymns

“One bread, one body”

LEVAS 151

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
 one cup of blessing which we bless.
 And we, though many, throughout the earth,
 We are one body in this one Lord.*

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| <p>1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
 woman or man, no more.
 One Lord.
 <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 gathered to one for all.
 One Lord.
 <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>2. Many the gifts, many the works,
 one in the Lord of all.
 One Lord.
 <i>Refrain</i></p> | |

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymn 440

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| <p>1. Blessèd Jesus, at thy word
 we are gathered all to hear thee;
 let our hearts and souls be stirred
 now to seek and love and fear thee;
 by thy teachings pure and holy,
 drawn from earth to love thee solely.</p> | <p>3. Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 open thou our ears and heart,
 help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
 Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
 hear, and bless our prayers and praises.</p> |
| <p>2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
 till thy Spirit breaks our night
 with the beams of truth unclouded;
 thou alone to God canst win us;
 thou must work all good within us.</p> | |

“How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds”

Hymn 644

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| 1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear. | 4. O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
O Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring. |
| 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest. | 5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought. |
| 3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace! | |

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)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

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

“Blessed Assurance”

VF 119

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his spirit, washed in his blood.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my savior all the day long.*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

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!

Postlude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

by Christopher Tambling

Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Lay Reader Meeting - Sunday, July 16, 9:15 AM in Sanctuary

Daughters of the King Info Session – Thursday, July 27, 6:00 PM

Purple Tea Party - Saturday, July 28, 2:30 - 4:00 PM. RSVP

Backpack & School Supply Drive - Due by Sunday, July 30.

Adopt-a-Trail - Various Dates through July 31. RSVP

Summer Yoga & Lunch - Tuesdays, Yoga 11:15AM /Lunch 12:00

Outdoor Worship & Parish Picnic - Sunday, July 30 & August 27, 10:30 AM

Creative Arts Festival - Sunday, August 13

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 13, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Rib-a-Palooza - August 19, 5:00 – 9:00 PM. RSVP

Acolytes & Donuts - August 20, 9:15 AM

Get Connected Newcomers Class - August 20, 9:15 AM

Colorado Rockies Faith Day - August 20, 1:10 PM. RSVP

Welcome Back & Kickoff Sunday - September 10

5th Annual Golf Outing at Patty Jewett - Sunday, September 17. (Registration Deadline September 5)

The Saint John's Bible Dedication Ceremony - Friday, September 29, 6:00 PM

RSVP to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

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