



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 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 "Theme of Gustav Holst Thaxted" by Charles Callahan
Opening Hymn "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling" LEVAS 101, vs. 1 & 4

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| <p>1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me; See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me</p> <p><i>Refrain</i> <i>Come home,</i> <i>Ye who are weary, come home!</i> <i>Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,</i> <i>Calling, O sinner, come home!</i></p> | <p>4. Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me; Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Genesis (24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67)

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I

drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm 45:11-18

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 648

Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
 forget your people and your father's house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
 he is your master; therefore do him honor.
The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
 the rich among the people seek your favor.
All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
 her gown is cloth-of-gold.
In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
 after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought, *
 and enter into the palace of the king.
In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
 you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered
 from one generation to another; *
 therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (7:15-25a)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 (11:16-19, 25-30)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Gospel Acclamation "Nettleton Alleluia"

Sermon The Rev. Vicki Hesse

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 service) "You Say" by Lauren Daigle

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing. You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short. When I don't belong, you say I am yours.
And I believe.*

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.
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, Emily, Gary, G.G., Jennie, Lanny, Laura D., Laura J., Meg, Peter, Sara, Sharon, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Al, Alice, Allison, Arlene, Barbara, Ben, Brennan, Britney, Bryan, Caitlin, Carl, Cathleen, Charles, Charlotte, Chris, Courtney, Dan, Danielle, Debra, Diane, Dillon, Donald, Doug, Ellen, Gail, Garrett, Gerry, Ginny, Hannah, Harold, Hayes, Hayden, Hunter, Jane, James, Jaxon, Jenny, Ji-bril, Jim, John, Jonathan, Kalob, Kathy, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, Kristen, Lanny, Lauren, Leah, Leona, Lilace, Linda, Mark, Mary, Mary, Mary Lou, Mathew, Matthew, 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, Tommie, Tracy, Trip, Tristen, Valerie, Valery, Vern

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: Greg J., Jan M., Eilene W., Edwina B., Nichole F., Joan H., Chuck S., Julianne H., Evelyn G., Robin W., Samantha K., Carol R., and those with anniversaries; Corey Kidwell & Denise Notzon, Ann & Bill Tillman, Liz & Toby Valko, Chesley & Michael Varnet, Catherine & Shane Warren, Emily & Sean Cabera, Jeffrey & Karon Darrow, Katie & Kyle Trevillian; and for the birth of Joanie & Niel Martin, niece and nephew of Amalia Dobbins.
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 Gloria Kirchner, sister-in-law of John Watkins, 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 memory of their son Robert Gordon Pettis, III by Lorrie & Bob Pettis.

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

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 "Balm in Gilead"

Hymn 676

Refrain
*There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.
Refrain
2. If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all."
Refrain

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Hymn 380 vs. 3 *(10:30AM 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.**

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.**

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. 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

“Come unto Him” (*Instrumental*)

by G.F. Handel

“Thou art the Way, to thee alone”

Hymn 457

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| 1. Thou art the Way, to thee alone from sin and death we flee; and all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee. | 3. Thou art the Life, the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm. |
| 2. Thou art the Truth, thy word alone true wisdom can impart; thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart. | 4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow. |

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.**

Post Communion Prayer

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

“Just as I am without one plea”

Hymn 693 vs. 1, 4-6

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| 1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. | 5. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come. |
| 4. Just as I am: thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. | 6. Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come. |

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

“Lancashire” Festive Postlude

by Charles Callahan

Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Wednesday Pilgrimage Bible Study on Zoom

Through August 23, 7:00 PM

Adopt-a-Trail

Edmondson Trail Head, 250 Woodman Rd., Colorado Springs
Various Dates through July 31. RSVP

Backpack & School Supply Drive

Due by Sunday, July 30.

SMASH – Western Mining Museum Lecture Series “More than Molly”

(Unsinkable Molly Brown) *Limited Tickets*

Tuesday, July 11, 4:00-5:00 PM. Dinner to follow. RSVP

Vespers in the Garden

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 PM. RSVP

Purple Tea Party

Saturday, July 28, 2:30 – 4:00 PM. RSVP

Creative Arts Festival

Sunday, August 13

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