

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 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 "Shepherd's Psalm" by Brent Olstad

Opening Hymn

"Christ is made the sure foundation"

Hymn 518

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.
- 2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
- 3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

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.

(8:00 AM Spoken; 10:30 AM Sung)

Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 Exodus (12:1-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt

that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 807

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (18:15-20)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"

Sermon The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 service) "A Thousand Hallelujahs"

by Brooke Ligertwood

With a thousand Hallelujahs we magnify your name. You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise. Lord Jesus, this song is forever yours. A thousand hallelujahs, a thousand more.

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:

Autume, Francis, Bill, Bobbie, Ceci, Chuck, Debra, G.G., Greg, Ian, Judy, Laura, Lyle, Mary,

Monica, Natalie, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Arlene, Barbara, Britney, Caleb, Cathleen, Charlotte, Chris, Cliff, Courtney, Craig, Danielle, Debra, Dennis B., Dennis G., Diana, Diane, Eric, Ethel, Francis,

Greg, Hunter, Jane,, Ji-bril, Jonathan, Judy, Kalob, Kathy, Kelsey, Kim, Kristen, Laura D., Laura J., Lauren, Layla, Leona, Lorraine, Marne, Mateo, Mathew, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Peg, Peyton, Phil, Phyllis, Randy, Ross, Russell, Sara, Sharon, Sherry, Sherry, Spence, Terri, Tripp, Valerie, Vern.

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 For those who are expecting, especially Kate, that grace and mercy may attend to the pregnancy.

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: Nora F., Tanner M., Christine M., Yvonne T., Melanie L., Ama C., Linda W., and those with anniversaries; Danny & Stacy Cowell, Aaron & Crista DeJoia, Gaile & Gus Combs, Bridget & Chris Hause, Marianne & Patrick Jenkins, Breck & Mattie Paris, Douglas & Sheila Wilson, and

Claire & Phil Rische. 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 The Rev. Gerry Colbourne, brother of Edwina Burdekin,

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 in memory of The Rev. Melissa Kean by Bob & Linda Kean.

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 "Christ Be Our Light" by Bernadette Farrell

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken) Hymn 400 vs. 7 (10:30AM Service Sung)

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

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.

Celebrant It is a 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 (10:30 AM sung) S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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 pew. 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 front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.

Communion Hymns

"Come now, O Prince of peace" (instrumental)

WLP 795

"I am the Bread of life"

Hymn 335

- 1. I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.
 - Refrain:
 And I will raise them up,
 and I will raise them up on the
 last day.
- 2. The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever.

 Refrain

- 3. Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you. Refrain
- 4. I am the resurrection,
 I am the life.
 They who believe in me,
 even if they die,
 they shall live for ever.
 Refrain
- 5. Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world. Refrain

"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see Glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Hymn 376

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 praising thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

 Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude "Amazing Grace" by J. Christopher Pardini

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Continental Breakfast – Today, 9:15 AM & 11:45 AM

Adopt-a-Trail -Various Dates through September 30. RSVP

Youth Fundraiser & Silent Auction - Friday, September 15, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

St. John's Bible Docent Training - Saturday, September 16, 9:00 – 1:00 PM

Widows Group Lunch at Marigold's Café - Saturday, September 16, 11:30 AM

Education for All Begins - Sunday, September 17, 9:15 AM

5th Annual Golf Outing at Patty Jewett - Sunday, September 17

Small Groups:

Being With – Beginning Monday, September 18, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. RSVP

Being With – Beginning Saturday, September 23, 9:00 – 10:30 AM. RSVP

Sacred Air: Climate & Energy – Beginning Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. RSVP

Sacred Ground – Beginning Wednesday September 27, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. RSVP

Spirituality of Aging – Beginning October 5, 1:00 – 2:30 PM. RSVP

The Space Between Us – Beginning October 9, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. RSVP

SMASH – John Fielder's Photography Exhibit - Friday, September 22. RSVP

Switchbacks Game - Saturday, September 23, 6:00 PM. RSVP

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

Habitat Build, ReStores & Lunches - Saturday, September 30

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