

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Daughters of the King Sunday September 17, 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		"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	by Carson Cooman
Opening H	ymn	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	Hymn 390
<ol> <li>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creati O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salva Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song, Sounding in glad adoration.</li> </ol>		for he is thy health and salvation: saltery, organ and song,	

- 2. Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth, Born as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth: Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been Granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way, and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, Who with his love doth befriend thee.
- 4. Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from his people again, Gladly forever adore him!

## **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.

Song of Praise (sung)S236, "Glory to You" Canticle 13<br/>Benedictus es, Domineby John Rutter

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 (14:19-31)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Psalm 114

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg.756

Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

#### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia"

My Heart Sings Out 20

#### The Gospel

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (18:21-35)PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

"Celtic Alleluia"

Sermon

Meditation & Reflection (10:30 service)

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

by Chris Tomlin

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

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 <b>People</b>	For all people in their daily life and work; 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 <b>People</b>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Leader: <b>People</b>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; 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, Carol, Ceci, Chuck, G.G., Greg, Ian, Laura, Lyle, Melissa, Monica, Natalie, Zoee, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.
	Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Arlene, Barbara, Britney, Caleb, Carol, Cathleen, Charlotte, Chris, Cliff, Courtney, Craig, Danielle, Dayle, Dennis B., Diana, Diane, Ethel, Francis, Greg, Hunter, Jane, Ji-bril, Jonathan, Judy, Kalob, Kristen, Laura D., Laura J., Layla, Leona, Marne, Mateo, Miles, Millie, Molly, Nancy, Peg, Peyton, Randy, Ross, Russell, Sara, Sarah, Sharon, Sherry, Sherry, Spence, Terri, Tripp, Valerie.
	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 K., Aprel M., Laura D., Wyre M., David M., Janet P., Linda W., Brad K., Robert P., Grace B., Matt S., Darryl T., Judy J., Emma L., Madeline C., Ellen D., those with anniversaries; Hank & Pat Pricenski, and those who are expecting; Kate and Emily. 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 in honor of The Daughters of the King.
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. <b>Amen.</b>

## 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

Blessing of Pilgrimage Icons (both services)

**Daughters of the King Installation of Officers** (10:30 AM Service) For more information on Daughters of the King, contact Pat Nielsen at patilou58@gmail.com)

**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

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

by Stuart Townend, arr. Larry Shackley

# The Doxology

	(8:00 AM Service Spoken)
Celebrant	All things come of thee O Lord.
People	And of thine own have we given thee.

Hymn 400 vs. 7 (10:30 AM Service Sung) 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!

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Lift up your hearts. 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. ( <i>Here a Proper Preface is said</i> )
	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 (10:3	0 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.
	(You may remain standing or kneel)
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,	as we forgive those	
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.	
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,	
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.	
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,	
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,	
And forgive us our trespasses,	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 altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.

## **Communion Hymns**

"Lord, make us servants of your peace" (instrumental)

## by Richard Gillard

## "The Servant Song"

- Brother, sister let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- We are pilgrims on a journey; We're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- I will hold the Christlight for you In the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

#### "Amazing Grace"

- Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
- "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

## 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.

- I will weep when you are weeping;When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.I will share your joy and sorrowTill we've seen this journey through.
- 5. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Hymn 671

- 4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## **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**

"Lift high the cross" **Closing Hymn** Hymn 473 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name. 1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. Refrain Refrain So shall our song of triumph ever be:

4.

Refrain

praise to the Crucified for victory.

- 2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. 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!

Postlude

"Come, Creator Spirit"

by Carson Cooman

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#### Upcoming Events & New Announcements

## Today: Fall 2023 Preview - 9:15 AM in Sanctuary Newcomers Class - 9:15 in Chapel 5th Annual Golf Outing at Patty Jewett

Men's Fellowship - Saturday, September 23, 8:00 - 9:00 AM. (In person)

Creating Space - Saturday, September 23, 9:00 - noon.

Men's Fellowship - Tuesday, September 26, 8:00 - 9:00 AM. (Virtual)

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

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

People Who Read – Wednesday, September 20, 6:00 PM

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

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

St. Michael's Weekend – September 29 – October 1 The Saint John's Bible Dedication Ceremony - Friday, September 29, 6:00 PM Habitat Build, ReStores & Lunches – Saturday, September 30. RSVP Sacrament of Baptism – Sunday, October 1, 10:30 AM Service Food Trucks & Games – Sunday, October 1, 11:45 AM

Archangel Deadline – Sunday, October 15

#### RSVP to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

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