

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist



St. Michael's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing, feel free ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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Service Notes

An asterisk (*) denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)

"Hymnal" refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

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The Word of God

* Processional Song

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Hymnal # 401

* Opening Sentence

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

* Gloria

"Glory to God"

Swaney



Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his



peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -



might - y God____ and Fa-ther. We wor - ship you.____ We



give you thanks.____ We praise you_____ for your glo - ry.

1.

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed

to beginning

— at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

2.

2. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a -

lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most —

High, Je - sus Christ, — with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the

to beginning

glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*** Sequence**

"Rejoice! Rejoice Believers"

Hymnal # 68

*** Holy Gospel**

Luke 12:32-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. "

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

*** Nicene Creed**

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.

* In this context, “catholic” means “universal”.

*** Prayers of the People**

Form III, BCP p. 387

Intercessor: God of love, we pray for your holy universal Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

[Silence – The people may add their own petitions]

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

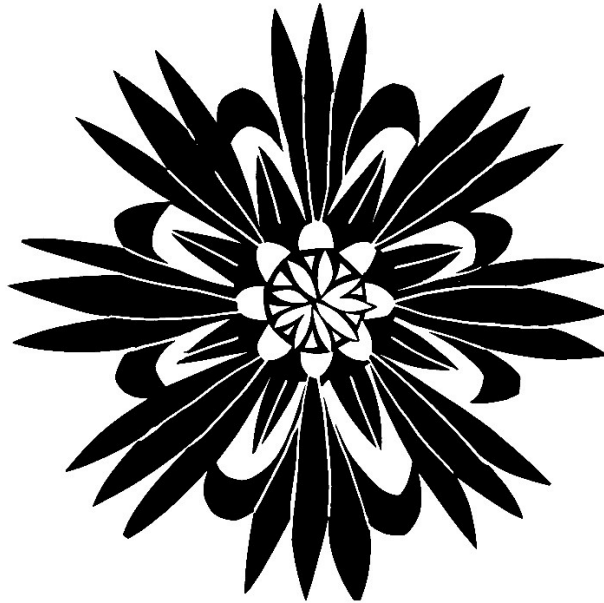
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

- Dogs vs. Cats! (Collection Drive for the Necessity Pantry)
- Decon/Recon and Midweek Eucharist
- August Birthdays & Anniversaries: “O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



The Holy Communion

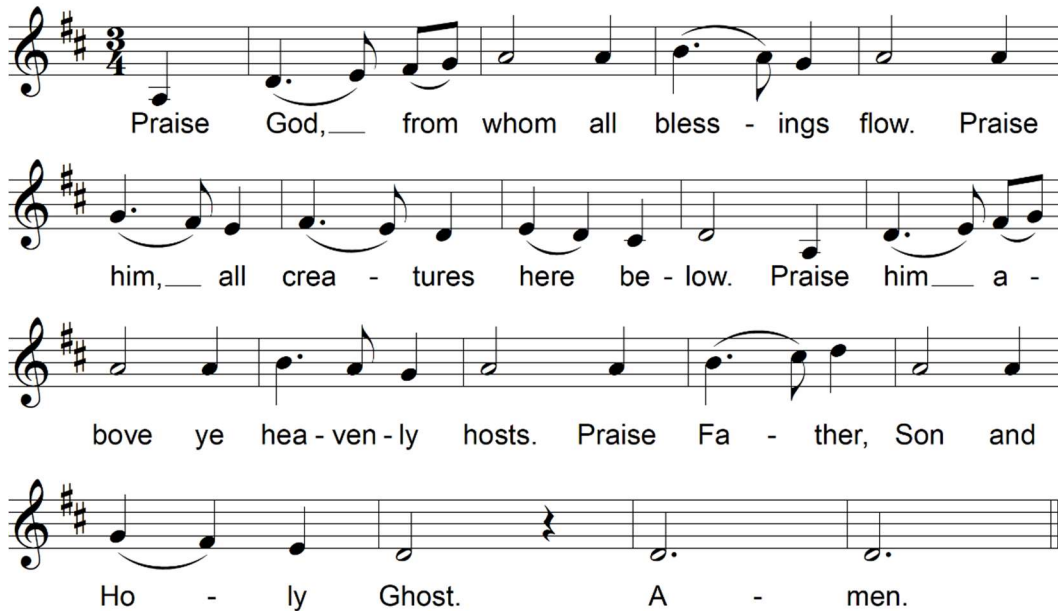
Offertory

"We Walk by Faith"

Hymnal # 209

* The Presentation

"Doxology"



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

"Sursum Corda" Hymnal # S-120

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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**

"Holy Holy Holy Lord"

Swaney

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in__
__ the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in__ the high-est.

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:

All: 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!

* The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

All 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.

* Fraction



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Communion Notes: Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

Communion Hymn

"Come to Us"



1. Come to me, come to us, you who are bur - dened.
2. Come to me, come to us, pil - grim or strang - er,



Come to the Word, and come to the meal.
look - ing for change, or chal - lenge or light.



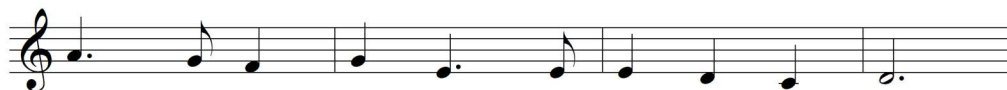
Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:
We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,



come, be em - braced by the bod - y of Christ.
bear - ers of mer - cy, nour - ished in prayer.



3. Come to me, come to us, bro - ken or build - ing,



come with your chil - dren, your choic - es, your chains.



All are in - vi - ted to friend - ship or rest, to



share in our strug - gle, our call and our quest, to



* Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

*** Closing Hymn**

"Step by Step"

O God, You are my God, and I will ev-er praise

You. O You. I will seek You in the morn - ing, and I will

learn to walk in Your way; And step by step You'll lead

me, and I will fol - low You all of my days. days. And

step by step You'll lead me, and I will fol - low You all of my days.

*** Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Parish Prayer List

As of July 22, 2025

At the end of August, we will be purging this entire list and starting from scratch. Please make note of any individuals below that you will want to remain on the Parish Prayer List. After September 1, we will provide a link for you to add them back onto the list, along with any new prayer requests. Thank you!

Bereavement

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|----------|----------------------|-------------|
| • Chris | • Dorothy (Muriel | • Joe |
| • David | Woodburn's mother) | • Brent |
| • Pedro | • The Rev John Biggs | • Dora |
| • Jeremy | • Carmen Jaime | • Nathaniel |
| • Jerry | • Andy | |

Healing and Comfort

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|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| • Robin | • Donna M. | • Lynette |
| • Mike S. | • Mary A. | • Dennis |
| • Christina M. | • Martha Jaime | • Tim |
| • Leslie | • Sally | • Tina |
| • Brandon | • Marilyn | • Dan |
| • Terry | • Ashlea | • Elsie |
| • Paul | • Lisa | • Dan |
| • Tyler | • Steve, Maury & Cooper | • Millie |
| • Larry McEnroe | • Peggy & Joe | • Dickie |
| • Ron & Marie | • Danny & Stacey | • Jase |
| • John & Joanne | • Trisha | • Ed |
| • Madeline | • Maury | • Chris |
| • Christy & Family | • Cooper | • Rusty & Debbie |
| • Mary D. | • Debbie | • Donna H. |
| • Wayne | • Carla | • Dennis |
| • Les | • Pat & Dale | • John A. |

Nursing Home & At-Home

- Jerry and Tom
- Marybeth A.
- Shirley N. at Autumn Terrace
- Barbara W. at Wiltshire
- John M.
- Irene

Strength and Support

- Brad K.
- Vida
- Janet
- Christopher
- Danielle
- Jerome
- Jaidyn
- Tyler
- Judy & Sal
- Those suffering violence in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel
- those in prison, especially Sam D., David and Brandee
- the homeless, especially Chris

Thanksgivings

- Our St. Michael's church family
- Our new Bishop, Amy Dafler Meaux