ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOV. 8
9:00 AM

Gospel Family Service



WE GATHER

(*please stand*)
OPENING SONG **Oh Magnify the Lord**

Oh magnify the Lord
For He is worthy to be praised
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Hosanna
Blessed be the rock
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Priest: Welcome! We're glad you're here. Let's begin by blessing the God who first blesses us.
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Let us pray: **God, you know us completely, every thought, hope, and secret. Nothing surprises you, and nothing stops you loving us. Make our hearts clean, so that we may truly love you and gladly praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE **You Are God Alone**

You're not a God created by human hands
You're not a God dependent on any mortal man
You're not a God in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is
[2x]

You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

You're the only God whose power none can contend
You're the only God whose name and
Praise will never end

You're the only God who's worthy
Of everything we can give
You are God, that's just the way it is

You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

You're unchangeable
Unshakable
Unstoppable
That's who you are

You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone.
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.
People: God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant**:** Let us pray:
Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your presence, our minds to your truth, our hands to your service, and our lives to your love. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever**. Amen**

WE LISTEN

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY **PSALM 118**

Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good;
God's love lasts forever.

Let everyone who honors the Lord say:
God's love lasts forever.

When I was in trouble, I called out to the Lord;
God answered me and set me free.

The Lord gives me strength and a song to sing;
God has saved me.

I thank you, God, because you answered me;
You have saved me.

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let's rejoice and be glad today!

Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good;
God's love lasts forever.

THE TALK

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

THE ST. MICHAEL'S CREED

Celebrant: Friends, let us stand and say together what we believe and what gives us hope:

We believe in God,
who created heaven and earth,
knows us by name,
and loves us with a love that never ends.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Son, our Savior
who was born among us as one of us,
showed us the heart of God,
gave his life on the cross,
rose again in victory,
is with us always,
and will come again
to make all things new.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the waters at creation,
spoke through the prophets,
lives within us,
gives us faith,
fills us with hope,
and teaches us to love.

We believe we belong to God's family, the Church,
where we are welcomed in one baptism,
forgiven and nourished,
and learn to follow Jesus together.

We look for the day
when God will make all things new,
and we will live with him forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY TOGETHER

(sit or kneel)

We pray for our families, friends, neighbors, and everyone who needs hope, healing, or encouragement today.
Lord, teach us to love.

We pray for our leaders and for all who shape the future of our world. Give them wisdom, compassion, and courage to seek justice and peace.
Lord, teach us to love..

We pray for those who are hungry, lonely, afraid, or hurting. Show them your love, and help us become part of the answer to their prayers.
Lord, teach us to love.

We remember those we love who have died. Thank you that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love.
Lord, teach us to love.

We remember those who are especially on our hearts today... *(pause)*
Lord, teach us to love.

Priest: Loving God, receive these prayers, and even the ones we cannot find words to say. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may love you more deeply, love our neighbors more generously, and serve the world more faithfully. **Amen.**

WE FIND REST & RELEASE

Priest: Jesus invites us to come to him with open hearts. Let us confess our sins and receive his mercy.

(Silence)

Loving God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have said things we should not have said,
done things we should not have done,
and left undone things we should have done.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us, for Jesus' sake,
Renew us.
Lead us by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may follow Jesus
with joy and courage. Amen.

(silence)

Priest: May God forgive you; Christ befriend you, and the Holy Spirit renew and change your life. Amen

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: And also, with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY PRAYER:

Watch over this your child, O Lord.
Bless and guide (him/her) wherever (he/she) may be.
Strengthen and comfort (him/her) to do that
which is good and right.
May (he/she) feel the touch of Thy Divine Hand,
and receive the joy and power of the Holy Spirit,
that (he/she) may be blessed forever more,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER:

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and
mercies on this (these) couple/s.
Guide them with your wisdom,
protect them with your love,
fill their home with your presence,
and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

WE SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER

(sit or kneel)
Beloved, again and again, Jesus met people around a table. not to condemn them, but to welcome them, feed them, and remind them that they were deeply loved. So come to this table, not because you've earned a place here, but because Christ invites you. Come hungry for grace, for hope, and for the love of God that is freely given to all.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and always our joy, to give you thanks, loving Father.
You created us in love, never stopped loving us when we wandered from you, and, in the fullness of time, sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us home.

By his life, his death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection, he opened the way to forgiveness, new life, and the hope that nothing can ever separate us from your love.

On the night before he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, 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, saying,
"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."

Remembering his life, his death, his resurrection, and his promise to come again, we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup,
that they may be for us
the Body and Blood of Christ.
And as we receive them,
may we be filled with your love,
renewed by your grace,
and made one with Christ and one another.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our Friend. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

JESUS' FAMILY PRAYER

(all pray together)

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.

WE BECOME ONE

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

WE GO (*sit)*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim and demonstrate your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

DIMISSAL

Go in peace to love God, love others, and serve the world.
Thanks be to God

CLOSING SONG **The Blessing**

The Lord Bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace

A....men, A..men A.....men
A...men A...men A.....men

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SAINT MICHAEL'S
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Upcoming events

NOV 2026

FRI NOV 13-15

Diocesan Youth Retreat: Made New
Camp Wingmann, Avon Park
(Grades 7–12; Guest Speaker: Brian Morgan; Cost $150)

SUN NOV 15

Music at St. Michael's: Journey of the Heart
4:00 PM
Quigley Hall

THU NOV 19

Pub Theology
7 PM
Bottle Shop Tasting Bar

WED NOV 25

Thanksgiving Eve Noonday Prayer and Compline
12:00 PM for Noonday Prayer and 8:00 PM for Compline
Zoom

THU NOV 26

Thanksgiving Dinner
1:00 PM
Quigley Hall

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2026 STEWARDSHIP SEASON

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Alive in Christ. Alive in Generosity.

Grace received becomes love given.

Dear St. Michael's Community,

We invite you into a deeper spiritual practice of stewardship this season. Stewardship is not simply about what we do with our money. It is about what God *is doing* with our hearts, and it's a vital way to participate in God's movement of grace.

Our theme, ***Alive in Christ. Alive in Generosity,*** calls us to remember that *Grace received becomes love given.* Everything begins with God, and as we recognize the immense blessings we have, we are compelled to share. Grace changes how we see what we have.

This fall, we are called to be fully ***Alive in Generosity***—not out of guilt or pressure, but as a joy-filled response to grace. As part of this spiritual journey, please consider with gratitude, trust, and your next step of growth in giving. May God bless you and your loved ones with a beautiful and transformative stewardship season.

We ask you to pray about your giving and consider how Christ is inviting you to grow. Stewardship is not a test of worthiness, but a matter of discipleship. Your pledges are vital to St. Michael's plan for ministry, but spiritually, they are much more: a concrete way of saying, "Lord, what I have belongs within my discipleship too."

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With love and gratitude,

Joan Myers

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Financial Controller
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