



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20
9 AM

Gospel Family Service



WE GATHER

(please stand)

OPENING SONG

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
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Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise
Ohh, ohh ohh
Let it rise

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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

ALPHA AND OMEGA

You are Alpha and Omega,
we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised

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we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory,
we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

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You are worthy to be praised.

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We give You all the glory,
we worship You, our Lord;
You are worthy to be praised.

Praise the name of Jesus
Praise the name of Jesus
He's my Rock He's my fortress
He's my Deliverer in Him will I trust
Praise the name of Jesus.

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 145

I will praise you, God my King,
and thank you forever and ever.

Every single day I will bless you
and sing your praises always.

The Lord is great and deserves all our praise;
his greatness is beyond anything we can measure.

One generation will tell the next about what you've done
and pass down the story of your power.

I will stop and wonder at the glory of your majesty
and meditate on all your incredible works.

People will speak of the mighty things you do,
and I will share the news of your greatness.

They will bring to mind how good you've been
and sing out loud about your justice and care.

The Lord is compassionate and kind, patient with our mistakes,
and overflowing with love.

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.

DIMISSION

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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Upcoming events

SEP-OCT 2026

SAT
SEP 26

Celebration of Life for Wayne Forrest Mosher

11 AM

Church, reception to follow in Quigley Hall

SUN
SEP 27

St. Michael's Day – Super "Sundae" Celebration

Immediately following the 10:15 AM service

Quigley Hall

MON
SEP 28

Monday Morning Bible Study

(Mondays, September 28 – November 16 (skipping October 12))

9:30 AM

Conference Room

SAT
OCT 3

Blessing of the Pets

10 AM

Courtyard

SUN
OCT 4

Lenten Guide Participants Meeting

Immediately following the 10:15 AM service

Conference Room

For more info on upcoming events, check out our
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LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) play a vital role in our church community by helping share the sacred gifts of communion during worship. By stepping forward to serve, LEMs ensure our liturgies run smoothly and that everyone present can fully participate in the Eucharistic feast.

WHY SERVE AS AN LEM?



A DEEPER FAITH

Serving at the table deepens your connection to Christ and enriches your spiritual journey.



A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Your service helps create a welcoming, reverent, and inclusive experience for all who gather around Christ's table.



A MEANINGFUL IMPACT

You directly nourish and support fellow parishioners through your ministry.



Serving as an LEM is a beautiful way to live out your baptismal call, deepen your own faith, and directly nourish your fellow parishioners.



For more information, please contact Fr. Greg at greg@stmichaelschurch.com to take the next step.



2027 Lenten Guide

Interested in writing for
the 2027 Lenten Guide?

If you would like to contribute a reflection or
devotional for the 2027 Lenten Guide,
please contact
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Lenten Guide Participants Meeting



Sunday October 4

Immediately after the 10:15 AM Service in the Conference Room

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