

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

November 15, 2009

9:00 AM

**May God's presence and love be with you in this time of worship.** Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church to this service of Word and Prayer. Let us praise the Lord for all the blessings of God's grace we receive each day. *Please take a moment* to fill out the "Welcome to St. Michael" form and place it in the offering plate by the baptismal font when you come up for communion. *All who are baptized and have received their first communion* are invited to come and to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*God of truth,*

**we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from you. We have not kept your commandments. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the poor, and we have not welcomed all people in your name. You know the fullness of our sin. Forgive us, and turn us again to you, so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.*

**Amen.**

HYMN No. 857 (Sung twice)

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Red Hymnal

## GREETINGS AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray . . .*

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 25:1-9 (OT, pg. 723)

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 15

Congregation reads **bold.**

<sup>1</sup>*LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?*

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>*they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.*

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>*They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:1-23 (NT, pg. 213)

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

HYMN No. 803

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Red Hymnal

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord in your mercy,*

**Hear our Prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING

*Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Messenger**  
**November 15**

Sunday, November 15      Youth Christmas Program Practice at 4:00 PM  
Bible Study at the Wertz Home at 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 17      Bible Study at 11:00 AM  
Playground Planning Meeting at 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 18      Handchimes Choir Practice at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, November 19      Choir Practice at 6:30 PM  
Volleyball Game at 7:00 PM  
Boy Scout Meeting at 7:15 PM  
Saturday, November 21      SHARE

**Tonight**, Pastor John will lead a **Bible Study** in his home about Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Everyone is welcome. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m. Directions to the Wertz home can be found on the shelf in the hallway. Please sign up on the Welcome Sheet if you plan to attend.

**The St. Michael Volleyball team** will play this Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Center. Come out to cheer on the team!

We continue to collect **Christmas shoeboxes** for the **Head Start children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**. The deadline for returning the boxes is next Sunday, November 22. Monetary donations to help provide **SHARE boxes of food** for the families are also being accepted. Any amount will help.

**Next Sunday, November 22 at 5 p.m.**, everyone is invited to a **"Party with a Purpose"**. The youth and their adult helpers will be decorating the shoeboxes for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. You will be rewarded for your labor with a pizza supper! **Beginning at 7 p.m.**, we will gather for a **Thanksgiving Service** using **Holden Evening Prayer**. Make plans to join in this special time of fun, fellowship and worship.

St. Michael will host our annual **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thursday, November 26. Can you help by roasting a provided turkey on Wednesday morning to be sliced at church around noon that day? We also need donations of food, help in the kitchen and drivers. Please sign up on the back of the Welcome Sheet with ways you and your family can help out with this wonderful community outreach event.

**Ministry Opportunities: Remember the Montgomery County Christmas Store.** Please consider donating an unwrapped gift (\$5 or less) that would be appropriate for a mom or a dad. Also, if you have any leftover Halloween candy, the store would appreciate that as well. Look for the donation basket in the narthex. Thank you for making someone's Christmas extra special! Today's **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John and Edith Krallman and Al and Thelma Hylton by John and Dianne Krallman.

**Serving Today:** Our greeter this morning is Fay Walters and our worship assistant is Lori Anne Kirk.

**Thank you to Joyce Coupey** for her beautiful artwork for today's **bulletin cover!**

**Mark your calendar: The St. Michael Congregational Meeting and Thank You Brunch** will be on **Sunday, December 13**, beginning at 10 a.m.

**To Remember in Prayer**

Carol Bland, Hallie Brown, Gayla Callahan, Steven Coupey, Leona Criner, Doug Day, Sr., Doug Eads, Emory Elliott, Sherwood Elliott, Luther Epperly, Barbara Fowler, Annabelle Fuselier, James Greer, Oattie Hall, Bill Harris, Charlene Harris, Lucile Harris, Peggy Hill, Jack and Brandy Hulslander, Steve Johnson, Ann Johnstone, Clyde Keaton, Sammy Linkous, Shirley Linkous, Ginnie McGuigan, Megan Morgan, Betty Noonkester, Keeter Pope, Daniel Pfaff, Betty and Jerry Ramundo, Kathy Ratcliffe, Larry Shepherd, Marguerite Smiley, Jack Smith, Debra Snider, Peggy Sundby, Laurel Wampler, the family of Cecil Brown, the family of Bob Thompson and the family of George Ziegenfuss.

*If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please use the "Welcome to St. Michael" form.*

**Report for November 8**

Attendance:	9:00 - 43	11:00 - 94	Total - 137
Giving:	Current - \$ 2,404	Facilities Expansion - \$ 295	
	Justice and Mercy - \$ 87	Sunday School Offering - \$ 26.40	
	Micah's Backpack - \$ 250	Property Maintenance - \$ 100	
	Community Thanksgiving Dinner - \$ 60		