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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2009

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church. May you experience God's love and presence through our worship today. **Child care is provided.** "Bible bags" are available for younger children in the front hallway. Please take a moment to fill out the "Welcome to St. Michael" form and place it in the offering. If you are new at St. Michael, please remember to include your mailing address and phone number so Pastor John can get in touch with you.

GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements and Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness page 94

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (sung twice) Hymn 857

*Greeting and Kyrie page 203

*Hymn of Praise: "Glory be to God in heaven" page 204

*Prayer of the Day *The Lord be with you. And also with you!*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 (OT, pg. 723) *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 15 Congregation reads **bold.**

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

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

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

⁴**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.**

⁵*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.*

Reading: Colossians 1:1-23 (NT, pg. 213) *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 803

*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.

*Prayers of the People *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Sharing of the Peace page 206

Offering "Morning Has Broken" Choir with Tacey Apisa on guitar

*Offertory Hymn "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Hymn 884

*Offertory Prayer
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving page 206

*"Holy, Holy, Holy" page 207

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer page 208

Communion: "Lamb of God" page 208

Hymn during Distribution "Jesus, Remember Me" Hymn 616

*Post-Communion Blessing
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

*Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

*Blessing

*"I Love to Tell the Story" Hymn 661

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

*Indicates to Stand

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.

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.

	Serving Today	Serving Next Sunday
Ushers:	Ben and Grace Simmers Don Linkous, Joanne Pascoe	Philip Isenhour, Hank Schneider Bob and Peggy Brown
Lay Reader:	Hank Schneider	Kris Wertz
Acolyte:	Matthew Pasier	Alex Moehling
Communion Asst:	Tacey Apisa	Sheila McCarten
Greeters:	Matt Belue and Lisa Moehling	
Altar Care:	Judith Wolfe and Sandy Birch	
Youth Servant:	Sarah Moehling	Camden Brewer

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		

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!