

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

May 25, 2008

9:00 AM

**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 compassion,*

**we confess that we have failed to bear witness to your love and mercy. In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us, and our love of others has not always been genuine. We have been caught up in the cares of the world. We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships. Forgive our sins, merciful God, that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need, and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love. Amen.**

*By God's grace you are forgiven and born anew. May you be strengthened daily with the power to walk in God's light and love.*

**Amen.**

HYMN No. 858

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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 49:8-16a

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

PSALM 131

Congregation reads **bold.**

<sup>1</sup>*O LORD, I am not proud; I have no haughty looks. I do not occupy myself with great matters, or with things that are too hard for me.*

<sup>2</sup>**But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; my soul is quieted within me.**

<sup>3</sup>*O Israel, wait upon the LORD, from this time forth forevermore.*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:24-34

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

SERMON

HYMN No. 765

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

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

*O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our works and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING

*Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God!**

## Messenger May 25

Monday, May 26                      Memorial Day  
   Softball Game at 8:15 PM  
Tuesday, May 27                      Bible Study at 11:00 AM  
Thursday, May 29                      Boy Scout Meeting at 7:15 PM

Come cheer on our **softball team!** They will play against Slusser's Chapel on Monday at 8:15 p.m. at the Tom's Creek softball fields. They would love your support.

It is time to update the **Prayer List**. Please use the Welcome Sheet to let us know who you would like to remain on the list or to add someone new. The new list will appear beginning in June.

Come be a part of **POWER LAB Vacation Bible School** June 8-12. We'll be discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power! Sign the Welcome Sheet to join in the fun!

On Sunday afternoon, July 27, the **O.K.s (Older Kids)** are sponsoring a trip to the musical "Idols of the King" at Mill Mountain Theater. We'll put on our blue suede shoes and shake, rattle and roll to Elvis and his greatest hits. The cost is \$35 which includes transportation and admission fees. **The registration deadline is May 30.** Registration forms and a "travel brochure" for the trips planned for this year are available on the bulletin board. Contact Sandy Birch (951-3455 or birch@vt.edu) for more information.

Today's **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Donald Birch by Jeff and Sandy Birch.

As a community of believers guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission of St. Michael Lutheran church is to:

Care for all God's people in need,  
Hear of God's love through Word and Sacrament  
Respond to God's grace with thankful hearts,  
Invite others into Christ's community,  
Serve God in our daily lives, and  
Tell the story of God's love for all.

## To Remember in Prayer

Janis Apisa, Irene Ashley, Paul Atchison, Nicole Bergen, Brian Birch, Hallie Brown, Karen Brown, Jo Caldwell, Melvin Collins, Tiny Croy, Robert Davis, Jr., Patrick Day, Sharon Dean, Lily and Adam DePasquale, Ray and Blanche Dickerson, Emory Elliott, Sherwood Elliott, Karen Falta, Bobbie Fowler, Allen Gay, James Greer, Carolyn Grubbs, Lucile Harris, Mae Hastedt, Remy Hayes, Carol Jacobson, Jodi, Carl Keaton, Clyde Keaton, Danny and Deborah Kelly, Kitty and Ross Kirk, Stanley Larsen, Dr. Jan Levy, Bob Linkous, Carol Linkous, Don Linkous, Mark and Diann Luthy, Lydeana Martin, Andy Mayer, Judy McCord, Ginnie McGuigan, Joy Onah, Doris Price, Betty and Jerry Ramundo, Lauren Lee Robinson, Richard Robinson, Jean Singleton, Bob Smart, Marguerite Smiley, Debra Snider, Ben Taylor, Paulette Terry, Joe Thomas, Tim Turman, Jean Uhle, Oleta Viars, Irene Walters, Laurel Wampler, Melinda Wilson, and Kayla White.

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

## Report for May 18

Attendance:	9:00 - 50	11:00 - 99	Total - 149
Giving:	Current - \$ 3,350	Facilities Expansion - \$ 233	
	Property Maintenance - \$ 132	Sunday School - \$ 10.76	
	Justice and Mercy - \$ 25		