

8:00 a.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

**Order of Service**  
**Saint Michael Lutheran Church**  
**3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901**

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**Pentecost**

**May 28, 2023**

**Divine Service Setting I**

**Welcome, Announcements & Greetings**

**Recognition of Veterans**

**Prayer for Memorial Day**

**Song of Remembrance**

*"Taps"*

*Dr. Bryan Edgett, trumpet*

**Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 105:1-2, Romans 5:5 and Rev. 4:8*

*Pastor:* The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**People:** **We dwell in Him and He in us.**

*Pastor:* Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name;

**People:** **Make known His deeds among the peoples.**

*Pastor:* Sing to Him, sing praises to Him,

**People:** **And speak of all His marvelous works.**

*Pastor:* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**People:** **Who was and is and is to come!**

**Opening Hymn**

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*  
(vs. 1-3)

**717**

**Confession & Absolution**

**151**

**Kyrie**

**152**

**Hymn of Praise**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

**700**

**Epistle Reading**

*Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)*

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the


inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.


People:   
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:1-5, 14-18 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:   
Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

*inside back cover of hymnal*

## Children's Message

## Anthem

*"It Is Well with My Soul"*

*arr. by John Ness Beck  
offered by the choir  
Betsy Sinke, piano*



To watch and listen to last week's sermon online at [www.smlcs.org](http://www.smlcs.org),  
scroll down to the bottom and click on "Watch the Live Stream."

## Sermon Outline:

1. Socrates said, "The \_\_\_\_\_ life is a life not worth living."
2. Solomon's not trying to give us answers; he's trying to raise questions that will make us \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The phrase "under the sun" is Solomon's way of saying, "apart from \_\_\_\_\_." If that's the case, then there are three stock answers that people give as their reason for living.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ who would say, "The meaning of life is to make the world a better place, to help others, to make a difference in the world."
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ says, "You're right; life is meaningless. So, the only way to find any meaning is to enjoy the little time that we have here on earth and find meaning in the simple pleasures of life."
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ says, "The meaning of life is that there is no ultimate meaning. So, you have to create your own."
7. If our worldview is that there is no God, that we're all accidents moving toward annihilation and our origin and destiny is meaningless, that's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. So, there is life above the sun, and this life is not all there is, and we have an eternal \_\_\_\_\_, and there is a God who created us and sustains us, and, therefore, there is meaning and a reason to live.
9. John says to anyone who is looking for the answer to *the* question of life, "Yes, there absolutely *is* a reason for living, but it's not a principle; it's not a theory; it's a \_\_\_\_\_ – the *logos* of life is Jesus."
10. That's the answer to Solomon's question – everything is \_\_\_\_\_ because in the *logos* we have purpose, we have a destiny, we have hope, and we have a reason to live.

## Offering

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## Offertory

*“Spirit of God”*

arr. by W.H. Neidlinger  
offered by Ben Ball

# Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

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## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*  
(vs. 1 & 4)

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## Postlude

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

*arr. by Jason Payne*

## *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Words by Edwin Hatch, 1878

Tune name: *Trentham*, by Robert Jackson, 1888



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what Thou dost love, and do— what Thou wouldst do.  
un - til with Thee I will one will, to do— and to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
but live with Thee the per - fect life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.