

10:45 a.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service
Saint Michael Lutheran Church
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The 5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Welcome, Announcements & Greetings

Opening Song

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

see music sheet

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Let us humble ourselves then before God, confessing our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins with which I have offended You. I have been swept up in the busyness of the world around me and therefore have trusted in my own devices and in the things of this world instead of fully trusting in and fully resting in You alone. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.)

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Anthem

"Good Shepherd of My Soul"

*arr. by Lloyd Larson
offered by the Sanctuary Choir*

The First Reading

Hebrews 4:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ²For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. ³Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” ⁵And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.” ⁶Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, ⁷God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

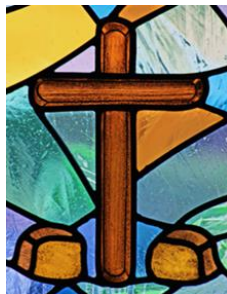
³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” ⁴¹“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

“All Praise to Him”

see music sheet



Sermon

“Redeeming Rest: Our Great Priority”

Pastor Dave Bass

To watch and listen to last week’s sermon online at www.smlcs.org,
click on Church and “Watch the Live Stream.”

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Thought #1: How _____ of a Savior do we have in Jesus that we can come to Him _____ about our _____?

Sermon Thought #2: Martha is busy with _____ things, _____ things, _____ things, but she was missing the point of being in the moment with Jesus.

Sermon Thought #3: Being _____ even when we don’t have to be is an _____
_____ that our culture has created.

Sermon Thought #4: God orders our _____ in the way we ought to go. He does so that we should _____ in them.

Offering

"We Believe"

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Graduation Blessing

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs

"Softly and Tenderly"

see music sheet

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals
He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
You who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry
when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger
and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

O for the wonderful love
He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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Blessing

Closing Song

"Sovereign"

see music sheet

