



*My sheep
listen to my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me.*

John 10:27

9:30 a.m. – Service of the Word

Order of Service

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Prelude

"It Is Well with My Soul"

*arr. by James Koerts
Rachel Cox, violin*

Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

Opening Song

"King of Love"

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 34:1-4, 8, 22

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: **I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People: **The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:1-6 (NIV)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 4:10-13 (NIV)

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

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 Saint John, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

John 10:22-28 (NIV)

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Backpack Blessing

Song of the Day

"O Great God"

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Sermon

Pastor Dave Bass

This space is available for sermon notes (continued on the next page).

Offering

As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called to use our time, talents, and treasures to further His kingdom and serve one another in love. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us continue to grow in faith and generosity, trusting that God will provide for all our needs as we faithfully serve Him.

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Installation of Mr. Dan Maser, Principal of SMLS

Creedal Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

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Commissioning of the SMLS Teachers and Staff

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

"The Matchless Name of Jesus"

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