

5:30 p.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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Sixth Saturday after Pentecost

July 19, 2025

Prelude

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. by Jason Payne

Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"O Worship the King" words and music by Robert Grant,
Johann Michael Haydn, and Chris Tomlin

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

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Hymn of Praise

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(verses 1 – 4)

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First Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

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 St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:1, 5-20 (NIV)

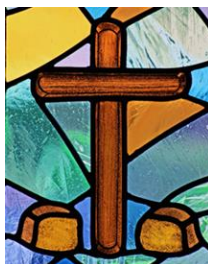
Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Evening

*"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" words by Jeffery Rowthorn
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Sermon

The Bible Doesn't Say That "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

Jason Zehnder, Elder

To watch and listen to last week's sermon, visit tinyurl.com/smlcslive.

Sermon Outline

Sermon Thought #1: Many Christians have been _____ into thinking that becoming a believer means an _____ life – prosperity and _____, wealth and _____ and glory, not _____ and the weight of _____, stress, worry, or concern about earthly needs.

Sermon Thought #2: When Jesus is the _____ of your life, you are _____ Him enough to hand over control of _____. You no longer rely on your _____ to get through difficult times. God does the _____ lifting.

Sermon Thought #3: God's grace is _____. We don't always notice its _____ if we are trying to _____ life on our own.

Apostles' Creed

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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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Ministry Moment

Senior Potluck

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

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"O Savior, Precious Savior"

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Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(verses 1, 5 - 7)

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Postlude

