

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

Order of Service
Saint Michael Lutheran Church
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Fourth Saturday after Pentecost

July 5, 2025

Prelude

"Fantasy on Aurelia"

by Dan Miller
Tom Hanna, guest organist

Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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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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Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

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.

Hymn of Praise

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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First Reading

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (NIV)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one

who has been doing this. So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

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. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 8:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn He appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Evening *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

*by Julia Johnson and
Daniel Towner*



Sermon

The Bible Doesn't Say That "Do Not Judge Others"

Pastor Roy Peterson

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

Sermon Outline

1. According to a recent survey, the top three traits that non-Christians attribute to Christians are:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Jesus gave a command that His followers should _____.
3. When reading biblical texts about not judging others, _____.
4. Do not judge:
 - a. _____
 - b. out of malice
 - c. by appearance or prejudice
 - d. _____
5. When it is necessary to judge or rebuke others, we do so:
 - a. _____ and *not hypocrisy*
 - b. _____ and *not malice*
 - c. _____ and *not evil intent*
 - d. and always with the *goal of restoration*

Apostles' Creed

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Offering

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"
(verses 1 - 2, and 6)

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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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Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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Blessing

Closing Hymn

"For the Healing of the Nations"

*text by Fred Kaan
music by John Hughes*

Postlude

"Tuba Tune"

by C. S. Lang

