

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

## Order of Service

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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**Fifteenth Saturday after Pentecost**

**September 20, 2025**

### Prelude

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

*arr. by Paul Manz*

### Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

### Opening Hymn

*"Thy Strong Word"*

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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

### Hymn of Praise

*"O Word of God Incarnate"*

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### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:4-7; 19-25 (NIV)

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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 first chapter.

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

## Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 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.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Evening *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

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# Sermon

## "The Five Solas: Sola Scriptura" (Scripture Alone)

Pastor Dave Bass

To watch and listen to last week's sermon, visit [tinyurl.com/smlcslive](http://tinyurl.com/smlcslive).

## Sermon Outline

**Sermon Point #1:** The word *apocrypha* means "\_\_\_\_\_,", while the word *deuterocanonical* means "\_\_\_\_\_. The Apocrypha / Deuterocanonicals were written primarily in the time between the Old and New Testaments.

**Sermon Point #2:** The Reformers asserted that Canon of Holy Scripture should govern church interpretation and traditions as the *principium theologiae* (\_\_\_\_\_) and the *norma normans* (\_\_\_\_\_), the source and \_\_\_\_\_ for all theological reflection.

**Sermon Point #3:** *Sola Scriptura* means that all creeds, confessional documents, and theological opinions are subject to \_\_\_\_\_, which must be the \_\_\_\_\_ used to evaluate all else.

## Apostles' Creed

*inside back cover of hymnal*

## 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

*Board of Outreach*

## Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

## Holy Communion

## Distribution Hymns

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

*words by Frances Havergal  
music by Ben Ball*

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

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## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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## Postlude

*"Thy Strong Word"*

*arr. by Phil Lehenbauer*

