

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

Order of Service
Saint Michael Lutheran Church
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Twenty-second Saturday after Pentecost

November 8, 2025

Prelude

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. by Phil Lehenbauer

Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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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

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Christ is our Shepherd and our King. We remember all His works and give Him thanks.

People: **To Him be thanks and praise forever and ever. Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Hymn of Praise

"O Give Thanks Unto the Lord"

words (Psalm 107) by Joseph Irons

tune: St. George's Windsor by George Elvey

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (NIV)

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:10-20 (NIV)

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 10:1-10 (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 are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. 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."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Evening

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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Sermon

Overflowing with Thanks: Remembering God's Blessings

Pastor Roy Peterson

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

Sermon Notes

Point to Ponder #1: Why does God need to call us to remember His blessings?

Point to Ponder #2: What is the relationship between thankfulness and humility?

Point to Ponder #3: What was the point of "Find Your Five"?

Point to Ponder #4: What is at the heart of our thanksgiving?

Apostles' Creed

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Offering

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

words by Folliot S. Pierpoint

tune: Dix by Conrad Kocher

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

"The Church of Christ in Ev'ry Age"

words by Fred Pratt Green

tune: Rockingham Old

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

words by Annie Sherwood Hawks

tune: Need by Robert Lowry

Blessing

Pastor Appreciation Presentation

Closing Hymn

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

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Postlude

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. by David Lasky

