Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

# The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27

*and*

# Living Our Faith

A Little Heaven *on Earth*

*We have received a gift. We are becoming a gift. We have a gift to pass on.*

## November 8, 2026

## 10:15am

***Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome!***

# Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
## We are Called to Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

### Welcome to Sunday Worship at Saint Michael's!

We're glad you're here. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to participate during worship as much as you are comfortable. We hope this bulletin will help. All words in bold are the congregations to say; please feel free to join in.

### Books for Worship

Normally, our Sunday service begins on page 351 of *The Book of Common Prayer*, also referred to as the BCP. This is our primary book for worship in the Episcopal Church. In this bulletin you will see page numbers that reference where to find things in the BCP. Many responses are short enough that after a few weeks of worshipping in an Episcopal Church they become second nature. There's also a Hymnal and a book that we call "the Alleluia book" in your pew. The Hymnal is called *The Hymnal 1982*.

### Music in Worship

Episcopalians like to sing and that's very true here at Saint Michael's. Much of our music is in the Hymnal and in the Alleluia book; however, supplementary music will be found here in this bulletin.

### Offertory

The offertory is the part of the service when we offer to God what we have—our money, bread and wine, and really our whole selves—in gratitude and love. If you would like to donate to St. Michael's, please place your offering in the plate that will come around during the Offertory. If you would rather give online, please go to https://www.saintmichaelsb.org/ and click on "Give."

### Receiving Communion

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. It is customary to receive the bread in your hands and to guide the chalice with your hands. You may receive in one kind only (only the bread or only the wine). Should you desire a gluten-free host, please ask the priest when she comes to you. If you are not a baptized Christian or you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing; when the priest gets to you, simply cross your arms in front of your chest.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN *LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES* HYMNAL #436

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY BCP 355

SONG OF PRAISE *GLORY TO GOD* HYMNAL #S 280

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 236

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

**Good morning God.**
**This is your day.**
**I am your child.**
**Please show me your way. Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG *THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE* ALLELUIA BOOK #113

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**
**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**
**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**
**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

THE FIRST LESSON WISDOM 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE WISDOM OF SOLOMON 6:17-20

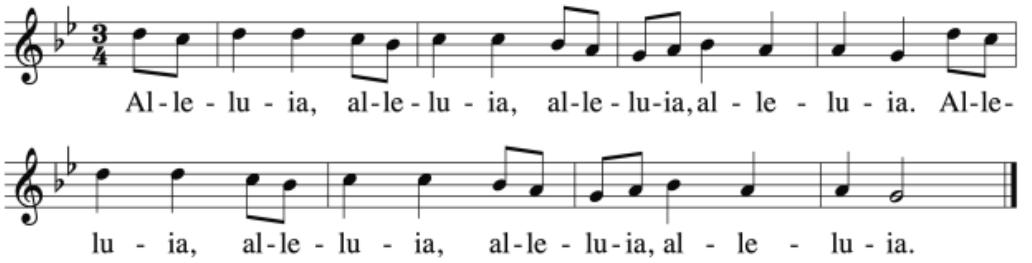
**The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,**
**and concern for instruction is love of her,**
**and love of her is the keeping of her laws,**
**and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,**
**and immortality brings one near to God;**
**so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.**

THE EPISTLE 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *MASS OF CREATION* MARTY HAUGEN

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

LIVING OUR FAITH SERMON THE REV. JEN FULTON
MS. BETH NORTH
MR. RICK WILSON
POSTULANT NAN NOECKER

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God our Creator, who filled the world with wonderous beauty: open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, we pray for your Church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Inspire our witness to your Son Jesus Christ, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, welcome all visitors and newcomers, and grant us all things necessary for our common life so that we may be of one heart and mind within your holy Church. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of this land, that we may be a people of justice and peace. In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, we pray that our trust in you will not fail. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In our local community, we pray for those who live on the margins and may think themselves invisible. May we be a people who "see" and do your will to help those who struggle, and for those who live in fear. We pray for the dignity and respect of all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity in Fort Wayne, Patrick Collins, their Interim Rector and Karla Smith, their Curate;

and we pray for St. Augustine in Gary, a part of the Calumet Episcopal Ministry Partnership. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

On the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those in the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Marine Corps service members on their 251st birthday, and those serving in Delaware at Dover Air Force Base, New Castle Air National Guard Base, Bethany Beach Training Site, Coast Guard Station Indian River, and the Wilmington VA Medical Center. We pray to you also for those service members close to our hearts: D.W. North, Henry Slisz, and Colin Woodruff. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up to you those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We pray for healing and the mending of whatever is broken in their lives. In our own parish we specifically pray for:

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| Mary Reber | Charlene Bollman | Joyce Frost |
| Marvin Curtis | Barb Wilson | Larry Willoughby |
| Phil Bays | June Bays | Sonja Smith |
| Ren Singleton | Susse | Joshua Lewis |
| Victoria Gould | Anne Gruenig | Larry Putt |
| Beryl Cockram | Tony Cockram | Jim Piechorowski |
| Joe Nowak | Pastor Jonathan Akhire | and Steve. |

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray also for those celebrating a birthday this week, including Tony Cockram, or an anniversary.

O Lord, welcome all those who have died into your glory as we remember our own beloved dead, especially Edgar Borris Midget, Marvin Curtis' partner. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

I now invite you to add your own intercession and thanksgivings, either silently or out loud.

COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS #3 BCP 394

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE PEACE BCP 360

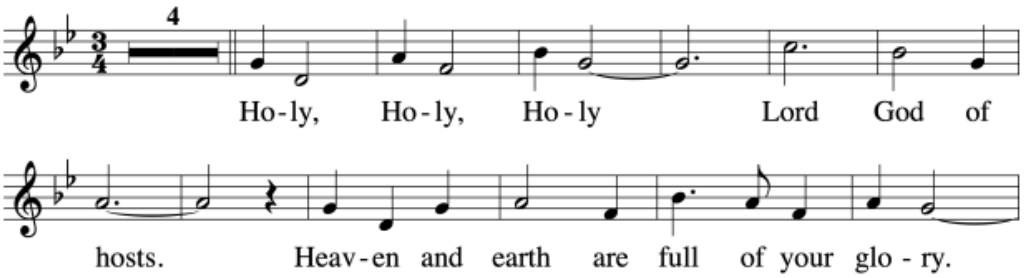
## THE HOLY COMMUNION

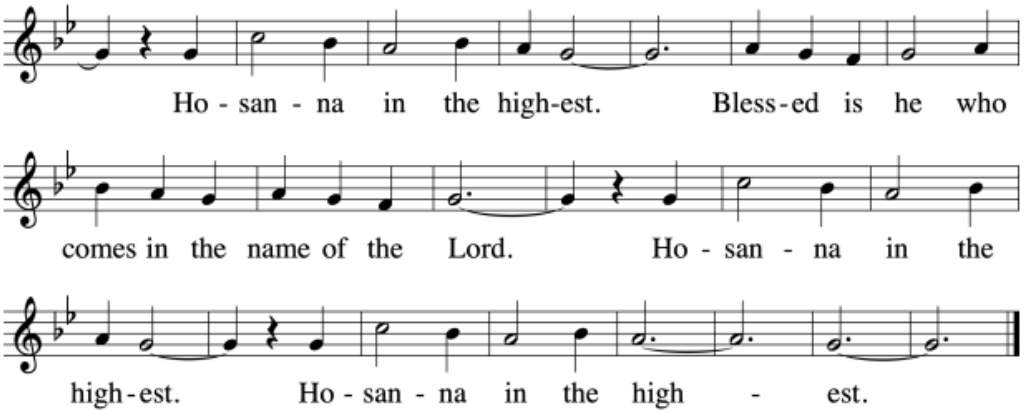
OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP 376

OFFERTORY HYMN *I WILL ARISE AND GO TO JESUS* ALLELUIA BOOK #36

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

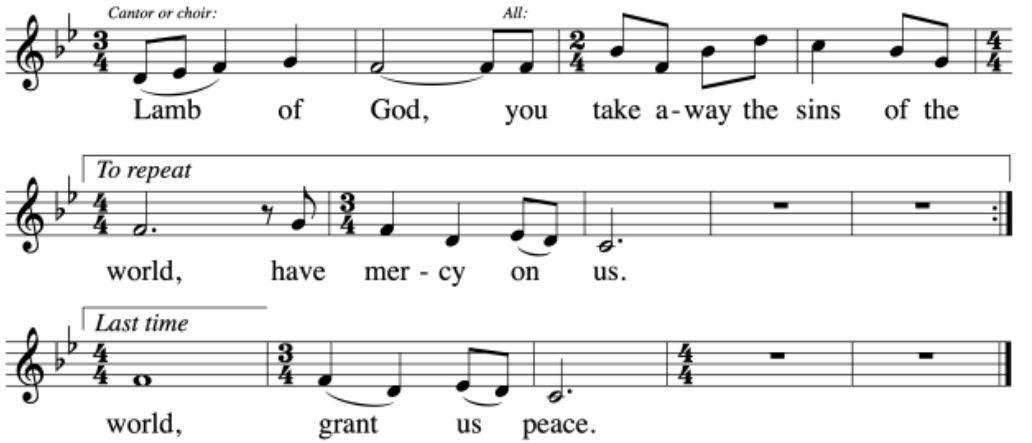
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *MASS OF CREATION* MARTY HAUGEN






THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

LAMB OF GOD *MASS OF CREATION* MARTY HAUGEN




INVITATION TO COMMUNION BCP 364

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE* HYMNAL #324

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

A Prayer for Sending Forth a Lay Eucharistic Visitor

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. May you carry our prayers and love as you go, and may Christ's presence be known in the breaking of the bread. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

50. For a Birthday BCP 830

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

For an Anniversary

**O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these couples who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

53. For Travelers BCP 831

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

BLESSING EOW 71

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

DISMISSAL BCP 366

CLOSING HYMN *GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH* HYMNAL #690

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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship over coffee and goodies. As you leave the sanctuary, you will find stairs to your right. If you continue going right at the stairs, you will find an elevator. If you require assistance, please ask!

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## Gratitude for the Community of Faith

Take a minute to ground yourself, close your eyes, and breathe deeply. Our lives are rushed and filled with worries about our church, our community, and the people we love. In the midst of the turmoil of life, take a moment to ground yourself. Remember that you are created in the image of God, remember that God has called you by name to do this work and has given you all you need to do it. We often need to be reminded that we have been called and that God has given us all we need. The community of faith is there to constantly remind us of this, especially when the path gets difficult or the trees are too thick to see the way. Allow your heart to fill with love and gratitude for your community of faith and for those who walk with you on the journey.

The Rev. Kristen Looney
Director of Partnerships,
Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute,
Washington, DC

# This Week at Saint Michael's

## Black = Church calendar; Green = Mtr. Jen

**Sunday, November 8**
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27A
SOS Giving Day
Living Our Faith continues
10:15am Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour

**Monday, November 9**
9:30am Gift Card Assistance
10:00am AA meeting
1:00pm Province V Creation Care meeting
6:30pm Senior Warden & Rector meeting
7:00pm South Bend Symphonic Choir rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 10**
9:30am Al-Anon Meeting
5:00pm Board of Examining Chaplains administers Canonical Exam to Nan Noecker
7:00pm River Bend Chorus rehearsal
7:00pm ACE rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 11**
9:30am Morning Prayer at Andre Place
11:15am Midweek at Mikes (Holy Eucharist with Lectio [Matthew 25:14-20] & lunch)
6:00pm Finance Committee meeting

**Thursday, November 12**
9:00am Facilitator: Fresh Start meeting at Trinity, Fort Wayne

**Friday, November 13**
6:30pm Supper Club

**Saturday, November 14**
10:00am Facilitator: Episcopal School of Faith & Ministry class on "Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy"

**Sunday, November 15**
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28A
Living Our Faith continues
9:00am Adult Forum (What We Believe: The Nicene Creed)
10:15am Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour
After Coffee Hour: Rehearsal for *Why the Christmas Chimes Rang*
6:30pm Book Study with St. Paul's on *The Audacious Great Singing School Adventure: A Fable* by Robert Gottfried pp. 1-30, at St. Michael's

## Upcoming Dates

**Monday, November 16**
6:30pm Vestry meeting with consultant Susan Czolgosz

**Tuesday, November 17**
7:00pm Bible Study with/at St. Paul's, Mishawaka (Romans 5; *Community Rule;* Philo of Alexandria, *On Creation* sec. 145-146, 156, 168-170)

**Wednesday, November 18**
9:30am Morning Prayer at Andre Place
11:15am Midweek at Mikes (Holy Eucharist with Lectio [Matthew 25:31-46] & lunch)

**Saturday, November 21**
10:00am SOS (Service on Saturday)

**Sunday, November 22**
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King (Proper 29)
Living Our Faith: Last Week
10:15am Holy Eucharist
After the service: Living Our Faith Potluck lunch
6:30pm Book Study with St. Paul's on *The Audacious Great Singing School Adventure: A Fable* by Robert Gottfried pp. 31-end, at St. Michael's. Author Robin Gottfried will be present!

**To Know, Live, and Share the Love of Christ!**
Rector: The Rev. Jen Fulton

## THE VESTRY

Amy Hixon
*Senior Warden (2027)*

Korina Mueller
*Junior Warden (2027)*

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Nnamdi Chikere (2027)
Sharon Fiorella-Teves (2028)
Chris Dunlap (2028)
Grayling Hawkins (2029)
Sandy Stackhouse (2029)

## CHURCH STAFF

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Dr. Marvin Curtis
*Music Director*

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mondays & Wednesdays
9:00am-3:00pm.
Mtr. Jen works Sunday-Thursday.

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