Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.



SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Michael's!

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Wherever you are in life, there's a place for you at St. Michael's. We believe every person is created in the image of our loving God; that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one.

I'm New

If this is your first time visiting with us and you need any assistance with the service, please don't hesitate to ask someone for help. To find out more about the many ministries and programs at Saint Michael's, please check out our website, www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org, like our Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you'd like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements, or contact Fr. Bill at rector@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.

About Our Worship Today

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate. The service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The words in bold print are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in the booklet or in the blue or red hymnals in your pew.

Communion is for All

All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist). None are required to receive. We serve both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may take a sip of wine from the cup that is offered to you or dip the host into the chalice. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age. Gluten free hosts are available, just ask the Communion monitor.

Restrooms

Exit at the red doors in the back of the church and walk along the exterior deck through the double glass doors. Down that hallway are accessible restrooms on either side.

Worshiping with Kids

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front helps children to see and engage better with the service. We have changing stations in both restrooms. Messy Church is held once a month. We also offer a Wednesday after school program called "Love First." Check our website for the date.

The Liturgical Season

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it- to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our sometimes-weak hearts. Throughout the Pentecost Season, which goes through the summer and fall until Advent, we celebrate that we too have been visited with the same Spirit as we join together in worship and then disperse to share the fullness of God's love with the world.

Prelude

O Worship the King

Lyons/Carter

Processional Hymn 8 Morning Has Broken

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

(5:00) Gloria in excelsis Deo

BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 103:1-8

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.

- 3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

A Reading from a Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

- (5:00) Instrumental Music
- (9:30) **Sequence Hymn 685**

Rock of Ages

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:10-17 *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Bill Van Oss

(A brief period of silence follows the sermon)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, as we gather to express the longings of our hearts, shower on us your mercy and grace as we say: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, inspire your church, send us out into the world to continue the ministry of Jesus to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Move the hearts of the people of this nation and all the nations that we might see clearly what holds us together, and that we might build a more just, peaceful and merciful world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Open our ears, eyes and hearts to know your call and empower our hands and feet to move closer to through our service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Fill us with awe in contemplation of the glory of your Creation and inspire us to be effective stewards of our natural world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Tend to those who suffer, bring wholeness to what is broken, reconciliation to what has been separated, and lift up those who are bowed down. Especially we pray for Jim Sprankle, Teresa Smyth, Sally Johnston, Dick Salerno and Shirlla Cuscaden; for Kristen Beltz, Lois Poppele, Sherry Kanzius, Mary McManus and Susan Lord; for Roger Heider, Nancy Maupin, Martha Ponader, Lee & Margery Almas. We pray also – silently or aloud – for friends and family members who we carry in our hearts [PAUSE]. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Watch over and bless those who are celebrating a birthday this week, especially Susan Ross, Penny Wilkinson, George McGann, Bess Chakravarty, Vera Neinast, Pat Jones, MaryAnn Wilbur, Shirlla Cuscaden, Susie Wilson and Fred Ockerlund; and an anniversary: Carol & Kenneth Gertsen, Alice & Blake Wood. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, especially Art Sherrill, grant us all an entrance into your eternal loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

The Confession (You may kneel, stand or sit)

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

Offertory

Anne-Marie Bouché, soloist

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving ~ *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

5:00 p.m. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



[You may stand, sit or kneel]

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

High

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, Celebrant and People

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*..

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

5:00 p.m. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.)
Gluten-free wafers are available

At Communion Duet

Lord Make Us Worthy

Sleeth

Anne-Marie Bouche ~ Dotty Morrison

Prayer of Saint Francis

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
And where there's darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 304

I Come with Joy

Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Postlude

Variations on Joyful, Joyful

Notes and Reminders

Cookies, Brownies or Treats Needed: If you would like to donate a dozen cookies, brownies or other treats (*no nuts please*) for the kids who attend the weekly "Love First" After School Program, they would love it. Simply drop them off in the church refrigerator labeled "After-School Program" and let Sue Van Oss know.

NEW Yoga Class – August 28 (9:00 a.m.): We are excited to announce the launch of a new Yoga Class led by one of our newer parishioners, JoEllen Simons, every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Many of you may recognize JoEllen from her generous volunteer hours at Noah's Ark or from attending the 5:00 PM Saturday service with her husband, Dean. More details in the flyer insert and Friday Brief.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop will resume accepting donations beginning September 1st in preparation for their Fall opening in October. If you are unsure of what is or isn't accepted, please visit our website at www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/noahs-ark for a list.

Evening Prayer/Compline – Resumes September 4 (6:00 p.m.): Everyone is welcome to our Thursday Evening Prayer Service via ZOOM. In the Episcopal Church this is called "Compline", or "Night Prayer". It is a small, quiet, 15-minute service of prayers at the end of the day. ZOOM link is in the Friday Brief or contact Susan in the Church Office.

Saturday Social/Sunday Coffee Hours: Hosts are needed at all services. Please sign up to be a host. You don't necessarily have to bring anything – we keep a stock of pastries in the freezer for Sunday mornings and cheese/dip, crackers and chips in the fridge for Saturday night. If you would like to bring some treats, that is great too. It's basically setting out the beverages and setting out the food, then putting it away. Dishes can be run through the dishwasher or just left in the racks. Please consider signing up if you are able. *Thank you to those who have signed up.*



Thank you to all who supported our island businesses this summer! It truly made a difference, and they are grateful for your love and support!

Mark your calendars for the Love Sanibel Community Gathering Sunday, November 2nd, noon-2:30pm

@ The Community House

Coming Up this Month						
"Love First" After-School Program	Every \	<i>N</i> ednesda	y 2	:15 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Yoga Class	Every	Thursday	9	:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every	Thursday	10	0:00 a.m.	ZOOM	
Summer Saturday Supper (RSVP)	Sat.	Aug. 23	6:30 p.m.	RC Otter's	Island Eats	
Church Office Closed – Labor Day	Mon.	Sept. 1				
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon.	Sept. 1	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup	Kitchen, FMY	
Southern Deanery Fall Convocation	Tues.	Sept. 2	7:00 p.m.	St. Monica	's, Naples	
Evening Prayer (Compline) Resumes	Thurs.	Sept. 4	6:00 p.m.	ZOOM		
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues.	Sept. 9	8:30 a.m.	Library / Zo	MOC	
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed.	Sept. 10	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM		
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs.	Sept. 11	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden	Rm/ ZOOM	
Vestry Meeting	Thurs.	Sept. 18	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden	Room	
Messy Church	Sun.	Sept. 21	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hal		

Thank you for wearing your name tags.

Serving this Weekend

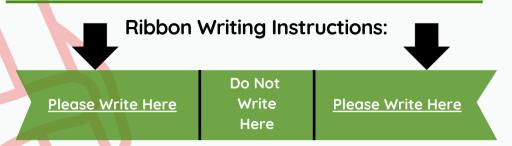
	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Syversen Bob Syversen	Judy Pryor Barbara Manard	
Lector	Tom Addison	Marcia Fenn	
Prayers of the People	Susie Wilson	Roberta Heller	
Altar Guild	Mary Jane Proctor	Tina Colehower Dolly Ross	
Greeters / Ushers	Judy & John Pryor	Tina & Bill Colehower	
Shuttle Bus	-	Laura Korn	
Livestream Tech	-	Sue Van Oss	
Social / Coffee Hour	Summer Saturday Supper @ RC Otter's Island Eats, Captiva	Debbie & Bill Larson	



garland of goodwill

St. Michael's is please to be a location for the Garland of Goodwill project, the ribbons and box are located in the main hallway outside the parish hall. We invite you to share a wish, an intention, a blessing or a simple good vibe. Write it from the heart--names optional, no expectations, just a quiet offering to the collective spirit of the island. DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30!

Use the fabric strip provided to write your message, then leave it in the box. In time, your words will become part of something beautiful made by the Rec Center, woven together with the hopes of neighbors and friends. This is for the people of Sanibel Island-those who call it home, those who carry it in their hearts and those who believe in the quiet power of community, family and friendship.



Please use Sharpie pens provided.



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Open Tuesday (July 29) ~ 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Closed - August-September