Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 31, 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.

Processional Hymn 376

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

A Reading from a Letter to the Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

(5:00) Instrumental Music

(9:30) Sequence Hymn 450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14:1, 7-14 *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Stan Dull

(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

Generous God, accept and answer our prayers as we say: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Keep your church humble and keep us ever mindful of our call to serve our neighbors with generous and loving hearts. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Strengthen us that we might work together to promote justice and equity for all people in this nation and throughout the world. Bring peace where there is war and heal our division. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Enliven our faith that we might be doers of the Word and agents of your love to all who we encounter. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Show us how to be effective stewards and peacemakers that through us our world might be transformed and become a place where all people can thrive and live into their God-created potential. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Grant us wisdom in our use of natural resources that we might bequeath to our children and grandchildren a sustainable and abundant world. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Care for the suffering, the sick, and all who know oppression and alienation, that they might know hope and be transformed by your grace. We pray especially 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 Fred Ockerlund, Angelina Bravo, Jackie Coleman, Joyce Crone, Phil Pilibosian, Wendy Warner, Anne-Marie Bouché, Susan Nichols, Dick Allen and Bob DeVore; and an anniversary: Alice & Blake Wood, Peggy & Ted Tyson, Myrtis & Byron Yake, Susan & David Kienzle. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Grant all who have died the joy of your eternal presence and welcome us into the glorious life of our new age. 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

Shepherd of Souls

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.

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,

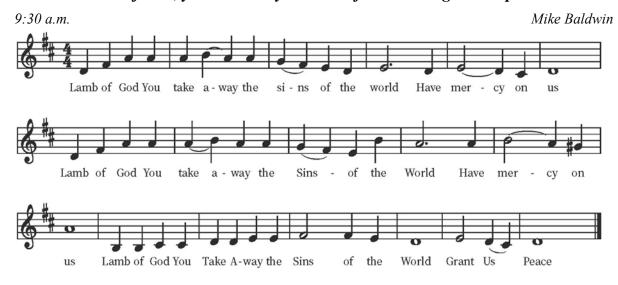
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

Trio

No Higher Calling

Anne-Marie Bouche ~ Doreen Bolhuis ~ 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 344 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Dismissal

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

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary

Clarke/setting by Carter

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.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop will resume accepting donations beginning September 1st in preparation for their Fall opening on October 14th. 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 Thursday, 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.

NEW Yoga Class (no class September 4) resumes September 11 (9:00 a.m.): We have launched 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.

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 Wednesday		y 2	:15 p.m.	Parish Hall		
Yoga Class (no class 9/4)	Every Thursday		9	:00 a.m.	Parish Hall		
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday 10):00 a.m.	ZOOM			
Church Office Closed – Labor Day	Mon.	Sept. 1					
Southern Deanery Fall Convocation	Tues.	Sept. 2	7:00 p.m.	St. Monic	a's, Naples		
Evening Prayer (Compline) Resumes	Thurs.	Sept. 4	6:00 p.m.	ZOOM			
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon.	Sept. 8	9:00 a.m.	CCM Sou	p Kitchen, FMY		
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues.	Sept. 9	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM			
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed.	Sept. 10	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM			
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs.	Sept. 11	1:00 p.m.	T. Madde	n Rm/ ZOOM		
Christian Formation Ministry	Mon.	Sept. 15	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM			
Vestry Meeting	Thurs.	Sept. 18	1:00 p.m.	T. Madde	n Room		
Messy Church	Sun.	Sept. 21	4:00 p.m.	Parish Ha	ıll		

Thank you for wearing your name tags.

Serving this Weekend

	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 9:30 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Kara Cuscaden Tom Cleaver	Marcia Fenn Penny Lind		
Lector	Anne-Marie Bouché	Vera Neinast		
Prayers of the People	Dotty Morrison	Anne-Marie Bouché		
Altar Guild	Julie Boyd	Betsy McCullough Stephanie Rahe		
Greeters / Ushers	Pat Norton & Hank Feldman	Kathy & John Pluhar		
Shuttle Bus	-	Chuck Sterrett		
Livestream Tech	-	Sue Van Oss		
Social / Coffee Hour	Sally & Andy McGowan			



Noah's Ark will be reopening

Tuesday October 14

Open Tuesdays & Fridays 10am-1pm

& 1st Saturdays monthly 10am-1pm

See you soon!

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Erik Entwistle, Music Director/Organist; Mike Baldwin, Organist
Susan Gonzalez, Parish Office Manager
Pat Norton, Finance Director; Wendy Warner, R.N., Parish Nurse
Sue Van Oss, Director of Communications, Community Engagement & Christian Formation

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The Rev. Bill Van Oss, *Rector*; Bill Larson '26, *Senior Churchwarden*;
Jerry Davenport '25, *Junior Churchwarden*; Betsy McCullough, *Secretary/Clerk;*Mike Baldwin '25, Paul Chaveas '27, Tom Cleaver '26, Laura Korn '26,
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Closed - August-September; Re-Opens Tuesday (Oct. 14) ~ 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.;