

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.



SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Michael's!

Love all. Love always. That's our logo and that's what we live; all means all and God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. No matter where you're on life's journey, we invite you to walk with us. There's a place for you at St. Michael's.

At St. Michael's we offer Spiritual Pathways: Practices for Embracing the Journey. These six transformational pathways offer many entry points to appeal to each person's unique journey and provide ways to experience God's love together as we grow in faith and hope, discover inner peace and live with purpose.

Action Pathway: Renewing the Body through yoga, sacred strolls on the beach and more

Reflective Pathway: Awakening the Spirit by gathering together for meals and conversation, book groups and retreats

Inner Pathway: Soothing the Heart through visiting our Meditation Room (located off the parish hall past the kitchen), and gestures of care for those in need of hope and healing

Learning Pathway: Expanding the Mind through programs for individual and group learning

Worship Pathway: Nourishing the Soul through joyful worship, music and other experiences

Service Pathway: Reaching out to the World with acts of love and care locally, in SWFL and beyond

Each pathway invites us deeper – into God's presence, into community and into the sacred journey of life. **The journey awaits you. Come walk the path with us.** Find out more by taking a **Spiritual Pathways brochure** in the pew rack in front of you and visiting our website saintmichaels-sanibel.org for more details.

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.

Communion is for All: All may come forward to receive communion. 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 when you come up for communion.

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.

Worshipping 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. Messy Church is also held monthly for families; our next program is Sunday, October 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

Tower Bells

Prelude

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee
Dotty Morrison, *pianist*

Dykes, arr. Smith

Processional Hymn 432

O Praise Ye the Lord

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 (said)*

BCP 356

(9:30) *Gloria in excelsis Deo (sung)*

S-280

***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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(5:00) *Instrumental Music*

(9:30) **Sequence Hymn 439**

What Wondrous Love is This

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:23-32

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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 worshipped 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

Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people and come swiftly to aid us as we say:
Lord in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Grant your church the wisdom and will to bring about Beloved Community through our commitment to living Jesus' Way of Love by patterning our lives on His. Lord, in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Grant our nation, and the nations of the world, the strength and forbearance to peacefully resolve our differences and to live in harmony with our neighbors. Lord in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Grant an abiding faith and discerning hearts to all of us gathered to hear the Good News; that we might live into your will and be the people you have created us to be. Lord, in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Give us clarity to comprehend the gravity of the global issues we face and a determination to work together on effective solutions. Lord, in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Lift the burdens of those who are ill, those facing challenges, and those who are fearful. Bring them healing and peace. We pray especially for Jonathan Dean, Dick Salerno, Jon Gustafson, Chris Salerno, and Judy Pryor; for Roger Foote, Doug Lind, Carol Chaveas, Margi Shilay and Alan Kelmereit. 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 Lois Poppele, Nancy duPont and Ken Poppele, Ted Tyson, Dan Koerselman, Sam Vasiu, Marj Smith, Linda Sturtevant, Bob Buhner, Jim Nelson, Elaine August, Sue Scheiwe, Dolly Ross, Steve Brown and Linda Davenport; and an anniversary Sylvia & Roger Heider, Vera & Steve Neinast, and Peg & George McGann. Lord, in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Grant peace and welcome into your eternal grace those who have died, especially Marge Moretzsohn, and bring them to that place where we may be all together again in your glorious kingdom. Lord, in your mercy...

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Concluding Collect

The Confession *(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. *Psalms 50:14*

Offertory

Duet

Meekness & Majesty

Kendrick

Dotty Morrison ~ Anne-Marie Bouché

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.***

9:30 a.m.

(S-130 - Franz Schubert)

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

(Stand, kneel, or sit as you feel comfortable)

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.***

9:30 a.m.

(S-164 - Franz Schubert)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

***Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.)

Gluten-free wafers available

At Communion

Trio

The Lord is My Shepherd

Irvir

Dotty Morrison ~ Anne-Marie Bouché ~ Doreen Bolhuis

Solo

Te Slendor

Gregorian Chant

Anne-Marie Bouché

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 in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

The Lord Bless You & Keep You

Lutkin arr. Smith

The flowers on the altar are given
in loving memory of Shirlla A. Cuscaden,
from her Family.

Notes and Reminders

Prayer Lists: So that we can pray for each person by name with care and attention, we are making a change to the Prayers of the People prayer list. The names read out loud during the service will be people facing a current illness, surgery, injury or health concern. Names will remain on the spoken list for up to four weeks and may be renewed for an additional month by contacting the office.

Names offered for ongoing or long-term prayer will continue to be carried on the parishioner and friends of parishioners' prayer list in the Friday Brief and the Red Door. People will remain on that list until a request is made to remove them.

We also have a Prayer Chain. This is a group of people who pray for someone privately, usually only using the person's first name. Betsy McCullough coordinates this ministry. If you would like to be a Prayer Chain pray-er, please contact Betsy.

To add a name to one of our lists, you can contact our Parish Nurse Wendy Warner or Susan Gonzalez in the office. For the Prayer Chain you can also contact Betsy directly. Please have the person's permission before submitting their name.

Peace, Bill

Coming Up this Month			
Yoga Class	Every Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Red Cross Training	Wed. Sept. 30	TBA	Parish Hall
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon. Oct. 5	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup Kitchen, FMY
Noah's Ark Thrift Shop Re-Opens	Tues. Oct. 6	10:00 a.m.	Noah's Ark Thrift Shop
Blessing of the Animals	Wed. Oct. 7	4:00 p.m.	Front Courtyard
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs. Oct. 8	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Rm / ZOOM
2026 Diocesan Convention	Fri-Sat Oct. 9-10	Charlotte Harb. Conv. Ctr, Punta Gorda	
ECW Board Meeting	Mon. Oct. 12	10:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues. Oct. 13	8:30 .M.	Library / ZOOM
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed. Oct. 14	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM

Noah's Ark

Thrift Shop



Now accepting donations at the
loading dock- 24/7

Reopening is Tuesday, October 6!
Open Tuesdays and Fridays
10am-1pm

Serving this Weekend

	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Cantor	Anne-Marie Bouché	
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Syversen	Barbara Manard Jim Pullins
Lector	Anne-Marie Bouche	Tom Addison
Prayers of the People	Laura Korn	Barbara Manard
Altar Guild	Brigitta Clumsky	Stephanie Rahe Tina Colehower
Greeters / Ushers	Sally & Andy McGowan	Harriet & Bruce Pattison
Shuttle Bus	-	Chuck Sterrett
Livestream Tech	-	Sue Van Oss
Social / Coffee Hour		



**Love all.
Love always.**

**St. Michael &
All Angels Church
Sanibel**

The Rev. Bill Van Oss, *Rector*

The Rev. Coleen Tully, *Assisting Priest*

Erik Entwistle, *Music Director/Organist*; Mike Baldwin, *Organist*

Susan Gonzalez, *Office Manager*; Pat Norton, *Finance Director*

Wendy Warner, R.N., *Parish Nurse*; Shelley Lunsford, *Youth Leader*

Sue Van Oss, *Director of Communications, Community Engagement & Christian Formation*

The Vestry and Parish Officers:

The Rev. Bill Van Oss, *Rector*; Bill Larson '26, *Senior Churchwarden*;

Sandy Winans '28, *Junior Churchwarden*; Betsy McCullough, *Secretary/Clerk*;

Paul Chaveas '27, Tom Cleaver '26, Laura Korn '26, Nick Linsmayer '27,

Paula MacIlwaine '28, Ann Stephens '27, Joanne Syversen '28

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Clergy Associates

The Rev. Gail Avery, The Rev. Dr. Stan Dull, The Rev. Dr. Douglass Lind

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop (St. Michael's ECW)

Closed: now through September; Donations accepted: September 1st;

Re-opens: October 6th

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